



Online Courses for High School Students

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US History

US History A covers the discovery, development, and growth of the United States. Major topics include; American Indian cultures, European colonization of the Americas, and the causes and effects of the American Revolution. Geographical, economic, and political factors are explored as the key factors in the growth of the United States of America. US History A is a survey of the struggle to build the United States of America from the colonial period to the beginning of the twentieth century. By means of reading, analyzing, and applying historical data, students come to appreciate the forces that shaped our history and character as an American people. Not only are the topics of US history discussed, but students also explore research methods and determine accurate sources of data from the past. Knowing the facts and dates of history are just the beginning; each student must understand how history affects him or her.

US History B begins with a study of American life before the 1929 Stock Market crash and how the Roaring Twenties influenced society in the late 19th through early 20th centuries. Students will examine the causes and consequences of the Great Depression and move on into a detailed study of World War II with an emphasis on America's role in the conflict. The course continues with an analysis of the Cold War struggle and America's rise as a superpower. The Civil Rights and Women's rights movements, pollution and the environment, and American domestic and foreign policy will be examined. The course wraps up with a summary of current events and issues, including a study of the Middle East. This course begins with an assessment of life in United States pre-World War I and ends with the conflicts of the new millennium. Students look at the nation in terms of economic, social, and political trends. The experiences of the last century are summarized, including a look into the civil rights issues that have embroiled the nation in conflict. The development of the United States of America into a superpower is explored within a global context.

Prerequisite: None

Course Length: Two Semesters

Required Text: None

US History Part A

From Colonization to Independence

- The First Settlers Arrive
- The European Effect
- The Thirteen Colonies
- Inspired by Enlightenment
- Tensions Rise
- The Revolutionary War
- The Founding Fathers
- A New Nation
- The Separations of Powers
- The Bill of Rights

Early Politics in the United States

- The First Administration
- The First Political Parties
- Troubled Talk
- Leading by Treaty
- A Grand Expedition
- The War of 1812
- Compromise and New Resolve
- The Election of 1824
- The Arts in America
- The Marshall Court

Westward Expansion & Manifest Destiny

- A Log Cabin President
- The Trail of Tears
- The Second Great Awakening
- The Two-Party System: The Democrats and the Whigs
- The Oregon Trail
- The Texas Revolution
- Life Out West
- Women's Lives
- The Great Southwest
- An Expanding Nation

The Civil War & Reconstruction

- The Compromise of 1850
- A Closer Look at Slavery
- Headed for War
- North vs. South
- The Politics of the Civil War
- The South Surrenders
- Rebuilding the Union
- Battles Over Reconstruction
- Reconstruction Ends
- The Battle of Little Bighorn

Industrialization & Immigration

- Capitalism and Industry
- The Power of Technology
- Big Business and Populism
- The Urbanization of America
- The Lives of Workers
- Labor Unions
- Immigration and Assimilation
- Italian and Jewish Immigrants
- Crossing the Border
- The Open-Door Policy

Progressives & WWI

- The Progressive Era
- Early Environmentalists
- Social Justice Movements
- Rough Rider
- A Hard Act to Follow
- World War I
- Wilson's Fourteen Points
- Prohibition and Women's Suffrage
- The First Red Scare
- The Roaring Twenties

Semester Exam

US History Part B

The Great Depression and the New Deal

- Harding & Coolidge
- The Gold Standard, Deflation & Speculation
- The Market Crashes: Black Thursday
- Hoover's Presidency
- Daily Life during the Great Depression
- The Election of 1932
- The Dust Bowl
- FDR's New Deal 1933-1936
- FDR's Pre-War Foreign Policy 1933-1941
- The Election of 1936 & FDR's Second Term
- The Great Depression and the New Deal: Module Review

World War II from 1939 to 1945

- The Rise of Fascism and the Outbreak of WWII
- The U.S. Declares War on Japan
- The U.S. Involvement in World War II from 1942-1944
- D-Day and Other Major Battles
- The US Home front During WWII
- The Holocaust and V-E Day
- The Atom Bomb and V-J Day
- Potsdam Conference & Agreement
- Rosie the Riveter & Economic Effects
- Public Reactions to the War & Lasting Legacies
- World War II from 1939 to 1945: Module Review

The Cold War and the Baby Boom

- The Paris Peace Treaties
- Communism vs. Capitalism
- The Truman Doctrine and The Marshall Plan
- Tensions with the Soviet Union & China
- The Korean War

- Eisenhower, The Arms Race & The Space Race
- Suburbanization and the Baby Boom
- Kennedy's New Frontier
- The Vietnam War Begins
- Bay of Pigs and the Cuban Missile Crisis
- The Cold War and the Baby Boom: Module Review

The Civil Rights Movement

- Setting the Stage for the Civil Rights Movement
- Brown v. Board of Education & Desegregation
- The Emmett Till Tragedy & Rosa Parks Makes a Stand
- The Little Rock Nine & Lunch Counter Sit Ins
- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
- Progress Under JFK
- LBJ's Civil Rights Agenda
- California: Cesar Chavez, Bloody Sunday & The Watts Riots
- The Black Power Movement
- The Chicano Movement
- The Civil Rights Movement: Module Review

The Continuing Cold War and Issues at Home

- LBJ's Great Society
- The Vietnam War Escalates
- The Women's Rights Movement
- The Nixon Administration
- The Counterculture Movement of the 1960s and 1970s
- The U.S. Pulls Out of Vietnam
- The Carter Administration
- Foreign Policy Under President Reagan
- Economics and Domestic Issues of the 1980s
- The Cold War Comes to an End
- The Continuing Cold War and Issues at Home: Module Review

1989 to the Present

- George H.W. Bush and Desert Storm
- Clinton's First Term
- Clinton's Second Term
- The 2000 Election: Bush Takes Office
- 9/11 and Its Aftermath
- The Presidency of George W. Bush
- The 2008 Election
- Continuing Conflict in the Middle East
- The Technology Age
- Into the 21st Century
- 1989-Present: Module Review

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