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# CALVERT HOMESCHOOL™ CURRICULUM CATALOG

## U.S. History: Reconstruction to Present



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## U.S. History: Reconstruction to Present Course Overview

U.S. History Reconstruction to Present examines American history from the events leading up to the Civil War to the present day, placing special emphasis on the major political, economic, and social movements of the twentieth century. Additionally, students will gain practice in research and writing through various projects. In addition to the default course program, U.S. History Reconstruction to Present includes alternate lessons, projects, essays, and tests for use in enhancing instruction or addressing individual needs.

- **Unit 1:** Students will explain the causes of sectionalism and compromises in the years leading up to the Civil War. Students will also identify the major battles, and the end of the Civil War.
- **Unit 2:** Students will examine the goals and outcomes of Reconstruction, the outcomes of industrialization, and the causes and effects of western expansion.
- **Unit 3:** Students will describe the Spanish-American War and imperialism, reform movements of the Progressive Era, and the U.S. involvement in World War I.
- **Unit 4:** Students will acknowledge the social, cultural, educational, and religious issues of the 1920s, recognize the causes of the Great Depression, and analyze the programs and effects of the New Deal.
- **Unit 5:** Students will identify the major causes, events, and effects of World War II, the origins of the Cold War, and U.S. efforts to contain the spread of Communism in the Korean War.
- **Unit 6:** Students will know the social, cultural, and political events of the Eisenhower, Kennedy, and Johnson presidencies.
- **Unit 7:** Students will identify major individuals during the 1960s, significant details of the civil rights and anti-war movements, and describe the effects of the Vietnam War on Americans.
- **Unit 8:** Students will examine the social, political, and economic events of the 1970s.
- **Unit 9:** Students will describe the major issues and events of the Reagan and Bush presidencies.
- **Unit 10:** Students will evaluate the main events, issues, and policies of the Clinton, Bush Jr., and Obama presidencies. They will also understand the key challenges facing American society in the late twentieth and early twenty-first centuries, such as terrorism, conservation, government and big business, and education.

Unit 1: Sectionalism and War		
Assignments		
U.S. History Reconstruction to Present	1. Course Overview	18. Address and Proclamation
	2. Celebrate Freedom Week: Foundational U.S. Documents*	19. Quiz: The First Three Years
	3. Celebrate Freedom Week: Declaration of Independence*	20. Alternate Quiz - Form A: The First Three Years*
	4. Celebrate Freedom Week: Founding Fathers*	21. Alternate Quiz - Form B: The First Three Years*
	5. Alexis de Tocqueville	22. The Home Front
	6. A History of Compromises	23. Effects of War
	7. The Decade Before War	24. Project: Impact of War on Native Americans
	8. The Middle Passage and African-American Culture	25. 1864
	9. Action and Reaction	26. Grant and Lee at Appomattox
	10. Hope is Lost	27. Quiz: A Nation Reunited
	11. Project: Ascent of the Republican Party	28. Alternate Quiz - Form A: A Nation Reunited*
	12. Quiz: The Stage is Set	29. Alternate Quiz - Form B: A Nation Reunited*
	13. Alternate Quiz - Form A: The Stage is Set*	30. Special Project*
	14. Alternate Quiz - Form B: The Stage is Set*	31. Review
	15. President in the Spotlight: Abraham Lincoln	32. Test: Sectionalism and War
	16. Early Southern Dominance	33. Alternate Test - Form A: Sectionalism and War*
	17. The Civil War Turns Around	34. Alternate Test - Form B: Sectionalism and War*
	35. Glossary and Credits	

