

**Course Description:**

This course covers the discovery, development, and growth of the United States. Major topics include; American Indian cultures, European colonization of the Americas, and the causes and effects of the American Revolution. Geographical, economic, and political factors are explored as the key factors in the growth of the United States of America. American History I is a survey of the struggle to build the United States of America from the colonial period to the beginning of the twentieth century. By means of reading, analyzing, and applying historical data, students come to appreciate the forces that shaped our history and character as an American people. Not only are the topics of American history discussed, but students also explore research methods and determine accurate sources of data from the past. Knowing the facts and dates of history are just the beginning; each student must understand how history affects him or her.

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<b><i>From Colonization to Independence</i></b>	The First Settlers Arrive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify reasons why settlers traveled to America.</li> <li>Explain how life in the New World differed from life in Great Britain.</li> </ul>
	The European Effect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Describe early interactions between European colonists and Native American groups.</li> <li>Explain the ways in which European colonization affected indigenous people of North America.</li> </ul>
	The Thirteen Colonies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify the major differences and similarities among the three regions of British colonies: New England, the Middle Colonies, and the South.</li> <li>Explain what settlers found attractive about each region, and describe the kind of settler attracted to each region.</li> </ul>

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	Inspired by Enlightenment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Describe the Enlightenment thinkers whose philosophies inspired the democratic ideals of the Founding Fathers.</li><li>Explain the impact of the First Great Awakening on colonial America.</li><li>Identify similarities and differences between the Enlightenment and the First Great Awakening.</li></ul>
	Tensions Rise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Explain why the colonists were outraged by each Act of Parliament passed after the Seven Years' War.</li><li>Identify the causes and effects of the Boston Massacre and the Boston Tea Party.</li></ul>
	The Revolutionary War	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Summarize the key events of the American Revolutionary War.</li><li>Identify the most significant battles of the American Revolution and explain why they were significant.</li></ul>
	The Founding Fathers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Analyze the Founding Fathers' philosophies and examine their contributions to the early United States.</li></ul>
	A New Nation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Compare and contrast the governments created by the Articles of Confederation and the United States Constitution.</li><li>Summarize the process the founders used to create the Constitution.</li></ul>

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	The Separation of Powers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify and describe the role of the three branches of government created by the U.S. Constitution.</li> <li>Explain how the Constitution's system of checks and balances works to prevent abuses of power.</li> </ul>
	The Bill of Rights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify the individual freedoms guaranteed to all U.S. citizens by the Bill of Rights.</li> <li>Describe how the Bill of Rights was added to the U.S. Constitution.</li> <li>Analyze past and current interpretations of the Bill of Rights.</li> </ul>
<b><i>Early Politics in the United States</i></b>	The First Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify and describe the challenges faced by George Washington during his time as president, and explain how these issues were resolved.</li> <li>Describe the origins of the United States policy of isolationism.</li> </ul>
	The First Political Parties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Describe the origin of the first political parties in the United States.</li> <li>Identify and explain the key differences between first two nations political parties.</li> </ul>
	Troubled Talk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Describe the circumstances surrounding the X, Y, Z Affair, as well as its consequences.</li> <li>Distinguish among the parts of the Alien and Sedition Acts of Adams's administration.</li> <li>Analyze the results and impact of the Alien and Sedition Acts.</li> </ul>

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	Leading by Treaty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Explain how presidential elections changed with the election of Thomas Jefferson.</li><li>• Describe Thomas Jefferson's use of treaties to expand U.S. territory and make peace with its rivals.</li><li>• Compare and contrast the first three Presidents approaches to foreign affairs.</li></ul>
	A Grand Expedition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Explain the purpose of the Lewis and Clark expedition west of the nation's borders.</li><li>• Analyze the impact of the expedition on Westward expansion by the United States.</li></ul>
	The War of 1812	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Describe the causes or events leading up to the war of 1812.</li><li>• Analyze the pros and cons of the United States going to war against England in 1812.</li><li>• Identify key events and details of the War of 1812.</li><li>• Contrast the feelings of the War Hawks to the Federalists and the New Englanders.</li></ul>
	Compromise and New Resolve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Characterize the presidency of James Monroe.</li><li>• Characterize the presidency of James Monroe.</li><li>• Describe Henry Clay's role in the politics of the early 1800s.</li></ul>

