

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

U.S. History: Reconstruction to Present



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U.S. History Reconstruction to Present Course Overview

U.S. History Reconstruction to Present examines American history from the events leading up to the Civil War to the present day, placing special emphasis on the major political, economic, and social movements of the twentieth century. Additionally, students will gain practice in research and writing through various projects. In addition to the default course program, U.S. History Reconstruction to Present includes alternate lessons, projects, essays, and tests for use in enhancing instruction or addressing individual needs.

- **Unit 1:** Students will explain the causes of sectionalism and compromises in the years leading up to the Civil War. Students will also identify the major battles, and the end of the Civil War.
- **Unit 2:** Students will examine the goals and outcomes of Reconstruction, the outcomes of industrialization, and the causes and effects of western expansion.
- **Unit 3:** Students will describe the Spanish-American War and imperialism, reform movements of the Progressive Era, and the U.S. involvement in World War I.
- **Unit 4:** Students will acknowledge the social, cultural, educational, and religious issues of the 1920s, recognize the causes of the Great Depression, and analyze the programs and effects of the New Deal.
- **Unit 5:** Students will identify the major causes, events, and effects of World War II, the origins of the Cold War, and U.S. efforts to contain the spread of Communism in the Korean War.
- **Unit 6:** Students will know the social, cultural, and political events of the Eisenhower, Kennedy, and Johnson presidencies.
- **Unit 7:** Students will identify major individuals during the 1960s, significant details of the civil rights and anti-war movements, and describe the effects of the Vietnam War on Americans.
- **Unit 8:** Students will examine the social, political, and economic events of the 1970s.
- **Unit 9:** Students will describe the major issues and events of the Reagan and Bush presidencies.
- **Unit 10:** Students will evaluate the main events, issues, and policies of the Clinton, Bush Jr., and Obama presidencies. They will also understand the key challenges facing American society in the late twentieth and early twenty-first centuries, such as terrorism, conservation, government and big business, and education.

Unit 1: Sectionalism and War		
U.S. History Reconstruction to Present	Assignments	
	1. Course Overview	18. Address and Proclamation
	2. Celebrate Freedom Week: Foundational U.S. Documents*	19. Quiz: The First Three Years
	3. Celebrate Freedom Week: Declaration of Independence*	20. Alternate Quiz - Form A: The First Three Years*
	4. Celebrate Freedom Week: Founding Fathers*	21. Alternate Quiz - Form B: The First Three Years*
	5. Alexis de Tocqueville	22. The Home Front
	6. A History of Compromises	23. Effects of War
	7. The Decade Before War	24. Project: Impact of War on Native Americans
	8. The Middle Passage and African-American Culture	25. 1864
	9. Action and Reaction	26. Grant and Lee at Appomattox
	10. Hope is Lost	27. Quiz: A Nation Reunited
	11. Project: Ascent of the Republican Party	28. Alternate Quiz - Form A: A Nation Reunited*
	12. Quiz: The Stage is Set	29. Alternate Quiz - Form B: A Nation Reunited*
	13. Alternate Quiz - Form A: The Stage is Set*	30. Special Project*
	14. Alternate Quiz - Form B: The Stage is Set*	31. Review
	15. President in the Spotlight: Abraham Lincoln	32. Test: Sectionalism and War
	16. Early Southern Dominance	33. Alternate Test - Form A: Sectionalism and War*
	17. The Civil War Turns Around	34. Alternate Test - Form B: Sectionalism and War*
		35. Glossary and Credits
Unit 2: Growth and Innovation		
U.S. History Reconstruction to Present	Assignments	
	1. The Idea of Reconstruction	17. Education in 19th Century America
	2. Political Tug of War	18. Industrial Revolution
	3. Why Reconstruction Failed	19. A Need for Regulation
	4. Cause and Effect	20. The Political Climate Changes
	5. Project: Fourteenth Amendment	21. Quiz: Economic and Political Change
	6. Quiz: Reconstruction	22. Alternate Quiz - Form A: Economic and Political Change*
	7. Alternate Quiz - Form A: Reconstruction*	23. Alternate Quiz - Form B: Economic and Political Change*
	8. Alternate Quiz - Form B: Reconstruction*	24. Special Project*
	9. Struggle for Equality	25. Review
	10. Issues of Class, Gender, and Religion	26. Test: Growth and Innovation
	11. America Grows Larger	27. Alternate Test - Form A: Growth and Innovation*
	12. Immigration Challenges	28. Alternate Test - Form B: Growth and Innovation*
	13. Project: The Need for Conservation	29. Glossary and Credits
	14. Quiz: Social Growing Pains Emerge	
	15. Alternate Quiz - Form A: Social Growing Pains Emerge*	
	16. Alternate Quiz - Form B: Social Growing Pains Emerge*	

