

Course Description:

American History (2 of 2) explores key events and developments in US history from the late 19th century to the early 21st century. It begins with United States imperialism, industrialization and urbanization in the early 20th century. It then discusses the causes and effects of World War I.

From there, the course explains the changes throughout the 1920s through 1960s, including the Great Depression, New Deal, and multiple wars around the world.

American society changed dramatically in the postwar years. The course analyzes the civil rights movement and the role of the Supreme Court and government policy in changing society. But conflicts in the Middle East created new challenges. The course explores how the Arab-Israeli conflict affected the United States, including the onset of an energy crisis and terrorist attacks. At the turn of the millennium, the September 11 attacks had dramatic effects on US domestic and foreign policy.

Course Objectives:

- Explain the positive and negative effects of isolationism and globalism.
- Identify major economic crises in American history, their causes, and the government responses to them.
- Identify the causes, events, and aftermath of World War II.
- Explain America's immigration history and relate it to current political debates.
- Explain the impact and evolution of social, political, and civil rights issues in the United States.
- Identify key individuals, events, conflicts, and outcomes of the Cold War.
- Identify the foreign and domestic policies of US administrations after World War II.
- Describe periods of government corruption and other unethical practices, as well as the actions taken against them.
- Describe the social, political, economic, and geographic transformation of the United States in the 20th century.
- Evaluate sources and historical points of view to defend a position.
- Create and present an informative project.

Required Materials:

In course.

Course Overview:

- Unit 1: Boom to Bust
- Unit 2: World War II
- Unit 3: The Cold War and Civil Rights
- Unit 4: Vietnam and Watergate
- Unit 5: From Cold War to Superpower
- Unit 6: 21st Century