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Curriculum Catalog

American History

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Course Overview

American History continues the process of developing in students an understanding of and appreciation for God's activity as seen in the record of man and his relationships. The course covers early American exploration to the present day, placing special emphasis on the politics of the 18th and early 19th centuries and the Civil War. These areas of focus target three major content strands: History, Geography, and Government and Citizenship.

Upon completion of the course, students should be able to do the following:

- Understand how conflict between the American colonies and Great Britain led to American independence.
- Understand political, economic, and social changes that occurred in the United States during the 19th century, including changes resulting from the Industrial Revolution.
- Explain how political, economic, and social changes in the U.S. led to conflict among sections of the United States in the 19th century.
- Describe the causes and effects of the Civil War and its aftermath.
- Describe the causes and effects of both World Wars.
- Understand some of the key challenges facing American society in the late 20th and early 21st centuries.

Additionally, students will gain practice in writing essays and reports, covering topics like the Monroe Doctrine, the states' rights debate, the Lincoln-Douglas debates, isolationism, the New Deal, the Korean conflict, and more.

Additional Resources

In addition to the default course program, American History includes alternate lessons, projects, essays, and tests for use in enhancing instruction or addressing individual needs.

UNIT 1: FOUNDATIONS OF THE AMERICAN REPUBLIC	
Assignment Titles	
1. Course Overview	9. Quiz 2: Colonization Begins
2. Revival of Trade and Commerce	10. The Middle Colonies
3. New Ideas and Religious Changes	11. The Southern Colonies
4. Quiz 1: Foundation of the American Republic	12. Growth of the Colonies
5. Colonization Begins in the New World	13. Quiz 3: Middle and Southern Colonies
6. Project: Jamestown	14. Special Project
7. Puritan Background and Plymouth Settlement	15. Test
8. Puritan Migration and the Settlement of New England	16. Alternate Test
	17. Reference

UNIT 2: DEVELOPMENT OF CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT	
Assignment Titles	
1. Relations with England	10. Articles of Confederation
2. French and Indian War	11. Constitution of the United States
3. Colonial Resistance	12. Essay: Constitutional Republic
4. Quiz 1: Relations with England	13. Quiz 3: Birth of a Nation
5. Second Continental Congress	14. Special Project
6. Opposition and Aid	15. Test
7. War in the South and West	16. Alternate Test
8. Quiz 2: The Revolutionary War	17. Reference
9. Birth of a Nation	

UNIT 3: NATIONAL EXPANSION
Assignment Titles

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| 1. Federal Government | 9. Essay: Foreign Policy |
| 2. First Political Parties | 10. Sectionalism and the Jackson Administration |
| 3. Essay: Responsibilities | 11. Essay: Missouri Compromise |
| 4. Quiz 1: Ship of State | 12. Quiz 3: Nationalism and Sectionalism |
| 5. The Revolution of 1800 | 13. Special Project |
| 6. The War of 1812 | 14. Test |
| 7. Quiz 2: Revolution of 1800 and War of 1812 | 15. Alternate Test |
| 8. Nationalism and the Monroe Administration | 16. Reference |

UNIT 4: A NATION DIVIDED
Assignment Titles

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| 1. The Emergence of Sectionalism | 10. The Politics of Slavery |
| 2. Project: Leaders of the States' Rights Debate | 11. Essay: Escaped Slave |
| 3. The Division of Land | 12. Report: Slave Codes |
| 4. The Establishment of New Territory | 13. Quiz 2: The Emergence of Slavery |
| 5. The Division of the People | 14. Special Project |
| 6. Essay: Lincoln/Douglas Debates | 15. Test |
| 7. Quiz 1: The Emergence of Sectionalism | 16. Alternate Test |
| 8. The Emergence of Slavery | 17. Reference |
| 9. Essay: Free-born Residents | |

UNIT 5: A NATION DIVIDED AND UNITED
Assignment Titles

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| 1. Regional Lifestyles: The East and West | 9. Reconstruction |
| 2. Regional Lifestyles: The South | 10. Report: Reconstruction Scandals |
| 3. Quiz 1: Regional Lifestyles | 11. Quiz 3: Reconstruction |
| 4. Civil War: Division and Antagonism | 12. Special Project |
| 5. Essay: The Trent Affair | 13. Test |
| 6. Civil War: Union Blockade and Hostilities | 14. Alternate Test |
| 7. The Civil War: Final Phase | 15. Reference |
| 8. Quiz 2: Civil War | |