Unit 3: America on the World Stage		
U.S. History Reconstruction to Present	Assignments	
	1. America Enters World Stage	16. New War, Old Strategies
	2. The Spanish-American War	17. America Enters the Conflict
	3. New Expansionist Policy	18. Early Attempt at World Peace
	4. President in the Spotlight: Theodore Roosevelt	19. Quiz: The First World War
	5. Quiz: America Comes of Age	20. Alternate Quiz - Form A: The First World War*
	6. Alternate Quiz - Form A: America Comes of Age*	21. Alternate Quiz - Form B: The First World War*
	7. Alternate Quiz - Form B: America Comes of Age*	22. Special Project*
	8. Birth of the Progressive Era	23. Review
	9. Social and Political Issues	24. Test: America on the World Stage
	10. Changing American Characteristics	25. Alternate Test - Form A: America on the World Stage*
	11. Project: Women's Suffrage Movement	26. Alternate Test - Form B: America on the World Stage*
	12. Quiz: The Progressive Era	27. Glossary and Credits
	13. Alternate Quiz - Form A: The Progressive Era*	
	14. Alternate Quiz - Form B: The Progressive Era*	
	15. Unsettling Events in Europe	

Unit 4: Ecstasy and Depression		
U.S. History Reconstruction to Present	Assignments	
	1. Sweeping Social Changes	15. The New Deal
	2. Major Cultural Movements	16. New Deal's Influence on America
	3. Educational and Religious Change	17. Project: Upton Sinclair*
	4. Project: Great American Heroes	18. Project: Upton Sinclair's Jungle*
	5. Quiz: Unforeseen Economic Storm	19. Quiz: Roosevelt Deals with the Depression
	6. Alternate Quiz - Form A: Unforeseen Economic Storm*	20. Alternate Quiz - Form A: Roosevelt Deals with the Depression*
	7. Alternate Quiz - Form B: Unforeseen Economic Storm*	21. Alternate Quiz - Form B: Roosevelt Deals with the Depression*
	8. A Consumer Mentality is Born	22. Special Project*
	9. Economic Struggles Abroad	23. Review
	10. Black Thursday	24. Test: Ecstasy and Depression
	11. Quiz: The Great Depression	25. Alternate Test - Form A: Ecstasy and Depression*
	12. Alternate Quiz - Form A: The Great Depression*	26. Alternate Test - Form B: Ecstasy and Depression*
	13. Alternate Quiz - Form B: The Great Depression*	27. Glossary and Credits
	14. President in the Spotlight: Franklin Roosevelt	

Unit 5: The War Years		
U.S. History Reconstruction to Present	Assignments	
	1. Distant Rumbles in Germany	15. Alternate Quiz - Form B: The Truman Years*
	2. The European Theatre	16. The Cold War Grows Hotter
	3. Unspeakable Acts Shake the World	17. Problems Arise in the East
	4. The Pacific Theatre	18. The Korean Conflict
	5. Japanese Internment Camps	19. Quiz: In the Grips of Cold War
	6. Project: A Shattering End to War	20. Alternate Quiz - Form A: In the Grips of Cold War*
	7. Quiz: Another World War	21. Alternate Quiz - Form B: In the Grips of Cold War*
	8. Alternate Quiz - Form A: Another World War*	22. Special Project*
	9. Alternate Quiz - Form B: Another World War*	23. Review
	10. President in the Spotlight: Harry Truman	24. Test: The War Years
	11. A Return to Normalcy at Home	25. Alternate Test - Form A: The War Years*
	12. A New Threat Emerges Abroad	26. Alternate Test - Form B: The War Years*
	13. Quiz: The Truman Years	27. Glossary and Credits
	14. Alternate Quiz - Form A: The Truman Years*	

Unit 6: Semester Review and Exam
Assignments

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| 1. Review: Civil War to the Progressive Era | 4. Alternate Exam - Form A: U.S. History Reconstruction to Present Semester I* |
| 2. Review: 1914-1953 | |
| 3. Exam: U.S. History Reconstruction to Present Semester I | 5. Alternate Exam - Form B: U.S. History Reconstruction to Present Semester I* |

Unit 7: Hope, Tragedy, and Conflict
Assignments

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| 1. The Cold War Escalates | 16. America Enters Vietnam |
| 2. The Eisenhower Presidency | 17. The First Televised Conflict |
| 3. Post World War II America | 18. Project: Checks and Balances |
| 4. Project: A Spirit of Fear | 19. Quiz: Setbacks and Advances |
| 5. Quiz: The 1950s | 20. Alternate Quiz - Form A: Setbacks and Advances* |
| 6. Alternate Quiz - Form A: The 1950s* | 21. Alternate Quiz - Form B: Setbacks and Advances* |
| 7. Alternate Quiz - Form B: The 1950s* | 22. Special Project* |
| 8. President in the Spotlight: John Kennedy | 23. Review |
| 9. Triumph and Tragedy | 24. Test: Hope, Tragedy, and Conflict |
| 10. The Johnson Years | 25. Alternate Test - Form A: Hope, Tragedy, and Conflict* |
| 11. Quiz: The Winds of Change | 26. Alternate Test - Form B: Hope, Tragedy, and Conflict* |
| 12. Alternate Quiz - Form A: The Winds of Change* | 27. Glossary and Credits |
| 13. Alternate Quiz - Form B: The Winds of Change* | |
| 14. The Civil Rights Movement | |
| 15. The Warren Court | |

