

AP United States History

Knowledge Content

The course begins with Native American societies and finishes in the present. Students study the following topics according to the AP Syllabus:

- Pre-Columbian Societies
- Transatlantic Encounters and Colonial Beginnings, 1492-1690
- Colonial North America, 1690-1754
- The American Revolutionary Era, 1754-1789
- The Early Republic, 1789-1815
- Transformation of the Economy and Society in Antebellum America
- The Transformation of Politics in Antebellum America
- Religion, Reform, and Renaissance in Antebellum America
- Territorial Expansion and Manifest Destiny
- The Crisis of the Union
- Civil War
- Reconstruction
- The Origins of the New South
- Development of the West in the Late Nineteenth Century
- Industrial America in the Late Nineteenth Century
- Urban Society in the Late Nineteenth Century
- Populism and Progressivism
- The Emergence of America as a World Power
- The New Era: 1920s
- The Great Depression and the New Deal
- The Second World War
- The Home Front During the War
- The United States and the Early Cold War
- The 1950s
- The Turbulent 1960s
- Politics and Economics at the End of the Twentieth Century
- Society and Culture at the End of the Twentieth Century
- The United States in the Post-Cold War World.

Skills Content

In relation to the topics listed above, students will:

- Develop detailed content knowledge of the subject matter
- Develop analytical and critical essay writing skills
- Understand cause and effect relationships in history.

Assessment

- Tests
- Quizzes
- Essays
- Oral reports
- Participation.

Examinations

Internal assessment, Christmas Exam, April Mock Exam and external AP Exam.

Resources

- Kennedy, Cohen and Bailey, *The American Pageant*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company, 2002
- Other supplementary texts, handouts, novels and videos.

Prerequisites

Completion of previous high-school History class.

Credits

One Credit.