

United States History and Geography Syllabus

Instructor Information

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Course Description

Students will examine the causes and consequences of the Industrial Revolution and the United States' growing role in world diplomatic relations, including the Spanish-American War and World War I. Students will study the goals and accomplishments of the Progressive movement and the New Deal. Students will also learn about the various factors that led to our nation's entry into World War II, as well as the consequences for American life. Students will explore the causes and course of the Cold War. Students will study the important social, cultural, economic, and political changes that have shaped the modern-day U.S. resulting from the Civil Rights Movement, Cold War, and recent events and trends. Additionally, students will learn about the causes and consequences of contemporary issues impacting the world today. Students will continue to use skills for historical and geographical analysis as they examine U.S. history after Reconstruction, with special attention to Tennessee connections in history, geography, politics, and people. Students will continue to learn fundamental concepts in civics, economics, and geography within the context of U.S. history. The reading of primary source documents is a key feature of the U.S. history course. Specific primary sources have been embedded within the standards for depth and clarity. Finally, students will focus on current human and physical geographic issues important in the contemporary U.S. and global society. This course will place Tennessee history, government, and geography in context with U.S. history in order to illustrate the role our state has played in our nation's history.

Course Objectives

- Students will analyze the transformation of the American economy and the changing social and political conditions in the U.S. in response to the rise of industrialization, large scale rural-to-urban migration, and mass immigration from Southern and Eastern Europe and Asia.
- Students will analyze the changing national landscape, including the growth of cities and the demand for political, economic, and social reforms, during the early 20th century.
- Students will trace the rise of the U.S. as a world power during the 20th century and examine the country's role in World War I.
- Students will describe how the battle between traditionalism and modernism manifested in the major historical trends and events post-World War I.
- Students will analyze the causes and effects of the Great Depression and how the New Deal fundamentally changed the role of the U.S. federal government.

- Students will analyze the U.S. path to and participation in World War II and examine the implications for the nation at home and abroad.
- Students will analyze the response of the U.S. to communism after World War II.
- Students will examine American cultural, economic, political, and societal developments following World War II.
- Students will examine the origins, goals, key events, and accomplishments of the Civil Rights Movement in the U.S.
- Students will examine important events and trends from the 1960s to the present.

Technology

- Google Classroom
- Google Suites
 - Docs
 - Slides
 - Jam Board
- Parent Square

Expectations

- DO YOUR BEST, ALL THE TIME.
- Follow ALL School/Classroom Rules.
- Bring all material needed for class that day.
- Treat Everyone with RESPECT.
- Use common sense.
- Do NOT impede the learning process of another student.

Grade Distribution

- Guided Notes/Participation 5 pts
- Do Now 15 pts
- Daily Activities 25 pts
- Daily Quizzes 25 pts