

## Course/Grade Level: AP U.S. History

Days	Unit	Standard(s)/Outcome(s)	Essential/Guiding Questions
3-5	Unit 1: Period 1: 1492-1607	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Explain the context for European encounters in the Americas from 1491 to 1607.</li> <li>● Explain how and why various native populations in the period before European contact interacted with the natural environment in North America.</li> <li>● Explain the causes of exploration and conquest of the New World by various European nations.</li> <li>● Explain causes of the Columbian Exchange and its effect on Europe and the Americas during the period after 1492.</li> <li>● Explain how the growth of the Spanish Empire in North America shaped the development of social and economic structures over time.</li> <li>● Explain how and why European and Native American perspectives of others developed and changed in the period.</li> <li>● Explain the effects of the development of transatlantic voyages from 1491 to 1607.</li> </ul>	
8-10	Unit 2: Period 2: 1607-1754	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Explain the context for the colonization of North America</li> </ul>	

		<p>from 1607 to 1754.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Explain how and why various European colonies developed and expanded from 1607 to 1754.</li><li>● Explain how and why environmental and other factors shaped the development and expansion of various British colonies that developed and expanded from 1607 to 1754.</li><li>● Explain causes and effects of transatlantic trade over time.</li><li>● Explain how and why interactions between various European nations and American Indians changed over time.</li><li>● Explain the causes and effects of slavery in the various British colonial regions.</li><li>● Explain how enslaved people responded to slavery</li><li>● Explain how and why the movement of a variety of people and ideas across the Atlantic contributed to the development of American culture over time.</li><li>● Explain how and why the different goals and interests of European leaders and colonists affected how they viewed themselves and their relationship with Britain.</li><li>● Compare the effects of the development of colonial society in the various regions of North</li></ul>	
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		<b>America.</b>	
8-12	Unit 3: Period 3: 1754-1800	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Explain the context in which America gained independence and developed a sense of national identity</li><li>● Explain the causes and effects of the Seven Years' War (the French and Indian War).</li><li>● Explain how British colonial policies regarding North America led to the Revolutionary War.</li><li>● Explain how and why colonial attitudes about government and the individual changed in the years leading up to the American Revolution.</li><li>● Explain how various factors contributed to the American victory in the Revolution.</li><li>● Explain the various ways the American Revolution affected society</li><li>● Describe the global impact of the American Revolution.</li><li>● Explain how different forms of government developed and changed as a result of the Revolutionary Period.</li><li>● Explain the differing ideological positions on the structure and function of the federal government.</li><li>● Explain the continuities and changes in the structure and</li></ul>	

		<p>functions of the government with the ratification of the Constitution.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Explain how and why competition intensified conflicts among peoples and nations from 1754 to 1800.</li> <li>● Explain how and why political ideas, institutions, and party systems developed and changed in the new republic.</li> <li>● Explain the continuities and changes in American culture from 1754 to 1800.</li> <li>● Explain how and why migration and immigration to and within North America caused competition and conflict over time.</li> <li>● Explain the continuities and changes in regional attitudes about slavery as it expanded from 1754 to 1800.</li> <li>● Explain how the American independence movement affected society from 1754 to 1800.</li> </ul>	
<p>8-12</p>	<p>Unit 4: Period 4 1800-1848</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Explain the context in which the republic developed from 1800 to 1848.</li> <li>● Explain the causes and effects of policy debates in the early republic.</li> <li>● Explain how different regional</li> </ul>	

		<p>interests affected debates about the role of the federal government in the early republic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Explain how and why American foreign policy developed and expanded over time.</li> <li>● Explain the causes and effects of the innovations in technology, agriculture, and commerce over time.</li> <li>● Explain how and why innovation in technology, agriculture, and commerce affected various segments of American society over time.</li> <li>● Explain the causes and effects of the expansion of participatory democracy from 1800 to 1848.</li> <li>● Explain the causes and effects of continuing policy debates about the role of the federal government from 1800 to 1848.</li> <li>● Explain how and why a new national culture developed from 1800 to 1848.</li> <li>● Explain the causes of the Second Great Awakening.</li> <li>● Explain how and why various reform movements developed and expanded from 1800 to 1848.</li> <li>● Explain the continuities and changes in the experience of African Americans from 1800 to 1848.</li> <li>● Explain how geographic and</li> </ul>	
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		<p>environmental factors shaped the development of the South from 1800 to 1848.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Explain the extent to which politics, economics, and foreign policy promoted the development of American identity from 1800 to 1848.</li> </ul>	
8-12	Unit 5: Period 5: 1844-1877	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Explain the context in which sectional conflict emerged from 1844 to 1877.</li> <li>● Explain the causes and effects of westward expansion from 1844 to 1877.</li> <li>● Explain the causes and effects of the Mexican– American War.</li> <li>● Explain the similarities and differences in how regional attitudes affected federal policy in the period after the Mexican– American War.</li> <li>● Explain the effects of immigration from various parts of the world on American culture from 1844 to 1877.</li> <li>● Explain how regional differences related to slavery caused tension in the years leading up to the Civil War.</li> <li>● Explain the political causes of the Civil War.</li> <li>● Describe the effects of Lincoln’s election.</li> <li>● Explain the various factors that</li> </ul>	

