

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

History and Geography 800



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History and Geography 800 Course Overview

History and Geography 800 focuses on American History, covering the subject from early exploration through the present day, with special emphasis given to the Civil War and to inventions and technology of the 19th and early 20th centuries. These areas of focus target three major content strands: History, Geography, and Government and Citizenship. Additionally, students will gain practice in research and writing, covering topics like explorers, the thirteen colonies, famous battles, the U.S. Constitution, western expansion, the Civil War, the Industrial Revolution, propaganda, citizenship, and inventors. In addition to the default course program, History and Geography 800 includes alternate lessons, projects, and tests, for use in enhancing instruction or addressing individual needs.

- **Unit 1:** Students will examine major events of the Age of Exploration by identifying the accomplishments of significant explorers. Students will also look at how exploration affected major European countries in trade and power.
- **Unit 2:** Students will identify how the American colonies were established by European countries and the influence they had on the characteristics of each colony; this laid the foundation for cultural differences in each area.
- **Unit 3:** Students will understand the conflicts that arose between the American colonies and Great Britain and how they led to the American Revolution. Students will also examine the war including battles, turning points, and the outcome.
- **Unit 4:** Students will evaluate the origins of U.S. government during the American Revolution, the attempt at colonial government under the Articles of Confederation, and the establishment of the current U.S. government through the Constitutional Convention.
- **Unit 5:** Understand political, economic, and social changes that occurred in the United States during the 19th century. These include changes from the Industrial Revolution, movement into the western frontier, and sectionalism in the U.S.
- **Unit 6:** Student will describe the causes, events, and aftermath of the Civil War.
- **Unit 7:** Students will identify the Industrial Revolution in Europe and the U.S. prior to the Civil War and examine how it continued to develop after the war with the growth of inventions, corporations, and labor unions.
- **Unit 8:** Students will evaluate U.S. expansion and imperialism during the twentieth century with the Spanish American War. They will describe the causes and effects of World War I, including the Great Depression.
- **Unit 9:** Students will examine World War II and the events after including the Cold War, Korean War, Vietnam, and the presidencies from Nixon through Clinton. They will finish the unit by understanding some of the key challenges facing American society in the late 20th and early 21st centuries.

Unit 1: European Backgrounds	
History and Geography 800	Assignments
	1. Course Overview
	2. Civilization Awakens From Darkness
	3. Exploration Catches Fire
	4. Quiz: Europe Sets the Stage
	5. Spain Launches Forth
	6. The East Meets the West
	7. Spain's Treasure Hunt
	8. Quiz: Spain Launches Forth
	9. Spain's Rivals: English and Dutch Efforts
	10. The Dutch Claim New Land
	11. French Trading Interests
	12. Project: New World Explorers
	13. Quiz: Rivals Challenge Spain
	14. Special Project*
	15. Test: European Backgrounds
	16. Alternate Test: European Backgrounds*
	17. Glossary and Credits

Unit 2: The Colonization of America		
History and Geography 800	Assignments	
	1. Competition for Colonial Control	13. Life in a Puritan Community
	2. New France's Southward Expansion	14. Middle Bread Colonies
	3. England's New World Settlements	15. Mid-Atlantic Lifestyles
	4. Dutch Trading Interests	16. Southern Plantations
	5. Quiz: Competition for Colonial Control	17. Plantation Living
	6. British Colonies: Jamestown	18. Project: Visualizing Colonization
	7. New England Colonies	19. Quiz: Development of Colonial Lifestyles
	8. Middle and Southern Colonies	20. Special Project*
	9. Colonial Governments	21. Test: The Colonization of America
	10. Project: Original Thirteen Colonies	22. Alternate Test: The Colonization of America*
	11. Quiz: Establishment of British Colonies	23. Glossary and Credits
	12. Development of Colonial Lifestyles	
Unit 3: War for Independence		
History and Geography 800	Assignments	
	1. England's Colonial Politics	11. Progress of the War
	2. Native Americans and the British	12. The Turning Point
	3. British Economy	13. Other Campaigns
	4. Acts of Dismay	14. Yorktown and the Treaty of Paris 1783
	5. Colonial Resistance	15. Project: Battle of Saratoga
	6. Quiz: England's Colonial Policies Create Resistance	16. Quiz: Progress of the War
	7. Continental Congress	17. Special Project*
	8. Battles Which Led to War	18. Test: War for Independence
	9. Declaration of Independence	19. Alternate Test: War for Independence*
	10. Quiz: War Begins	20. Glossary and Credits
Unit 4: The Emergence of a Nation		
History and Geography 800	Assignments	
	1. Thirteen Colonies Become a Free Nation	11. The Growing Nation
	2. Project: Americans Working for Rights Today	12. Formation of Political Parties
	3. The Second Continental Congress	13. Project: Political Parties*
	4. Quiz: Thirteen Colonies Become a Free Nation	14. The Nation Suffers Growing Pains
	5. Establishing a Government	15. Westward Migration
	6. Project: The Articles of Confederation	16. Project: Freedom of Speech
	7. The Constitutional Convention	17. Quiz: The United States Grows in Size and Stature
	8. The United States Constitution	18. Special Project*
	9. Project: Declaration of Independence and Constitution	19. Test: The Emergence of a Nation
	10. Quiz: Colonists Establish a Government with Liberty	20. Alternate Test: The Emergence of a Nation*
		21. Glossary and Credits