Unit 8: Monumental Changes
Assignments

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| 1. Prelude to the 60s | 15. Martin Luther King |
| 2. The Cold War Continues | 16. Social Chaos |
| 3. Conflict in Vietnam Heats Up | 17. Political Turmoil |
| 4. Civil Rights Movement Expands | 18. Kennedy's Fulfilled Promise |
| 5. Project: Women's Rights | 19. Quiz: 1968 |
| 6. Quiz: A Montage of Unrest | 20. Alternate Quiz - Form A: 1968* |
| 7. Alternate Quiz - Form A: A Montage of Unrest* | 21. Alternate Quiz - Form B: 1968* |
| 8. Alternate Quiz - Form B: A Montage of Unrest* | 22. Special Project* |
| 9. Music and Entertainment | 23. Review |
| 10. Scientific Breakthroughs | 24. Test: Monumental Changes |
| 11. The Arts | 25. Alternate Test - Form A: Monumental Changes* |
| 12. Quiz: Cultural Mosaic | 26. Alternate Test - Form B: Monumental Changes* |
| 13. Alternate Quiz - Form A: Cultural Mosaic* | 27. Glossary and Credits |
| 14. Alternate Quiz - Form B: Cultural Mosaic* | |

Unit 9: Turmoil at Home and Abroad		
U.S. History Reconstruction to Present	Assignments	
	1. Nixon's Domestic Policies	16. Domestic Issues Come to a Head
	2. Project: Rachel Carson's Silent Spring	17. Religion Makes its Mark
	3. Tough Foreign Policy Issues	18. Cold War Expands
	4. The Economy Takes a Hit	19. Project: Opposite and Equal Reaction
	5. Watergate	20. Quiz: The Carter Years
	6. Quiz: The Nixon Years	21. Alternate Quiz - Form A: The Carter Years*
	7. Alternate Quiz - Form A: The Nixon Years*	22. Alternate Quiz - Form B: The Carter Years*
	8. Alternate Quiz - Form B: The Nixon Years*	23. Special Project*
	9. Vietnam Comes to a Close	24. Review
	10. Women's Movement Gains Steam	25. Test: Turmoil at Home and Abroad
	11. The Early Seventies	26. Alternate Test - Form A: Turmoil at Home and Abroad*
	12. Project: Social Acceptance	27. Alternate Test - Form B: Turmoil at Home and Abroad*
	13. Quiz: The 1970s	28. Glossary and Credits
	14. Alternate Quiz - Form A: The 1970s*	
	15. Alternate Quiz - Form B: The 1970s*	

Unit 10: End of an Era		
U.S. History Reconstruction to Present	Assignments	
	1. President in the Spotlight: Ronald Reagan	15. The George H.W. Bush Presidency
	2. Reagan's Domestic Policies	16. Cold War's End
	3. Cracks in the Cold War	17. Middle East Upheavals
	4. Foreign Policies	18. Project: Generational Effects
	5. Project: The Art of Diplomacy	19. Quiz: The Bush Years
	6. Quiz: The Reagan Years	20. Alternate Quiz - Form A: The Bush Years*
	7. Alternate Quiz - Form A: The Reagan Years*	21. Alternate Quiz - Form B: The Bush Years*
	8. Alternate Quiz - Form B: The Reagan Years*	22. Special Project*
	9. Space, Science, and Technology	23. Review
	10. Mosaic of the 1980's	24. Test: End of an Era
	11. Project: The Moral Majority	25. Alternate Test - Form A: End of an Era*
	12. Quiz: Broad Change	26. Alternate Test - Form B: End of an Era*
	13. Alternate Quiz - Form A: Broad Change*	27. Glossary and Credits
	14. Alternate Quiz - Form B: Broad Change*	

Unit 12: Semester Review and Exam			
Assignments			
1.	Review: Cold War - Nixon Presidency	4.	Alternate Exam - Form A: U.S. History Reconstruction to Present Semester II*
2.	Review: Ford - Obama Presidencies		
3.	Exam: U.S. History Reconstruction to Present Semester II	5.	Alternate Exam - Form B: U.S. History Reconstruction to Present Semester II*

(*) Indicates alternative assignment