
By learning about the past, you come to understand the present, so that you may make educated decision about the future. – *Richelle Mead*

AP United States History

This course Study the cultural, economic, political, and social developments that have shaped the United States from 1491 to the present. Students will:

- Evaluate primary and secondary sources,
 - Analyzing the claims, evidence, and reasoning you find in sources.
 - Putting historical developments in context and making connections between them
 - Coming up with a claim or thesis and explaining and supporting it in writing
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Units of Study

Unit 1 – Period 1: 1491 - 1607

- Native American Societies and European Exploration

Unit 2 – Period 2: 1607 - 1754

- Colonization, Transatlantic Trade, and Slavery

Unit 3 – Period 3: 1754 - 1800

- American Revolution, Constitution, and Early Republic

Unit 4 – Period 4: 1800 - 1848

- Jeffersonian Democracy, Jacksonian Democracy, Age of Reform, and the Market Revolution

Unit 5 – Period 5: 1844 - 1877

- Manifest Destiny, Sectional Conflict, Civil War, and Reconstruction

Unit 6 – Period 6: 1865 - 1898

- Industrialization, Immigration, Politics, Populism

Unit 7 – Period 7: 1890 - 1945

- Imperialism, Progressivism, 20s, Great Depression, and WWII

Unit 8 – Period 8: 1945 - 1980

- Cold War, Youth Culture, Civil Rights, Society in Transition, Vietnam, and Domestic Issues

Unit 9 – Period 9: 1980 - Present

- Reagan and Conservatism, Challenges of the 21st Century

Are there any prerequisites for AP United States History?

There are no prerequisites for AP Human Geography, but students should be able to read a college-level textbook and write grammatically correct, complete sentences. If you are motivated to learn, you can do this.

What kinds of questions are on the AP United States Exam?

The AP US History Exam includes both a 55 stimulus based multiple choice section, 3 short answer questions, a long essay question and a document based question.



More Information

Difficulty

College course content, but in a high school setting (including lots of support and guidance)

Average Workload

Regular reading assignments of 5-15 pages, more emphasis on quizzes, tests, and essays. Approximately 3-5 hours per week of out of class time needed for the typical APUSH student.

GPA Impact

Weighted GPA

Why take AP US History?

- Gain a new and creative look at the history of the US
- Students who take this course will learn how to argue effectively
- Potential college credit
- You will read primary sources to show us what people
- You will become a better writer
- You will take a point of view to get insight on historical times or event.
- You will try to put yourselves in the shoes of people who lived a long time ago

Teachers: Even Daarstad and John Hanson