		<p>contributed to the Union victory in the Civil War.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Explain how Lincoln’s leadership during the Civil War impacted American ideals over the course of the war.</li><li>● Explain the effects of government policy during Reconstruction on society from 1865 to 1877.</li><li>● Explain how and why Reconstruction resulted in continuity and change in regional and national understandings of what it meant to be American.</li><li>● Compare the relative significance of the effects of the Civil War on American values.</li></ul>	
8-12	Unit 6: Period 6 1865-1898	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Explain the historical context for the rise of industrial capitalism in the United States.</li><li>● Explain the causes and effects of the settlement of the West from 1877 to 1898.</li><li>● Explain the causes and effects of the settlement of the West from 1877 to 1898.</li><li>● Explain how various factors contributed to continuity and change in the “New South” from 1877 to 1898.</li><li>● Explain the effects of technological advances in the development of the United States over time.</li></ul>	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Explain the socioeconomic continuities and changes associated with the growth of industrial capitalism from 1865 to 1898.</li><li>● Explain the socioeconomic continuities and changes associated with the growth of industrial capitalism from 1865 to 1898.</li><li>● Explain how cultural and economic factors affected migration patterns over time.</li><li>● Explain the various responses to immigration in the period over time.</li><li>● Explain the causes of increased economic opportunity and its effects on society.</li><li>● Explain how different reform movements responded to the rise of industrial capitalism in the Gilded Age.</li><li>● Explain continuities and changes in the role of the government in the U.S. economy.</li><li>● Explain the similarities and differences between the political parties during the Gilded Age.</li><li>● Explain the extent to which industrialization brought change from 1865 to 1898.</li></ul>	
10-15	Unit 7: Period 7: 1890-1945	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Explain the context in which America grew into its role as a</li></ul>	



		<p>world power.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Explain the similarities and differences in attitudes about the nation’s proper role in the world.</li> <li>● Explain the effects of the Spanish-American War.</li> <li>● Compare the goals and effects of the Progressive reform movement.</li> <li>● Compare attitudes toward the use of natural resources from 1890 to 1945.</li> <li>● Explain the causes and consequences of U.S. involvement in World War I.</li> <li>● Explain the causes and effects of international and internal migration patterns over time.</li> <li>● Explain the causes and effects of the innovations in communication and technology in the United States over time.</li> <li>● Explain the causes and effects of international and internal migration patterns over time.</li> <li>● Explain the causes and effects of developments in popular culture in the United States over time.</li> <li>● Explain the causes of the Great Depression and its effects on the economy</li> <li>● Explain how the Great Depression and the New Deal impacted American political, social, and economic life over time.</li> </ul>	
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10-15	Unit 8: Period 8:1945-1980	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Explain the context for societal change from 1945 to 1980.</li><li>● Explain the continuities and changes in Cold War policies from 1945 to 1980.</li><li>● Explain the causes and effects of the Red Scare after World War II.</li><li>● Explain the causes of economic growth in the years after World War II.</li><li>● Explain the causes and effects of the migration of various groups of Americans after 1945.</li><li>● Explain how mass culture has been maintained or challenged over time.</li><li>● Explain how and why the civil rights movements developed and expanded from 1945 to 1960.</li></ul>	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Explain the various military and diplomatic responses to international developments over time.</li><li>● Explain the causes and effects of the Vietnam War.</li><li>● Explain the causes and effects of continuing policy debates about the role of the federal government over time.</li><li>● Explain the continuities and changes in immigration patterns over time.</li><li>● Explain how and why various groups responded to calls for the expansion of civil rights from 1960 to 1980.</li><li>● Explain the various ways in which the federal government responded to the calls for the expansion of civil rights.</li><li>● Explain how and why various groups responded to calls for the expansion of civil rights from 1960 to 1980.</li><li>● Explain how and why opposition to existing policies and values developed and changed over the course of the 20th century</li><li>● Explain how and why policies related to the environment developed and changed from 1968 to 1980.</li><li>● Explain the causes and effects of continuing policy debates about</li></ul>	
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		<p>the role of the federal government over time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Explain the effects of the growth of religious movements over the course of the 20th century.</li><li>● Explain the extent to which the events of the period from 1945 to 1980 reshaped national identity</li></ul>	
3-5	Unit 9: Period 9: 1980-Present	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Explain the context in which the United States faced international and domestic challenges after 1980.</li><li>● Explain the causes and effects of continuing policy debates about the role of the federal government over time.</li><li>● Explain the causes and effects of the end of the Cold War and its legacy.</li><li>● Explain the causes and effects of economic and technological change over time.</li><li>● Explain the causes and effects of domestic and international migration over time.</li><li>● Explain the causes and effects of the domestic and international challenges the United States has faced in the 21st century.</li><li>● Explain the relative significance of the effects of change in the period after 1980 on American national identity</li></ul>	

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