

Year-at-a-Glance
High School United States History

Course Description:

At the secondary level, we explore in depth history, civic, geography, and economic themes in US History from Industrial Revolution to present. This course builds on skills which will include cause and effect relationships, analysis, evaluation, and the use of primary sources.

The following three strands should be included in-part or whole within every unit:

- Gather and analyze historical information, including contradictory data, from a variety of primary and secondary sources to support or reject hypotheses.
- Differentiate between facts and historical interpretations, recognizing that a historian’s narrative reflects his or her judgment about the significance of particular facts
- Analyze ideas critical to the understanding of American history. Topics to include but not limited to colonization review, revolution, constitution, industrial revolution, expansion, Civil War, and reconstruction.

First Semester	Unit 1	Industrial Revolution, Gilded Age, and Progressive Era This unit will focus on the Industrial Revolution in the United States and the Gilded Age. It will examine how they contributed to the change in the country politically, economically, and socially as well as how they led to the Progressive Movement and its goals for economic, political, and social reforms.
	Unit 2	America and the World This unit will focus on U.S. influence worldwide through Imperialism and how the United States took its first steps toward increasing global power.
	Unit 3	World War I This unit will focus on the causes of World War I and the reasons the United States moved away from isolationism and entered the conflict.
	Unit 4	1920s – 1930s This unit focuses on the cultural changes of the 1920s and the economic boom and bust. Included in this unit are the changing role of the U.S. government and its impact on the economy and society.
Second Semester	Unit 5	World War II This unit will focus on United States involvement in World War II and its emergence as a world superpower
	Unit 6	Cold War This unit will focus on United States involvement in the Cold War and its increasing involvement in world affairs as a superpower.
	Unit 7	Social Movements 1950s – 1970s This unit will focus on the various types of movements in the United States, including minority equality, women’s rights and the environment.

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Unit 8	Vietnam and the 1970s This unit will focus on the Vietnam War, Watergate, OPEC and changes in America during the late 60s and 70s.
Unit 9	1980s – 1990s This unit will focus on the conservative movement and the U.S. role in the post-Cold War world (prior to 9/11)
Unit 10	9/11 to Present This unit will focus on the War on Terror and the role of the United States in the current world.