



Switched-On
SCHOOLHOUSE

Course Catalog

American History

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COURSE OVERVIEW

American History continues the process of developing in students an understanding of and appreciation for God’s activity as seen in the record of man and his relationships. The course covers early American exploration to the present day, placing special emphasis on the politics of the 18th and early 19th centuries and the Civil War. These areas of focus target three major content strands: History, Geography, and Government and Citizenship.

Upon completion of the course, students should be able to do the following:

- Understand how conflict between the American colonies and Great Britain led to American independence.
- Understand political, economic, and social changes that occurred in the United States during the 19th century, including changes resulting from the Industrial Revolution.
- Explain how political, economic, and social changes in the U.S. led to conflict among sections of the United States in the 19th century.
- Describe the causes and effects of the Civil War and its aftermath.
- Describe the causes and effects of both World Wars.
- Understand some of the key challenges facing American society in the late 20th and early 21st centuries.

Additionally, students will gain practice in writing essays and reports, covering topics like the Monroe Doctrine, the states’ rights debate, the Lincoln-Douglas debates, isolationism, the New Deal, the Korean conflict, and more.

UNIT 1: FOUNDATIONS OF THE AMERICAN REPUBLIC	
AMERICAN HISTORY	Assignment Titles
	1. Course Overview
	2. Revival of Trade and Commerce
	3. New Ideas and Religious Changes
	4. Quiz 1: Foundation of the American Republic
	5. Colonization Begins in the New World
	6. Project: Jamestown*
	7. Puritan Background and Plymouth Settlement
	8. Puritan Migration and the Settlement of New England
	9. Quiz 2: Colonization Begins
	10. The Middle Colonies
	11. The Southern Colonies
	12. Growth of the Colonies
	13. Quiz 3: Middle and Southern Colonies
	14. Special Project*
	15. Test
	16. Alternate Test*
17. Reference	

UNIT 2: DEVELOPMENT OF CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT	
AMERICAN HISTORY	Assignment Titles
	1. Relations with England
	2. French and Indian War
	3. Colonial Resistance
	4. Quiz 1: Relations with England
	5. Second Continental Congress
	6. Opposition and Aid
	7. War in the South and West
	8. Quiz 2: The Revolutionary War
	9. Birth of a Nation
	10. Articles of Confederation
	11. Constitution of the United States
	12. Essay: Constitutional Republic
	13. Quiz 3: Birth of a Nation
	14. Special Project*
	15. Test
	16. Alternate Test*
17. Reference	

UNIT 3: NATIONAL EXPANSION				
AMERICAN HISTORY	Assignment Titles			
	1.	Federal Government	9.	Essay: Foreign Policy
	2.	First Political Parties	10.	Sectionalism and the Jackson Administration
	3.	Essay: Responsibilities*	11.	Essay: Missouri Compromise*
	4.	Quiz 1: Ship of State	12.	Quiz 3: Nationalism and Sectionalism
	5.	The Revolution of 1800	13.	Special Project*
	6.	The War of 1812	14.	Test
	7.	Quiz 2: Revolution of 1800 and War of 1812	15.	Alternate Test*
	8.	Nationalism and the Monroe Administration	16.	Reference

UNIT 4: A NATION DIVIDED				
AMERICAN HISTORY	Assignment Titles			
	1.	The Emergence of Sectionalism	10.	The Politics of Slavery
	2.	Project: Leaders of the States' Rights Debate	11.	Essay: Escaped Slave*
	3.	The Division of Land	12.	Report: Slave Codes
	4.	The Establishment of New Territory	13.	Quiz 2: The Emergence of Slavery
	5.	The Division of the People	14.	Special Project*
	6.	Essay: Lincoln/Douglas Debates	15.	Test
	7.	Quiz 1: The Emergence of Sectionalism	16.	Alternate Test*
	8.	The Emergence of Slavery	17.	Reference
	9.	Essay: Free-born Residents*		

UNIT 5: A NATION DIVIDED AND UNITED				
AMERICAN HISTORY	Assignment Titles			
	1.	Regional Lifestyles: The East and West	9.	Reconstruction
	2.	Regional Lifestyles: The South	10.	Report: Reconstruction Scandals
	3.	Quiz 1: Regional Lifestyles	11.	Quiz 3: Reconstruction
	4.	Civil War: Division and Antagonism	12.	Special Project*
	5.	Essay: The Trent Affair	13.	Test
	6.	Civil War: Union Blockade and Hostilities	14.	Alternate Test*
	7.	The Civil War: Final Phase	15.	Reference
	8.	Quiz 2: Civil War		

