



Switched-On
SCHOOLHOUSE

Course Catalog

Twentieth Century American History

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COURSE OVERVIEW

Twentieth Century American History is a history elective for high school students interested in examining American history during a century of change, continuity, and conflicts.

Students will examine America's economic, political, governmental, cultural, and technological growing pains during the twentieth century. They will also consider the causes and effects of national and international cooperation, competition, and conflict.

This course seeks to help students develop social studies skills and expand their knowledge of history so that they may achieve the following goals:

- Understand that the interaction between continuity and change played a huge role in the events in twentieth century American history.
- Realize that change happens through times of conflict and cooperation.
- Develop an increased awareness of how history affects opportunities that are open to future generations.
- Analyze the numerous ways new technologies and innovation transform society and culture.

In attaining these goals, students will develop insight and perspective on the themes and patterns of history and a greater understanding of today's world.

UNIT 1: COMING OF AGE		
Assignment Titles		
TWENTIETH CENTURY AMERICAN HISTORY	1. Course Overview	11. Quiz 2: Immigration and Urbanization
	2. Entering the Industrial Age	12. Women's Roles in Society
	3. Industrialists and Big Business	13. Race Relations and Discrimination
	4. The American Workforce	14. Education and Entertainment
	5. Farmers and Populists	15. Quiz 3: American Society
	6. Quiz 1: The Industrial United States	16. Special Project*
	7. Immigration at the Turn of the Century	17. Review
	8. Corruption and Political Machines	18. Test
	9. Growth of Cities	19. Alternate Test*
	10. Project: Immigrant Experience	20. Glossary and Credits

UNIT 2: MODERN AMERICA EMERGES		
Assignment Titles		
TWENTIETH CENTURY AMERICAN HISTORY	1. Progressivism	11. The United States Enters the War
	2. Progressive Reforms	12. Supporting the War Effort
	3. Leaders and Limitations of Progressivism	13. Wilson's Peace Plan
	4. Quiz 1: Progressive Era	14. Quiz 3: World War I
	5. Global Imperialism	15. Special Project*
	6. American Expansionism	16. Review
	7. The United States as a World Power	17. Test
	8. Project: Panama Canal	18. Alternate Test*
	9. Quiz 2: American Imperialism	19. Glossary and Credits
	10. Causes of World War I	

TWENTIETH CENTURY AMERICAN HISTORY	UNIT 3: BOOM TO BUST	
	Assignment Titles	
	1. Russian Revolution	12. World Is Depressed
	2. Red Scare	13. Quiz 3: Great Depression
	3. Return to Normalcy	14. A New Deal for Americans
	4. Rise of a Consumer Culture	15. Deal or No Deal
	5. Quiz 1: Postwar Issues	16. Project: New Deal Programs
	6. Prohibition	17. Quiz 4: New Deal
	7. Flappers and Popular Culture	18. Special Project*
	8. Harlem Renaissance	19. Review
	9. Quiz 2: Roaring Twenties	20. Test
	10. Uncle Sam Is Depressed	21. Alternate Test*
	11. Devastation of the Depression	22. Glossary and Credits

TWENTIETH CENTURY AMERICAN HISTORY	UNIT 4: WORLD WAR II AND THE COLD WAR	
	Assignment Titles	
	1. Isolationism and Nationalism	13. Cold War Chills Americans
	2. Moving from Isolationism to War	14. Quiz 3: Cold War
	3. Quiz 1: Path to War	15. Truman Show
	4. Americans Mobilize	16. Eisenhower Years
	5. European Theatre	17. Nifty Fifties
	6. Holocaust	18. Quiz 4: Post-World War II America
	7. Pacific Theatre	19. Special Project*
	8. America's Greatest Generation	20. Review
	9. Quiz 2: Uncle Sam at War	21. Test
	10. Origins of the Cold War	22. Alternate Test*
	11. China and Korea	23. Glossary and Credits
	12. Superpowers Compete for Influence	

TWENTIETH CENTURY AMERICAN HISTORY	UNIT 5: CHANGE, CONTINUITY, AND CONFLICT	
	Assignment Titles	
	1. Challenging Segregation	11. Immigration and Migration
	2. Civil Rights Movement	12. Social and Religious Changes
	3. Era of Activism	13. Women's Movement
	4. Quiz 1: Civil Rights and Social Change	14. Quiz 3: Contemporary America
	5. Trouble in the White House	15. Special Project*
	6. Conservative Revolution	16. Review
	7. Post-Cold War Foreign Policy	17. Test
	8. Project: Comparison Matrix	18. Alternate Test*
	9. Quiz 2: Foreign Policy and Domestic Politics	19. Glossary and Credits
	10. Global Economy	

TWENTIETH CENTURY AMERICAN HISTORY	UNIT 6: COURSE REVIEW AND EXAM	
	Assignment Titles	
	1. Review	3. Alternate Exam*
	2. Exam	

(*) Indicates alternate assignment