Unit 2: Growth and Innovation		
Assignments		
U.S. History Reconstruction to Present	1. The Idea of Reconstruction	17. Education in 19th Century America
	2. Political Tug of War	18. Industrial Revolution
	3. Why Reconstruction Failed	19. A Need for Regulation
	4. Cause and Effect	20. The Political Climate Changes
	5. Project: Fourteenth Amendment	21. Quiz: Economic and Political Change
	6. Quiz: Reconstruction	22. Alternate Quiz - Form A: Economic and Political Change*
	7. Alternate Quiz - Form A: Reconstruction*	23. Alternate Quiz - Form B: Economic and Political Change*
	8. Alternate Quiz - Form B: Reconstruction*	24. Special Project*
	9. Struggle for Equality	25. Review
	10. Issues of Class, Gender, and Religion	26. Test: Growth and Innovation
	11. America Grows Larger	27. Alternate Test - Form A: Growth and Innovation*
	12. Immigration Challenges	28. Alternate Test - Form B: Growth and Innovation*
	13. Project: The Need for Conservation	29. Glossary and Credits
	14. Quiz: Social Growing Pains Emerge	
	15. Alternate Quiz - Form A: Social Growing Pains Emerge*	
	16. Alternate Quiz - Form B: Social Growing Pains Emerge*	

Unit 3: America on the World Stage	
Assignments	
U.S. History Reconstruction to Present	1. America Enters World Stage
	2. The Spanish-American War
	3. New Expansionist Policy
	4. President in the Spotlight: Theodore Roosevelt
	5. Quiz: America Comes of Age
	6. Alternate Quiz - Form A: America Comes of Age*
	7. Alternate Quiz - Form B: America Comes of Age*
	8. Birth of the Progressive Era
	9. Social and Political Issues
	10. Changing American Characteristics
	11. Project: Women's Suffrage Movement
	12. Quiz: The Progressive Era
	13. Alternate Quiz - Form A: The Progressive Era*
	14. Alternate Quiz - Form B: The Progressive Era*
	15. Unsettling Events in Europe
	16. New War, Old Strategies
	17. America Enters the Conflict
	18. Early Attempt at World Peace
	19. Quiz: The First World War
	20. Alternate Quiz - Form A: The First World War*
	21. Alternate Quiz - Form B: The First World War*
	22. Special Project*
	23. Review
	24. Test: America on the World Stage
	25. Alternate Test - Form A: America on the World Stage*
	26. Alternate Test - Form B: America on the World Stage*
	27. Glossary and Credits

Unit 4: Ecstasy and Depression	
Assignments	
U.S. History Reconstruction to Present	1. Sweeping Social Changes
	2. Major Cultural Movements
	3. Educational and Religious Change
	4. Project: Great American Heroes
	5. Quiz: Unforeseen Economic Storm
	6. Alternate Quiz - Form A: Unforeseen Economic Storm*
	7. Alternate Quiz - Form B: Unforeseen Economic Storm*
	8. A Consumer Mentality is Born
	9. Economic Struggles Abroad
	10. Black Thursday
	11. Quiz: The Great Depression
	12. Alternate Quiz - Form A: The Great Depression*
	13. Alternate Quiz - Form B: The Great Depression*
	14. President in the Spotlight: Franklin Roosevelt
	15. The New Deal
	16. New Deal's Influence on America
	17. Project: Upton Sinclair*
	18. Project: Upton Sinclair's Jungle*
	19. Quiz: Roosevelt Deals with the Depression
	20. Alternate Quiz - Form A: Roosevelt Deals with the Depression*
	21. Alternate Quiz - Form B: Roosevelt Deals with the Depression*
	22. Special Project*
	23. Review
	24. Test: Ecstasy and Depression
	25. Alternate Test - Form A: Ecstasy and Depression*
	26. Alternate Test - Form B: Ecstasy and Depression*
	27. Glossary and Credits

