

U.S. History A

SCOPE OF COURSE

This course is divided into two semesters of study (A & B) comprised of five units each. The first half of the course (A) begins with the Reconstruction period following the Civil War and covers up through the government policies and business practices that brought high levels of American prosperity after WWI, but led to world-wide economic collapse by the end of the 1920s.

SEQUENCE OF SKILLS

UNIT 1 – Reconstruction and Backlash

- Lincoln's and Johnson's plans for Reconstruction
- The impeachment of Andrew Johnson
- Amendments 13, 14, and 15
- Ku Klux Klan and Jim Crow Laws
- Plessy v. Ferguson
- Booker T. Washington and W.E.B. DuBois

UNIT 2 – The Industrialization of the U. S.: 1876-1914

- The United States becomes an industrial giant
- Andrew Carnegie and John Rockefeller
- Growth of unions
- Immigration
- Urbanization
- Tammany Hall
- Laissez-faire capitalism
- Theodore Roosevelt: Trustbuster

UNIT 3 – United States Expansion

- Manifest Destiny
- Native Peoples: A century of dishonor
- Cattle change the West
- Agriculture in the West: The Farmers Revolt
- Spanish American War
- American influence grows in Asia and Latin America
- The Panama Canal

UNIT 4 – Theodore Roosevelt to Woodrow Wilson: The Progressive Era

- Populists and Progressives
- Muckrakers
- The Wisconsin Idea
- The presidency of Theodore Roosevelt
- Amendments 16, 17, 18, and 19
- Regulating and reforming big business
- The presidency of Woodrow Wilson

UNIT 5 – Boom to Bust: World War I to the Great Depression

- World War I
- The Fourteen Points
- Postwar isolationism
- The Roaring Twenties
- The Jazz Age

U.S. History B

SCOPE OF COURSE

This course is divided into two semesters of study (A & B) comprised of five units each. The second semester of the course (B) begins with the policies of F.D. Roosevelt that led the U.S. out of the Great Depression, and the formation of alliances that brought about victory in WWII. The course then addresses the Cold War, the turmoil and changes of the 1960s through the 1980s, and moves up to present-day inroads and challenges facing this country and the world.

SEQUENCE OF SKILLS

UNIT 1 – The Great Depression – World War II

- The Great Depression (1929-1932); causes and effects
- Franklin Delano Roosevelt
- The New Deal
- World War II
- The Holocaust
- Research Essay

UNIT 2 – The Paradox of the Post-War Years: 1945-1960

- The United Nations
- The Cold War around the world
- The communist threat and policy of containment
- The Korean War
- The McCarthy Era
- Dwight Eisenhower and the Cold War
- Civil Rights
- Prosperity and Rock & Roll

UNIT 3 – The Sixties: A Decade of Change and Upheaval

- The Civil Rights Movement
- The Kennedy years
- Lyndon B. Johnson and the Great Society
- American involvement in Vietnam

UNIT 4 – Years of Turmoil and Change: 1968 – 1988

- Nixon's *Imperial* Presidency
- Watergate
- President Ford's administration
- Jimmy Carter: foreign policy
- Ronald Reagan and the New Right
- George H.W. Bush takes office

UNIT 5 – 1988 – Present

- The Cold War comes to an end
- The Persian Gulf War
- Bill Clinton's two terms
- George W. Bush: Homeland Security, the Bush Recession and Hurricane Katrina
- War in Afghanistan and Iraq
- The Obama presidency
- Terrorism
- Technology
- Protecting the environment