

### Course Description:

American History (1 of 2) explores key events and developments in US history from pre-colonial times through the end of the 19th century. You will explore the worlds of American Indian tribes before and after European arrival. Then, you will analyze the causes and effects of the American Revolution and developments of the new United States, including expansion, industry, and debates over slavery.

You will examine the causes and effects of the Civil War, and a new period of westward expansion, including new conflicts with American Indians. You will explore the various causes and effects of the Second Industrial Revolution, immigration, urbanization, social activism, and the women's suffrage movement during the second half of the 19th century.

### Course Objectives:

- Describe the individuals, political and cultural circumstances, geographic, and economic motivations that shaped colonization in America.
- Evaluate sources and historical points of view to defend a position.
- Identify the causes and events leading to American independence.
- Describe the early events and policies that shaped the newly formed US.
- Describe the social, political, economic, and geographic transformation of the United States in the 19th century.
- Explain the causes, effects, and lasting significance of the American Civil War.
- Explain the impact of social, economic, and political developments near the turn of the twentieth century.
- Describe the extended process leading to the formation of the Constitution and the US government.
- Explain the immediate and long-term effects of Reconstruction.

### Required Materials:

In course.

### Course Overview:

- Unit 1: A New World
- Unit 2: Birth of America
- Unit 3: Age of Jackson
- Unit 4: A House Divided
- Unit 5: Reconstructing America
- Unit 6: Growth of a Nation