Unit 5: The War Years	
Assignments	
U.S. History Reconstruction to Present	1. Distant Rumbblings in Germany
	2. The European Theatre
	3. Unspeakable Acts Shake the World
	4. The Pacific Theatre
	5. Japanese Internment Camps
	6. Project: A Shattering End to War
	7. Quiz: Another World War
	8. Alternate Quiz - Form A: Another World War*
	9. Alternate Quiz - Form B: Another World War*
	10. President in the Spotlight: Harry Truman
	11. A Return to Normalcy at Home
	12. A New Threat Emerges Abroad
	13. Quiz: The Truman Years
	14. Alternate Quiz - Form A: The Truman Years*
	15. Alternate Quiz - Form B: The Truman Years*
	16. The Cold War Grows Hotter
	17. Problems Arise in the East
	18. The Korean Conflict
	19. Quiz: In the Grips of Cold War
	20. Alternate Quiz - Form A: In the Grips of Cold War*
	21. Alternate Quiz - Form B: In the Grips of Cold War*
	22. Special Project*
	23. Review
	24. Test: The War Years
	25. Alternate Test - Form A: The War Years*
	26. Alternate Test - Form B: The War Years*
	27. Glossary and Credits

Unit 6: Semester Review and Exam	
Assignments	
1. Review: Civil War to the Progressive Era	4. Alternate Exam - Form A: U.S. History Reconstruction to Present Semester I*
2. Review: 1914-1953	
3. Exam: U.S. History Reconstruction to Present Semester I	5. Alternate Exam - Form B: U.S. History Reconstruction to Present Semester I*

Unit 7: Hope, Tragedy, and Conflict	
Assignments	
1. The Cold War Escalates	16. America Enters Vietnam
2. The Eisenhower Presidency	17. The First Televised Conflict
3. Post World War II America	18. Project: Checks and Balances
4. Project: A Spirit of Fear	19. Quiz: Setbacks and Advances
5. Quiz: The 1950s	20. Alternate Quiz - Form A: Setbacks and Advances*
6. Alternate Quiz - Form A: The 1950s*	21. Alternate Quiz - Form B: Setbacks and Advances*
7. Alternate Quiz - Form B: The 1950s*	22. Special Project*
8. President in the Spotlight: John Kennedy	23. Review
9. Triumph and Tragedy	24. Test: Hope, Tragedy, and Conflict
10. The Johnson Years	25. Alternate Test - Form A: Hope, Tragedy, and Conflict*
11. Quiz: The Winds of Change	26. Alternate Test - Form B: Hope, Tragedy, and Conflict*
12. Alternate Quiz - Form A: The Winds of Change*	
13. Alternate Quiz - Form B: The Winds of Change*	27. Glossary and Credits
14. The Civil Rights Movement	
15. The Warren Court	

Unit 8: Monumental Changes	
Assignments	
1. Prelude to the 60s	15. Martin Luther King
2. The Cold War Continues	16. Social Chaos
3. Conflict in Vietnam Heats Up	17. Political Turmoil
4. Civil Rights Movement Expands	18. Kennedy's Fulfilled Promise
5. Project: Women's Rights	19. Quiz: 1968
6. Quiz: A Montage of Unrest	20. Alternate Quiz - Form A: 1968*
7. Alternate Quiz - Form A: A Montage of Unrest*	21. Alternate Quiz - Form B: 1968*
8. Alternate Quiz - Form B: A Montage of Unrest*	22. Special Project*
9. Music and Entertainment	23. Review
10. Scientific Breakthroughs	24. Test: Monumental Changes
11. The Arts	25. Alternate Test - Form A: Monumental Changes*
12. Quiz: Cultural Mosaic	26. Alternate Test - Form B: Monumental Changes*
13. Alternate Quiz - Form A: Cultural Mosaic*	27. Glossary and Credits
14. Alternate Quiz - Form B: Cultural Mosaic*	

Unit 9: Turmoil at Home and Abroad	
Assignments	
U.S. History Reconstruction to Present	1. Nixon's Domestic Policies
	2. Project: Rachel Carson's Silent Spring
	3. Tough Foreign Policy Issues
	4. The Economy Takes a Hit
	5. Watergate
	6. Quiz: The Nixon Years
	7. Alternate Quiz - Form A: The Nixon Years*
	8. Alternate Quiz - Form B: The Nixon Years*
	9. Vietnam Comes to a Close
	10. Women's Movement Gains Steam
	11. The Early Seventies
	12. Project: Social Acceptance
	13. Quiz: The 1970s
	14. Alternate Quiz - Form A: The 1970s*
	15. Alternate Quiz - Form B: The 1970s*
	16. Domestic Issues Come to a Head
	17. Religion Makes its Mark
	18. Cold War Expands
	19. Project: Opposite and Equal Reaction
	20. Quiz: The Carter Years
	21. Alternate Quiz - Form A: The Carter Years*
	22. Alternate Quiz - Form B: The Carter Years*
	23. Special Project*
	24. Review
	25. Test: Turmoil at Home and Abroad
	26. Alternate Test - Form A: Turmoil at Home and Abroad*
	27. Alternate Test - Form B: Turmoil at Home and Abroad*
	28. Glossary and Credits

