

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

U.S. History: Foundations to Present



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U.S. History: Foundations to Present Course Overview

U.S. History Foundations to Present 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. 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, and the Korean conflict. In addition to the default course program, U.S. History Foundations to Present includes alternate lessons, projects, and tests for use in enhancing instruction or addressing individual needs.

- **Unit 1:** Students will examine how events of the Middle Ages and Crusades led to exploration, and early attempts at colonization in America. They will identify the Puritans, Pilgrims, and the growth of colonies in America.
- **Unit 2:** Students will understand how conflict between the American colonies and Great Britain led to American independence. They will also examine the development of constitutional government in the U.S. after the war.
- **Unit 3:** Students will evaluate the early years of federal government, the War of 1812, and the administration of President Monroe and President Jackson.
- **Unit 4:** Students will identify the causes, effects, and characteristics of sectionalism in the U.S.
- **Unit 5:** Students will examine the differences in regions of America.
- **Unit 6:** Students will explain how political, economic, and social changes in the U.S. led to the Civil War and evaluate Reconstruction.
- **Unit 7:** Students will study events of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries including the Industrial Age and its effects in the U.S., the Progressive Era, isolationism, the Spanish-American War, and the causes of World War I.
- **Unit 8:** Students will examine the First World War, the search for peace, the roaring twenties, the Great Depression, and the New Deal.
- **Unit 9:** Students will identify the causes and effects of World War II and the U.S. involvement in the Cold War.
- **Unit 10:** Students will understand key people and events of contemporary America from the 1960s to 2000s.

Unit 1: Foundations of the American Republic	
Assignments	
1. Course Overview	10. The Middle Colonies
2. Revival of Trade and Commerce	11. The Southern Colonies
3. New Ideas and Religious Changes	12. Growth of the Colonies
4. Quiz 1: Revival of Trade and Commerce	13. Essay: The Thirteen Colonies
5. Colonization Begins in the New World	14. Quiz 3: Middle and Southern Colonies
6. Essay: Jamestown	15. Special Project*
7. Puritan Background and Plymouth Settlement	16. Test
8. Puritan Migration and the Settlement of New England	17. Alternate Test*
9. Quiz 2: Colonization Begins	18. Glossary and Credits

U.S. History Foundations to Present	Unit 2: Development of Constitutional Government	
	Assignments	
	1. Relations with England	10. Articles of Confederation
	2. French and Indian War	11. Constitution of the United States
	3. Colonial Resistance	12. Essay: Checks and Balances
	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. Glossary and Credits
	9. Birth of a Nation	

U.S. History Foundations to Present	Unit 3: National Expansion	
	Assignments	
	1. Federal Government	9. Sectionalism and the Jackson Administration
	2. First Political Parties	10. Essay: Missouri Compromise*
	3. Quiz 1: Federal Government	11. Quiz 3: Nationalism and Sectionalism
	4. The Revolution of 1800	12. Special Project*
	5. The War of 1812	13. Test
	6. Quiz 2: Revolution of 1800 and War of 1812	14. Alternate Test*
	7. Nationalism and the Monroe Administration	15. Glossary and Credits
	8. Essay: Foreign Policy	

U.S. History Foundations to Present	Unit 4: A Nation Divided	
	Assignments	
	1. The Emergence of Sectionalism	10. The Politics of Slavery
	2. Report: Leaders in 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. Report: Lincoln-Douglas Debates	15. Test
	7. Quiz 1: The Emergence of Sectionalism	16. Alternate Test*
	8. The Emergence of Slavery	17. Glossary and Credits
	9. Report: Free-born Residents*	

U.S. History Foundations to Present	Unit 5: A Nation Divided and United	
	Assignments	
	1. Regional Lifestyles: The East and West	9. Reconstruction
	2. Regional Lifestyles: The South	10. Report: Reconstruction Scandals
	3. Quiz 1: Regional Lifestyles	11. Report: A Changing World*
	4. Civil War: Division and Antagonism	12. Quiz 3: Reconstruction
	5. Report: The Trent Affair	13. Special Project*
	6. Civil War: Union Blockade and Hostilities	14. Test
	7. Civil War: Final Phase	15. Alternate Test*
	8. Quiz 2: Civil War	16. Glossary and Credits