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	The Election of 1824	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Describe how the presidential election of 1824 was unique.</li><li>• Explain the process of electing a U.S. president when no candidate receives a majority of the votes.</li><li>• Distinguish among the principles and platforms of the candidates for president in 1824.</li><li>• Evaluate the contributions of Henry Clay and John C. Calhoun.</li><li>• Analyze the impact and significance of the election of 1824.</li></ul>
	The Arts in America	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Define and identify examples of early American folk art.</li><li>• Differentiate between folk art and professional art (such as portraiture).</li><li>• Characterize early forms of American music and describe the roots of these forms.</li><li>• Identify trends in the literature of the era (such as Longfellow, Davy Crockett, and James Fenimore Cooper).</li></ul>
	The Marshall Court	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Describe the career and court of Chief Justice John Marshall.</li><li>• Explain or analyze how these Supreme Court decisions affected the US: Marbury v. Madison, McCulloch v. Maryland, and Gibbons v. Ogden.</li><li>• Evaluate the impact, overall, of the Marshall Court on the U.S. judicial branch.</li></ul>

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<b><i>Westward Expansion &amp; Manifest Destiny</i></b>	A Log Cabin President	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Describe Andrew Jackson's path the White House.</li> <li>Identify and explain the major events of Andrew Jackson's first term as president.</li> <li>Analyze what made Andrew Jackson different from previous U.S. presidents.</li> </ul>
	The Trail of Tears	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Describe Andrew Jackson's policies toward Native Americans.</li> <li>Evaluate the historical and cultural legacy of the Indian Removal Act and the Trail of Tears.</li> </ul>
	The Second Great Awakening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explain the beliefs and principles behind the Second Great Awakening.</li> <li>Describe how the Second Great Awakening spread as a religious movement.</li> <li>Analyze the impact of the Second Great Awakening on American culture.</li> </ul>
	The Two-Party System: The Democrats and the Whigs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explain how the tensions between Northern and Southern states regarding the Tariff of Abomination helped establish a two-party system in the United States.</li> <li>Describe the development of the Whig party, including the issues that helped create it and the people who emerged as its leaders.</li> <li>Compare and contrast the platforms and philosophies of the Whig and</li> </ul>

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		Democratic parties during the early 1800s.
	The Oregon Trail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Define "The Oregon Trail," including the route of the trail.</li><li>• Identify the reasons that Americans decided to leave the eastern U.S. and follow the Oregon Trail.</li><li>• Describe life on the Oregon Trail and in the places where pioneers settled.</li><li>• Analyze how the Oregon Trail changed the culture and/or politics of the United States.</li></ul>
	The Texas Revolution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Explain the conflicts between American colonists living in Texas and the Mexican government during the early 1800s.</li><li>• Recall key events, including causes, of the Texas Revolution.</li><li>• Describe the specific circumstances that led to the Battle of Alamo.</li><li>• Recall key details related to the Battle of the Alamo, and explain the battle's significance for Americans.</li></ul>
	Life Out West	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Identify groups or categories of Americans who decided to settle on the Western frontier (Mormons, Chinese immigrants, 49ers, missionaries).</li><li>• Describe why various groups decided to settle out West.</li><li>• Compare and contrast the</li></ul>

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		<p>experiences of different groups of settlers in the West.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Describe interactions between American settlers and Native Americans on the western frontier.</li></ul>
	Women's Lives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Describe what women's lives were like in different regions of the United States, during the early 19th century.</li><li>Identify and explain the contributions of female reformers during the early 19th century.</li></ul>
	The Great Southwest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Describe the culture in the Southwestern US during the early 1800s.</li><li>Describe the interaction between--or integration of--Mexican and American culture in the Southwest.</li><li>Compare and contrast life in the Southwest to life in other parts of the United States.</li></ul>
	An Expanding Nation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Describe James K. Polk's election as president.</li><li>Describe Polk's approach to foreign policy.</li><li>Identify causes and key events of the Mexican-American war.</li><li>Analyze the outcomes of the Mexican-American war.</li></ul>



