

Who Should take A.P. U.S. History?

This course is for high school students desiring a freshman level college course in United States history. The course provides an opportunity for students who want to sharpen analytical skills and enduring understandings necessary to deal critically with the problems and materials in United States history. Students learn to assess historical materials—their relevance to a given interpretive problem, their reliability, and their importance!



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Why take A.P. U.S. History?

AP courses give students several advantages: an edge in college admissions, an opportunity to earn college credit while still in high school (which can save time and money in college), an extra GPA grade point, exposure to more rigorous study, and a thorough introduction to the subject.



COURSE OBJECTIVES:

Analyze and interpret primary sources, including documenting materials

Simulate the AP Exam on our assessments including:

- Multiple Choice Prompts (40% of the Exam)
- Short Answer (20% of the Exam)
- Document Based Question (25% of the Exam)
- Long Essay Question (15% of the Exam)

Learn to balance systematic factual knowledge and analytical interpretation

COURSE TOPICS:

Material Covered—Semester 1

- European Arrival and British growth in North America
- American Colonial Growth and regional distinctions
- The Road to and the American Revolution
- The Growth of Northern and Southern sectional differences.
- The North-South political stalemate

COURSE TOPICS:

Material Covered—Semester 2

- Civil War and Reconstruction
- The Growth of industry and labor
- The rise of American imperialism and Globalization



COURSE GRADES:

50% Unit Tests
(approximately 3 each 9 weeks)
(Seen as tests on Skyward)

20% Graded Daily homework
(Seen as homework on Skyward)

20% Periodic Quizzes
based off reading done before class (notes can be used)... (Seen as quizzes on Skyward)

10% DBQ's and other analysis papers based off primary sources and historical contributors
(Seen as composition on Skyward)

20% Final Exam (Social Studies Department Requirement and this is combined with your in class grade total)