Unit 5: The Westward Movement		
History and Geography 800	Assignments	
	1. Industrial Revolution in the North	13. Development of Western Lands
	2. Improved Transportation Systems	14. Texas Revolt
	3. Erie Canal and Railroads	15. The Oregon Question
	4. Improved Communication Systems	16. Project: Pioneer Women
	5. Industrial Revolution in the South	17. Mexican War
	6. Project: American Inventors	18. California Gold Rush
	7. Quiz: Development of Industrial Revolution	19. Project: Development of the West
	8. Development of Sectional Rivalries	20. Quiz: Development of Western Lands
	9. Missouri Compromise and the Election of 1824	21. Special Project*
	10. The Jacksonian Presidency	22. Test: The Westward Movement
	11. Jacksonian Policies	23. Alternate Test: The Westward Movement*
	12. Quiz: Development of Sectional Rivalries	24. Glossary and Credits

Unit 6: The Civil War		
History and Geography 800	Assignments	
	1. Causes of the Civil War	13. Project: Civil War
	2. The Institution of Slavery	14. Quiz: Events of the War
	3. Abolitionists and the Compromise of 1850	15. Reconstruction
	4. Rising Tensions Between North and South	16. Johnson Versus Republican Radicals
	5. Events Leading to Secession and War	17. Radical Reconstruction
	6. Project: Heading Towards Civil War	18. Project: Reconstruction Era
	7. Quiz: Causes of the Civil War	19. Quiz: Reconstruction
	8. Preparation for War; The First Battle	20. Special Project*
	9. War Develops in the West	21. Test: The Civil War
	10. Gettysburg and Vicksburg	22. Alternate Test: The Civil War*
	11. The Last Campaigns	23. Glossary and Credits
	12. The Emancipation Proclamation	

Unit 7: The Industrial Nation		
History and Geography 800	Assignments	
	1. The Industrial Revolution	12. Quiz: Industrial Revolution of the United States
	2. Beginnings of Industry in England	13. Influence of Industry: Growth of Corporations
	3. Industry in the Colonies	14. Labor Practices: The Advent of Unions
	4. Religious Freedom in the United States	15. Industrialization and the Worker
	5. Industry in the New Nation	16. Project: Achievements of the Industrial Revolution
	6. Quiz: Early Development of Industry	17. Quiz: Changes of the Industrial Age
	7. Early Industry in the United States	18. Special Project*
	8. War's Contribution to Industry	19. Test: The Industrial Nation
	9. Later Industrial Achievements	20. Alternate Test: The Industrial Nation*
	10. Further Achievements	21. Glossary and Credits
	11. Project: Inventors and Inventions	

Unit 8: Twentieth Century World Power		
History and Geography 800	Assignments	
	1. Overseas Expansion	12. Search for Peace
	2. Spanish-American War	13. Regaining Normalcy
	3. World Awareness	14. A Deceptive Prosperity
	4. Panama Canal	15. Gradual Recovery
	5. Quiz: Overseas Expansion	16. Project: World War I
	6. Causes of the First World War	17. Project: Propaganda
	7. Military Movements	18. Quiz: Peace, Prosperity, and Depression
	8. War on the Continent	19. Special Project*
	9. Cost of Conflict	20. Test: Twentieth Century World Power
	10. Project: World War I Era Map*	21. Alternate Test: Twentieth Century World Power*
	11. Quiz: The First World War	22. Glossary and Credits
Unit 9: The United States in a Changing World		
History and Geography 800	Assignments	
	1. Between the Wars: New Threats Emerge	14. The United States in the Twenty-First Century
	2. World War II Begins	15. Project: Solve a Modern Problem
	3. The United States Enters the War	16. Quiz: Domestic and Foreign Issues
	4. Allied Victory	17. Challenges Today: Technology
	5. Quiz: World War II	18. Challenges Today: Society
	6. Allied Military Occupation	19. Art in the United States
	7. Cold War in Europe	20. Project: Active Citizenship
	8. Hot War in Asia	21. Quiz: Challenges in the United States Today
	9. Trouble Spots Around the World	22. Special Project*
	10. Quiz: Attempts at World Peace	23. Test: The United States in a Changing World
	11. Vietnam	24. Alternate Test: The United States in a Changing World*
	12. Nixon, Ford, and Carter	25. Glossary and Credits
	13. Reagan, Bush, and Clinton	
Unit 10: American History Review		
History and Geography 800	Assignments	
	1. Europeans in the New World	12. The United States as a World Power
	2. Question Pool	13. World War I
	3. American Colonization	14. Normalcy and Depression
	4. American Revolution	15. World War II
	5. Quiz: European Background to Revolution	16. The United Nations and the Cold War
	6. Establishment of Government	17. Quiz: Changing Nation to United Nations
	7. The Growth of the United States	18. Special Project*
	8. Development of Sectional Rivalries	19. Test: American History Review
	9. Settlement of Western Lands	20. Alternate Test: American History Review*
	10. Civil War and Reconstruction	21. Glossary and Credits
	11. Quiz: Establishment to Reconstruction	

(*) Indicates alternative assignment