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<b><i>The Civil War &amp; Reconstruction</i></b>	The Compromise of 1850	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Summarize the issues that were resolved by the Compromise of 1850.</li> <li>Identify slave and non-slave states on maps before and after the Compromise of 1850.</li> <li>Describe key events leading to the passage of the laws that comprised the Compromise of 1850.</li> <li>Illustrate and analyze the effects of the Compromise of 1850.</li> </ul>
	A Closer Look at Slavery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Describe daily lives of slaves, including living and working conditions, treatment by owners, religion, education, and elements of African culture retained by slaves and their descendants.</li> <li>Analyze the economic impact of slavery on the economy of the Southern United States.</li> <li>Describe how European Americans in different parts of the country felt about and reacted to the practice of slavery.</li> </ul>
	Headed for War	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify and describe key events that contributed to the Civil War:</li> <li>Analyze the overall causes of the Civil War.</li> </ul>
	North vs. South	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify the locations of significant Civil War battles.</li> <li>Explain the significance of these battles: Bull Run, Antietam, Gettysburg, Vicksburg, Fort Wagner.</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Analyze the military leadership of Ulysses S. Grant and Robert E. Lee.</li></ul>
	The Politics of the Civil War	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Explain the political maneuvers leading up to the Confederate states seceding from the Union.</li><li>Describe Lincoln's reelection campaign and the election itself.</li><li>Explain the causes and purpose of the draft riots.</li><li>Describe Jefferson Davis's role in the Confederacy and his approach to leadership.</li></ul>
	The South Surrenders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Explain why the Confederacy eventually surrendered.</li><li>Describe the terms of the surrender that ended the Civil War.</li><li>Explain how Abraham Lincoln handled the aftermath of the Civil War.</li><li>Describe the circumstances of Lincoln's assassination.</li></ul>
	Rebuilding the Union	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Describe the purpose and impact of the Black Codes and the Enforcement Acts.</li><li>Evaluate the immediate impact of the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments regarding equity between whites and African Americans.</li></ul>
	Battles Over Reconstruction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Describe the visions for reconstruction offered by Abraham Lincoln, Andrew Johnson, and the Radical Republicans.</li></ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Compare and contrast the various plans for Reconstruction.</li><li>• Evaluate Andrew Johnson's leadership of the country.</li><li>• Describe Johnson's impeachment.</li></ul>
	Reconstruction Ends	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Identify the immediate impacts of Reconstruction in the South.</li><li>• Explain how Reconstruction affected U.S. economics, politics, and race relations.</li><li>• Describe the Jim Crow Laws, and analyze their affect on African Americans in the South.</li></ul>
	The Battle of Little Bighorn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Explain how the discovery of gold in Native American territory affected relations between Americans and Native Americans.</li><li>• Evaluate Custer's military leadership and strategic decisions leading to the Battle of Little Bighorn.</li><li>• Explain the long-term consequences of Little Bighorn for the Sioux and Cheyenne people.</li></ul>
<b><i>Industrialization &amp; Immigration</i></b>	Capitalism and Industry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Define capitalism, and describe its origins.</li><li>• Describe the impact of capitalism on the development the United States economic system.</li><li>• Analyze the effects of the industrial revolution on economics in the United States.</li></ul>

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	The Power of Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explain how technological advancements influenced economics and economic development in the United States.</li> <li>List and describe the most influential inventions of the Industrial Revolution; especially in the United States.</li> <li>Analyze the role of technology in propelling the United States into a position of global power.</li> <li>Evaluate the impact of technology advances on workers' lives.</li> </ul>
	Big Business and Populism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Describe the country's first corporations.</li> <li>Identify influential figures in business and industry (Rockefeller, Morgan, etc.) during the late 1800s/early 1900s, and analyze their influence.</li> <li>Assess the effectiveness of early trust-busting efforts in the United States.</li> <li>Describe the political platform of the Populist party.</li> </ul>
	The Urbanization of America	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify and illustrate geographical population shifts during the late 1800s.</li> <li>Analyze how the Civil War and Reconstruction contributed to migration and urbanization in the United States.</li> <li>Explain how the growth of industry</li> </ul>

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		<p>and trade contributed to migration and the urbanization of America.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Describe the changes and divisions in the demographics of U.S. cities during the late 1800s.</li></ul>
	The Lives of Workers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Describe typical working conditions in the factories of the late 1800s.</li><li>Describe the Triangle Shirtwaist Fire.</li><li>Analyze the political impact of the Triangle Shirtwaist Fire.</li></ul>
	Labor Unions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Identify key events related to the rise of labor unions in the late 1800s.</li><li>Describe how early labor unions were organized and led.</li><li>Assess the impact of labor unions on workers' lives and on the American economy.</li></ul>
	Immigration and Assimilation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Identify the major groups who immigrated to the U.S. during the late 1800s, and describe their reasons for immigrating.</li><li>Describe the experiences of immigrants and refugees who came to the US during the late 19th and early 20th centuries.</li><li>Analyze the effects of assimilation on individuals and cultures.</li></ul>
	Italian and Jewish Immigrants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Explain the reasons why Italians and Jews immigrated from Europe to the United States.</li><li>Describe the experiences Italian and Jewish immigrants to the U.S. during</li></ul>

