

US History

Course Number: SS1109

Grade level: 9–12

Credits: 1.0

Prerequisite Courses: None

Course Description

Delving into the crucial political, social, economic, and cultural events that have shaped and enriched the history of the United States, SS1109 traces the experiences and effects of important historical and political figures from the early colonial era to the 21st century. Over the course of two semesters, high school students explore historical events, such as the Civil War, America's westward expansion, the Great Depression, World War I, World War II, and the Cold War, and determine how each event affected the nation.

Course Objectives

Throughout the course, you will meet the following goals:

- Describe the political development and history of the United States, including the influence of democratic ideals, the changing role of government, and the development of the modern two-party system, by analyzing the documents and decisions that have shaped American government
- Explore the evolution of American culture and society from the colonial era to the present, including the effects of advancement in technology
- Describe the role of immigration and migration in the development of the nation, and identify common push and pull factors affecting these trends in United States history
- Identify and assess the nature of conflicts within United States history, including the Revolutionary War and the Civil War, and global conflicts such as World War I, World War II, Vietnam, and the Cold War
- Compare and contrast political, economic, and social developments in United States history, including those occurring during Colonialism, Westward Expansion, Sectionalism and the Civil War Era, the Gilded Age, the Progressive Era, the Great Depression, and the Post-war Era.
- Trace the economic development of the United States, including its shift from an agrarian to an industrial economy, its emergence as a leading economic force in the world, and its role in the global economy today
- Analyze the foundations and impact of cultural and reform movements throughout United States history, such as the civil rights movement

Student Expectations

This course requires the same level of commitment from you as a traditional classroom course would. Throughout the course, you are expected to spend approximately 5–7 hours per week online on the following activities:

- Interactive lessons that include a mixture of instructional videos and tasks
- Assignments in which you apply and extend learning in each lesson
- Assessments including quizzes, tests, and cumulative exams

Communication

Your teacher will communicate with you regularly through discussions, e-mail, chat, and system announcements. Through this communication with your teacher, you will monitor your progress through the course and improve your learning by reviewing material that was challenging for you.

You will also communicate with classmates, either via online tools or face-to-face, as you do the following:

- Collaborate on projects
- Ask and answer questions in your peer group
- Develop speaking and listening skills

Grading Policy

You will be graded on the work you do online and the work you submit electronically to your teacher. The weighting for each category of graded activity is listed below.

Assignments	10%
Essays	0%
Lesson Quizzes	20%
Unit Tests	50%
Cumulative Exams	20%
Additional	0%

Scope and Sequence

When you log into the Virtual Classroom, you can view the entire course map, which provides a scope and sequence of all topics you will study. Clicking a lesson's link in the course map leads to a page listing instructional activities, assignments, and learning objectives specific to that lesson. The units of study are summarized below.

- Unit 1:** Three Worlds Meet
- Unit 2:** Birth of a New Nation
- Unit 3:** Expansion and Reform
- Unit 4:** Civil War, Reconstruction, and Western Expansion
- Unit 5:** Industrialization of the United States
- Unit 6:** The Emergence of Modern America
- Unit 7:** The Great Depression and New Deal
- Unit 8:** Postwar United States

Unit 9: Shaping Modern America

Unit 10: Contemporary United States