UNIT 6: UNITED STATES INVOLVEMENT AT HOME AND ABROAD
Assignment Titles

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| 1. U.S. Industry: Birth and Growth | 10. Essay: Isolation and Involvement |
| 2. U.S. Industry: Economic Expansion | 11. Quiz 3: Foreign Policy |
| 3. Quiz 1: Industrial Growth in the United States | 12. March Toward Conflict: Causes |
| 4. Industrial Lifestyle: Trends | 13. March Toward Conflict: Factions |
| 5. Industrial Lifestyle: Labor Movement | 14. Quiz 4: March Toward Conflict |
| 6. Quiz 2: Industrial Lifestyle | 15. Special Project |
| 7. Foreign Policy: Isolationism | 16. Test |
| 8. Essay: Seward's Proposal | 17. Alternate Test |
| 9. Foreign Policy: International Realism | 18. Reference |

UNIT 7: THE SEARCH FOR PEACE
Assignment Titles

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| 1. The First Global Conflict | 9. Quiz 3: The Great Depression |
| 2. A Plan For Peace | 10. The New Deal |
| 3. Report: A Just Peace | 11. Essay: New Deal |
| 4. Quiz 1: The Great War and Its Aftermath | 12. Quiz 4: The New Deal |
| 5. The Golden Twenties | 13. Special Project |
| 6. Quiz 2: The Golden Twenties | 14. Test |
| 7. The Great Depression | 15. Alternate Test |
| 8. Essay: Foreign Policy | 16. Reference |

UNIT 8: A NATION AT WAR
Assignment Titles

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| 1. World War II: Causes of the War | 9. Vietnam: Withdrawal by the United States |
| 2. World War II: Theaters of Operation | 10. Report: Biography |
| 3. Quiz 1: World War II | 11. Quiz 3: Vietnam Conflict |
| 4. Communist Threat: World Unrest | 12. Special Project |
| 5. Korean Conflict: The Cold War Becomes Hot | 13. Test |
| 6. Report: Containment Policy | 14. Alternate Test |
| 7. Quiz 2: Korean Conflict | 15. Reference |
| 8. Vietnam: Fighting Communism in S.E. Asia | |

UNIT 9: CONTEMPORARY AMERICA
Assignment Titles

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| 1. America in the 1960s: Part 1 | 14. Quiz 3: America in the 1980s and 1990s |
| 2. Report: Kennedy Assassination | 15. The International Scene - 1980-Present: Part 1 |
| 3. Report: I Have a Dream | 16. The International Scene - 1980-Present: Part 2 |
| 4. America in the 1960s: Part 2 | 17. Our Nation Saw Evil. . . |
| 5. The International Scene of the 1960s | 18. America's Department of Homeland Security |
| 6. Quiz 1: America in the 1960s | 19. Report: Department of Homeland Security |
| 7. America in the 1970s: Part 1 | 20. Terrorism Has a Name: Bin Laden |
| 8. America in the 1970s: Part 2 | 21. Quiz 4: The International Scene 1980-1995 |
| 9. The International Scene of the 1970s | 22. Special Project |
| 10. Quiz 2: America in the 1970s | 23. Test |
| 11. America in the 1980s and 1990s: Part 1 | 24. Alternate Test |
| 12. America in the 1980s and 1990s: Part 2 | 25. Reference |
| 13. America in a New Century | |

UNIT 10: UNITED STATES HISTORY REVIEW
Assignment Titles

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| 1. Basis of United States Democracy | 16. Essay: Roosevelt's New Deal |
| 2. Early Colonization | 17. World War I |
| 3. Quiz 1: Basis of United States Democracy | 18. Quiz 4: Industrialization of the United States |
| 4. Beginnings of United States Democracy | 19. The United States: From World War II to Vietnam |
| 5. Second Continental Congress | 20. Essay: Vietnam War |
| 6. Colonial Government | 21. From John F. Kennedy to Gerald R. Ford |
| 7. Quiz 2: Beginning of the United States Democracy | 22. Essay: President Kennedy |
| 8. United States of the 1800s | 23. From Jimmy Carter to George W. Bush |
| 9. Jackson Era | 24. Quiz 5: Current History of the United States |
| 10. Report: Regional Lifestyles | 25. The '80s and Beyond |
| 11. Report: Sectionalism and Slavery | 26. Quiz 6: The 80s and 90s |
| 12. Civil War | 27. Special Project |
| 13. Reconstruction of the South | 28. Test |
| 14. Quiz 3: United States of the 1800's | 29. Alternate Test |
| 15. Industrialization of the United States | 30. Reference |