

### Course Description:

US History (1 of 2) explores European exploration and the impact Europeans had on the lives of those native to North America. Topics include the development of the English colonies in North America, causes and effects of the American Revolution, the ratification of the Constitution, the causes of the War of 1812, analysis of sectionalism as a common thread, westward expansion, Civil War, and Reconstruction, Indian Wars, immigration, and the Second Industrial Revolution.

### Course Objectives:

- Explain the impact that Europeans and American Indians had on one another in the colonial period by studying the Columbian Exchange.
- Compare and contrast the influences that shaped the New England, middle, and southern colonies by analyzing geography, economic systems, and social structure.
- Examine the philosophical foundations of the United States by evaluating the Declaration of Independence and the US Constitution.
- Describe the creation of political parties and the growing divide of sectionalism by studying concepts of states' rights and slavery.
- Examine the causes of the Civil War by evaluating the concepts of states' rights, popular sovereignty, and Manifest Destiny.
- Analyze the social, economic, and political changes that occurred during reconstruction by determining the effectiveness of the Thirteenth, Fourteenth, and Fifteenth Amendments.
- Explain how US policy treated American Indians after the Civil War by analyzing the causes and effects of the Indian Wars and the Dawes Act.
- Evaluate the new opportunities and challenges brought on by the Second Industrial Revolution by analyzing the positive and negative effects on workers and the environment.

### Required Materials:

In course.

### Course Overview:

#### Unit 1: A New World

- Lesson 1: European Exploration
- Lesson 2: A New World
- Lesson 3: Conflict in the Colonies
- Lesson 4: The Revolution Begins
- Lesson 5: Independence

#### Unit 2: Birth of America

- Lesson 6: The Constitution
- Lesson 7: Washington and Adams
- Lesson 8: Jeffersonian Democracy
- Lesson 9: War of 1812
- Lesson 10: The Era of Good Feelings

#### Unit 3: Westward Expansion

- Lesson 11: Jacksonian Democracy

- Lesson 12: Texas and the West
- Lesson 13: The Mexican-American War
- Lesson 14: The Abolition Movement
- Lesson 15: Sectional Conflict

Unit 4: The Civil War

- Lesson 16: A Nation Divides
- Lesson 17: Suffocating the South
- Lesson 18: Behind the Lines
- Lesson 19: Turning Points in the War
- Lesson 20: The Civil War Ends

Unit 5: Reconstructing America

- Lesson 21: Reconstructing a Broken Nation
- Lesson 22: Segregation
- Lesson 23: The West and Populism
- Lesson 24: Big Business
- Lesson 25: Yearning for Freedom

Unit 6: Review and Final Exam

- Lesson 26: Unit 1 Review
- Lesson 27: Unit 2 Review
- Lesson 28: Unit 3 Review
- Lesson 29: Unit 4 Review, Vocabulary Exam
- Lesson 30: Unit 5 Review, Final Exam