UNIT 6: UNITED STATES INVOLVEMENT AT HOME AND ABROAD				
AMERICAN HISTORY	Assignment Titles			
	1.	U.S. Industry: Birth and Growth	10.	Essay: Isolation and Involvement
	2.	U.S. Industry: Economic Expansion	11.	Quiz 3: Foreign Policy
	3.	Quiz 1: Industrial Growth in the United States	12.	March Toward Conflict: Causes
	4.	Industrial Lifestyle: Trends	13.	March Toward Conflict: Factions
	5.	Industrial Lifestyle: Labor Movement	14.	Quiz 4: March Toward Conflict
	6.	Quiz 2: Industrial Lifestyle	15.	Special Project*
	7.	Foreign Policy: Isolationism	16.	Test
	8.	Essay: Seward's Proposal	17.	Alternate Test*
	9.	Foreign Policy: International Realism	18.	Reference

UNIT 7: THE SEARCH FOR PEACE				
AMERICAN HISTORY	Assignment Titles			
	1.	The First Global Conflict	9.	Quiz 3: The Great Depression
	2.	A Plan For Peace	10.	The New Deal
	3.	Report: A Just Peace*	11.	Essay: New Deal*
	4.	Quiz 1: The Great War and Its Aftermath	12.	Quiz 4: The New Deal
	5.	The Golden Twenties	13.	Special Project*
	6.	Quiz 2: The Golden Twenties	14.	Test
	7.	The Great Depression	15.	Alternate Test*
	8.	Essay: Foreign Policy	16.	Reference

UNIT 8: A NATION AT WAR	
AMERICAN HISTORY	Assignment Titles
	1. World War II: Causes of the War
	2. World War II: Theaters of Operation
	3. Quiz 1: World War II
	4. Communist Threat: World Unrest
	5. Korean Conflict: The Cold War Becomes Hot
	6. Report: Containment Policy
	7. Quiz 2: Korean Conflict
8. Vietnam: Fighting Communism in S.E. Asia	
9. Vietnam: Withdrawal by the United States	
10. Report: Biography*	
11. Quiz 3: Vietnam Conflict	
12. Special Project*	
13. Test	
14. Alternate Test*	
15. Reference	

UNIT 9: CONTEMPORARY AMERICA	
AMERICAN HISTORY	Assignment Titles
	1. America in the 1960s: Part 1
	2. Report: Kennedy Assassination
	3. Report: I Have a Dream*
	4. America in the 1960s: Part 2
	5. The International Scene of the 1960s
	6. Quiz 1: America in the 1960s
	7. America in the 1970s: Part 1
	8. America in the 1970s: Part 2
	9. The International Scene of the 1970s
	10. Quiz 2: America in the 1970s
	11. America in the 1980s and 1990s: Part 1
	12. America in the 1980s and 1990s: Part 2
13. America in a New Century	
14. Quiz 3: America in the 1980s and 1990s	
15. The International Scene - 1980-Present: Part 1	
16. The International Scene - 1980-Present: Part 2	
17. Our Nation Saw Evil. . .	
18. America's Department of Homeland Security*	
19. Report: Department of Homeland Security*	
20. Terrorism Has a Name: Bin Laden	
21. Quiz 4: The International Scene 1980-1995	
22. Special Project*	
23. Test	
24. Alternate Test*	
25. Reference	

UNIT 10: UNITED STATES HISTORY REVIEW	
AMERICAN HISTORY	Assignment Titles
	1. Changes in Europe
	2. Early Colonization
	3. Quiz 1: Europe and the American Colonies
	4. Rising Tensions in the Colonies
	5. Second Continental Congress
	6. Colonial Government
	7. Quiz 2: The American Revolution
	8. United States of the 1800s
	9. Jackson Era
	10. Report: Regional Lifestyles
	11. Report: Sectionalism and Slavery*
	12. Civil War
	13. Reconstruction of the South
	14. Quiz 3: United States of the 1800's
	15. Industrialization of the United States
16. Essay: Roosevelt's New Deal	
17. World War I	
18. Quiz 4: Industrialization of the United States	
19. The United States: From World War II to Vietnam	
20. Essay: Vietnam War*	
21. From John F. Kennedy to Gerald R. Ford	
22. Essay: President Kennedy	
23. From Jimmy Carter to George W. Bush	
24. Quiz 5: Current History of the United States	
25. The '80s and Beyond	
26. Quiz 6: The 80s and 90s	
27. Special Project*	
28. Test	
29. Alternate Test*	
30. Reference	

(*) Indicates alternate assignment