U.S. History Foundations to Present	Unit 6: Semester Review and Exam	
	Assignments	
	1. Review	3. Alternate Exam: Form A*
	2. Exam	4. Alternate Exam: Form B*

U.S. History Foundations to Present	Unit 7: United States Involvement At Home and Abroad	
	Assignments	
	1. U.S. Industry: Birth and Growth	11. Quiz 3: Foreign Policy
	2. U.S. Industry: Economic Expansion	12. March Toward Conflict: Causes
	3. Quiz 1: Industrial Growth in the United States	13. March Toward Conflict: Factions
	4. Industrial Lifestyle: Trends	14. Report: Progressive Era*
	5. Industrial Lifestyle: Labor Movement	15. Quiz 4: March Toward Conflict
	6. Quiz 2: Industrial Lifestyle	16. Special Project*
	7. Foreign Policy: Isolationism	17. Test
	8. Report: Seward's Proposal	18. Alternate Test*
	9. Foreign Policy: International Realism	19. Glossary and Credits
	10. Report: Isolationism	
U.S. History Foundations to Present	Unit 8: The Search for Peace	
	Assignments	
	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. Report: 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. Report: Foreign Policy	16. Glossary and Credits
U.S. History Foundations to Present	Unit 9: A Nation at War	
	Assignments	
	1. World War II: Causes of the War	10. Vietnam: Withdrawal by the United States
	2. World War II: Theaters of Operation	11. Report: Biography
	3. Report: World War II - Home Front	12. Report: United States Culture*
	4. Quiz 1: World War II	13. Quiz 3: The Vietnam Conflict
	5. Communist Threat: World Unrest	14. Special Project*
	6. Korean Conflict: Cold War Becomes Hot	15. Test
	7. Report: Containment Policy	16. Alternate Test*
	8. Quiz 2: The Korean Conflict	17. Glossary and Credits
	9. Vietnam: Fighting Communism in Southeast Asia	
U.S. History Foundations to Present	Unit 10: Contemporary America	
	Assignments	
	1. America in the 1960s: Part 1	12. America in the 1980s, 1990s, and 2000s: Part 2
	2. Report: Kennedy Assassination	13. Quiz 3: America in the 1980s, 1990s, and 2000s
	3. Report: I Have a Dream	14. The International Scene - 1980-2001: Part 1
	4. America in the 1960s: Part 2	15. The International Scene - 1980-2001: Part 2
	5. The International Scene of the 1960s	16. Report: Changes in United States Culture*
	6. Quiz 1: America in the 1960s	17. Quiz 4: The International Scene - 1980-2001
	7. America in the 1970s: Part 1	18. Special Project*
	8. America in the 1970s: Part 2	19. Test
	9. The International Scene of the 1970s	20. Alternate Test*
	10. Quiz 2: America in the 1970s	21. Glossary and Credits
	11. America in the 1980s, 1990s, and 2000s: Part 1	

Unit 11: United States History Review		
U.S. History Foundations to Present	Assignments	
	1. Basis of United States Democracy	17. World War I
	2. Early Colonization	18. Quiz 4: Industrialization of the United States
	3. Quiz 1: Basis of United States Democracy	19. The United States: From World War II to Vietnam
	4. Beginnings of United States Democracy	20. Essay: Vietnam War*
	5. Second Continental Congress	21. The United States: From Kennedy to Ford
	6. United States Government	22. Essay: President Kennedy
	7. Quiz 2: Beginnings of United States Democracy	23. The United States: From Carter to Obama
	8. United States of the 1800s	24. Quiz 5: Current History of the United States
	9. Jackson Era	25. The '80s and '90s
	10. Report: Regional Lifestyles	26. Report: Eras and Issues*
	11. Report: Sectionalism and Slavery*	27. Quiz 6: The '80s and '90s
	12. Civil War	28. Special Project*
	13. Reconstruction of the South	29. Test
	14. Quiz 3: United States of the 1800s	30. Alternate Test*
	15. Industrialization of the United States	31. Glossary and Credits
	16. Report: Roosevelt's New Deal	

Unit 12: Semester Review and Exam		
	Assignments	
	1. Review	3. Alternate Exam: Form A*
	2. Exam	4. Alternate Exam: Form B*

Unit 13: Final Exam		
	Assignments	
	1. Exam	3. Alternate Exam: Form B*
	2. Alternate Exam: Form A*	

(*) Indicates alternative assignment