

AP U.S. History Course Description

Course Description:

“The AP U.S. History course focuses on developing students’ understanding of American history from approximately 1491 to the present. The course has students investigate the content of U.S. history for significant events, individuals, developments, and processes in nine historical periods, and develop and use the same thinking skills and methods (analyzing primary and secondary sources, making historical comparisons, chronological reasoning, and argumentation) employed by historians when they study the past. The course also provides seven themes (American and national identity; migration and settlement; politics and power; work, exchange, and technology; America in the world; geography and the environment; and culture and society) that students explore throughout the course in order to make connections among historical developments in different times and places.”

- AP United States History. N.p. : Xamonline, 2016. *Course and Exam Descriptions*. Web.

First Trimester	Second Trimester	Third Trimester
Textbook: <i>America: Past and Present</i> , by Robert A. Divine		
Period 1 (1491 - 1607)	Period 4 (1800 - 1848)	Period 8 (1945 - 1980)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Historical Thinking Skills -Pre Columbian America -European Exploration -Columbian Exchange 	(Continued) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Growth of Political Parties -Expanding Suffrage -Louisiana Purchase -Monroe Doctrine -Increasing Power of the Judicial Branch -Increasing Power of the Federal Government over the States -War of 1812 -Age of Jackson -Native American Relocation -Second Great Awakening -Increasing Nationalism -Early Reform Movements -Abolitionist Movement -Early Women’s Rights Movement -Market Revolution -Industrial Revolution -Innovations & Inventions -Southern vs. Northern Economy -Further Expansion of Slavery -Missouri Compromise 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The Cold War -Baby Boom -Migration to the Suburbs, the South, and the West -Korean War -Containment -Domino Theory -Truman Doctrine -McCarthyism and Anti-communist Fears -Growth of Liberal Ideas and Movements -Civil Rights Movement -Feminist Movement -Environmental Movement -Vietnam War -The Great Society -1960s Counterculture -U.S. Involvement in the Middle East -Stagflation
Period 2 (1607 - 1754)	Period 5 (1844 - 1877)	Period 9 (1980 - Present)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Early European Colonization in America -British Colonial America -Early Colonial Self Government -Colonial & Native American Interactions and Conflict -European Enlightenment Ideas -First Great Awakening -British Mercantilism -Colonial resistance to imperial rule 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Manifest Destiny & Westward Expansion -Mexican American War -Mexican Cession -Increased Immigration -Nativist Movement -Debate over Slavery -Causes and Effects of the Civil War -American Civil War -Reconstruction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -New Conservatism -Dramatic Increase in Immigration from Latin America and Asia -Reagan’s Foreign and Domestic Policies -Fall of Soviet Union -Technological Innovations -September 11th Attacks -War in Afghanistan and Iraq -The War on Terrorism

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> by Britain -Atlantic Slave Trade -African American Slavery & Culture 		
Period 3 (1754 - 1800)	Period 6 (1865 - 1898)	Review for AP Exam
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Seven Years' War (French & Indian War) -American Revolution -U.S. Constitution & Government -The Early Republic (From Washington to Adams) -The Expansion of Slavery in the South -Early Westward Expansion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Rise of Big Business -Laissez-faire Economics -The Gilded Age -Battles Between Labor and Management -Populist Party -Urbanization -Assimilation and Americanization -Political Machines -Growth of the Middle Class and Consumerism -Transcontinental Railroad -Boomtowns -Wars between Native Americans and the U.S. Government -Social Darwinism -Gospel of Wealth and the Social Gospel -Jane Addams, Settlement Houses, and the Women's Movement -African American Segregation 	<p style="text-align: center;">After Period 9 materials are completed, students will spend time reviewing course materials in preparation for the AP U.S. History Exam</p>
Period 4 (1800 - 1848)	Period 7 (1890 - 1945)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Growth of Political Parties -Expanding Suffrage -Louisiana Purchase -Monroe Doctrine -Increasing Power of the Judicial Branch -Increasing Power of the Federal Government over the States -War of 1812 -Age of Jackson -Native American Relocation -Second Great Awakening -Increasing Nationalism -Early Reform Movements -Abolitionist Movement -Early Women's Rights Movement -Market Revolution -Industrial Revolution -Innovations & Inventions -Southern vs. Northern Economy -Further Expansion of Slavery -Missouri Compromise 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Spanish American War -The Progressive Era -Increased Immigration (Eastern Europe, Southern Europe, China, and Mexico) -The Great Migration -Imperialists vs. Anti-imperialists -World War I -Roaring Twenties -Harlem Renaissance -The Great Depression -The New Deal -World War II -Development and Use of Atomic Bombs 	