Unit 10: End of an Era	
Assignments	
U.S. History Reconstruction to Present	1. President in the Spotlight: Ronald Reagan
	2. Reagan's Domestic Policies
	3. Cracks in the Cold War
	4. Foreign Policies
	5. Project: The Art of Diplomacy
	6. Quiz: The Reagan Years
	7. Alternate Quiz - Form A: The Reagan Years*
	8. Alternate Quiz - Form B: The Reagan Years*
	9. Space, Science, and Technology
	10. Mosaic of the 1980's
	11. Project: The Moral Majority
	12. Quiz: Broad Change
	13. Alternate Quiz - Form A: Broad Change*
	14. Alternate Quiz - Form B: Broad Change*
	15. The George H.W. Bush Presidency
	16. Cold War's End
	17. Middle East Upheavals
	18. Project: Generational Effects
	19. Quiz: The Bush Years
	20. Alternate Quiz - Form A: The Bush Years*
	21. Alternate Quiz - Form B: The Bush Years*
	22. Special Project*
	23. Review
	24. Test: End of an Era
	25. Alternate Test - Form A: End of an Era*
	26. Alternate Test - Form B: End of an Era*
	27. Glossary and Credits

Unit 11: Complex Domestic and Foreign Issues	
Assignments	
U.S. History Reconstruction to Present	1. The Clinton Presidency
	2. Domestic Policies
	3. Foreign Policy Decisions
	4. Project: Impeachment
	5. Quiz: The Clinton Years
	6. Alternate Quiz - Form A: The Clinton Years*
	7. Alternate Quiz - Form B: The Clinton Years*
	8. The George W. Bush Presidency
	9. Domestic Issues
	10. September 11, 2001
	11. War in Iraq and Afghanistan
	12. Project: Immigration Issues
	13. Quiz: A World Event in America
	14. Alternate Quiz - Form A: A World Event in America*
	15. Alternate Quiz - Form B: A World Event in America*
	16. The Obama Presidency
	17. Contemporary Issues
	18. Advancements in Technology
	19. Government and Big Business
	20. Conservation and Conservative Movements
	21. Globalization
	22. Demographic Patterns in the United States
	23. Analyzing Text Features
	24. Project: Education and Income
	25. Quiz: Uncertainty and Hope
	26. Alternate Quiz - Form A: Uncertainty and Hope*
	27. Alternate Quiz - Form B: Uncertainty and Hope*
	28. Special Project*
	29. Review
	30. Test: Complex Domestic and Foreign Issues
	31. Alternate Test - Form A: Complex Domestic, and Foreign Issues*
	32. Alternate Test - Form B: Complex Domestic, and Foreign Issues*
	33. Glossary and Credits

<b>Unit 12: Semester Review and Exam</b>	
<b>Assignments</b>	
1. Review: Cold War - Nixon Presidency	4. Alternate Exam - Form A: U.S. History Reconstruction to Present Semester II*
2. Review: Ford - Obama Presidencies	5. Alternate Exam - Form B: U.S. History Reconstruction to Present Semester II*
3. Exam: U.S. History Reconstruction to Present Semester II	

<b>Unit 13: Final Exam</b>	
<b>Assignments</b>	
1. Exam: U.S. History Reconstruction to Present	4. Alternate Exam - Form B: U.S. History Reconstruction to Present*
2. Alternate Exam - Form A: U.S. History Reconstruction to Present*	

(\*) Indicates alternative assignment