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		<p>the late 1800s.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Analyze the role of Italian and Jewish immigrants in politics during the late 1800s and early 1900s.</li> </ul>
	Crossing the Border	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Describe trends in Mexican immigration to the United States in the late 1800s.</li> <li>Describe restrictions that were placed on immigration during the late 1800s.</li> <li>Evaluate the impact on American culture of immigration from Mexico.</li> </ul>
	The Open Door Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify key events in the Spanish-American War.</li> <li>Explain how the Spanish American War affected U.S. expansion in the South Pacific region.</li> <li>Identify the purpose and provisions of the Open Door Policy.</li> <li>Explain the effects of the Open Door Policy.</li> </ul>
<b><i>Progressives &amp; WWI</i></b>	The Progressive Era	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Describe different Progressive agendas and the impact they had on American society in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.</li> <li>Discuss the impact of urban political machines on different groups, such as immigrants, middle class Americans, and the working poor.</li> <li>Analyze the impact of Upton Sinclair's writing about the meat packing industry.</li> </ul>

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	Early Environmentalists	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Describe the emergence of preservation and conservation movements in the early 20th century.</li><li>• Identify and describe key events and people involved in conservation movement, including John Muir and the battle over the Hetch Hetchy Dam.</li><li>• Analyze the impact of conservation and preservation movements, in the short and long term.</li></ul>
	Social Justice Movements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Describe the Social Gospel Movement, including its leaders.</li><li>• Analyze the impact of the Social Gospel Movement on American society.</li><li>• Explain the principles and beliefs behind Social Darwinism.</li><li>• Compare and contrast the principles of the Social Gospel Movement with Social Darwinism.</li></ul>
	Rough Rider	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Describe Theodore Roosevelt's role in the Progressive Movement.</li><li>• Explain and provide examples of Theodore Roosevelt's Big Stick diplomacy.</li><li>• Analyze the causes and effects of Theodore Roosevelt's foreign policies.</li></ul>
	A Hard Act to Follow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Recall key details about the presidency of William Howard Taft.</li><li>• Describe Taft's domestic agenda/policies.</li></ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Describe Taft's approach to foreign policy.</li> <li>Analyze the impact of Taft's "Dollar Diplomacy."</li> </ul>
	World War I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recall key details from a timeline of World War I.</li> <li>Explain the United States' reasons for becoming involved in World War I.</li> <li>Analyze the terms of the Treaty of Versailles.</li> <li>Assess the consequences of WWI for the United States.</li> </ul>
	Wilson's Fourteen Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify Woodrow Wilson's Fourteen Points.</li> <li>Identify the purpose and structure of the League of Nations.</li> <li>Evaluate the effectiveness of the League of Nations in accomplishing its purpose.</li> <li>Compare and contrast the League of Nations and the United Nations.</li> <li>Assess the success of Wilson's Fourteen Points and describe his political influence after World War I.</li> </ul>
	Prohibition and Women's Suffrage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Describe the women's suffrage movement in the United States.</li> <li>Explain the relationship between prohibition and women's suffrage.</li> </ul>
	The First Red Scare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Describe the Bolshevik Revolution.</li> <li>Identify Joseph Lenin, and explain how he was able to succeed in enacting a successful revolution.</li> </ul>



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Explain the impact of the Bolshevik Revolution on the capitalist West (the United States and its allies).</li><li>• Explain the fear that sparked the First Red Scare in the United States.</li></ul>
	The Roaring Twenties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Describe the political and social climate of the 1920s in the United States.</li><li>• Describe significant developments in the arts during the 1920's.</li><li>• Describe the Harlem Renaissance.</li><li>• Evaluate the contributions of African American authors in the early 20th century.</li><li>• Describe the purpose of the 18th Amendment and the Volstead Act.</li><li>• Analyze the impact of legislation related to Prohibition.</li></ul>
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