

High School American History Curriculum Map



High School American History - Unit Overview

Using inquiry in history, high school students explore a variety of peoples, events, and movements in United States history with a focus on inquiry into the evolution of American democratic principles, changes in society, economic and geographical development, and the emergence of the United States as a global power. Special attention should be paid to how Arizona and its diverse cultures and individuals contribute to United States history. It is expected that students in elementary and middle school will have analyzed events, documents, movements, and people in Arizona and United States history from the colonial period through the Cold War.

- District Adopted Curriculum: U.S. History: United States History and Geography (McGraw-Hill)
- ****New Oral History Standards**** [LINK](#)

Unit #	Unit Name	Key Content	AZ High School History & Social Science Standards
1	North America: Native Americans & European Control - Prehistory - 1754	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● European exploration of North America ● Native American cultures ● Characteristics of colonial regions ● Geographic and climatic conditions 	HS.SP1.1, HS.SP1.2 A, HS.SP1.4, HS.SP2.1, HS.SP2.3, HS.SP4.1 HS.H1.2, HS.H1.3, HS.H1.5, HS.E1.1, HS.E3.1, HS.G2.2, HS.G2.3, HS.C4.5
2	Development of a New Nation 1754-1816	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● British policies and tension in the colonies ● New political ideas in America ● Challenges of a new government ● Political parties 	HS.SP1.3, HS.SP1.4, HS.SP2.1, HS.SP3.1, HS.SP3.3 HS.H1.2, HS.H1.5, HS.H2.1, HS.H2.3, HS.H4.1, HS.C1.1, HS.C1.2, HS.E1.1, HS.G1.1, HS.G2.4, HS.G3.5

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3	Democracy, Economic & Territorial Growth with Demographic Changes 1816 - 1848	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic impact • North and South divisions • Impact on Native Americans • Immigrants coming to America 	<p>HS.SP1.4, HS.SP2.2, HS.SP3.5, HS.SP3.6, HS.SP4.2</p> <p>HS.C1.1, HS.C1.4, HS.C4.7, HS.H1.1, HS.H1.4, HS.H4.1, HS.H4.4, HS.G2.2, HS.G3.5, HS.E5.2, HS.E5.3, HS.E5.4</p>
4	Regional Tension, War & Reconstruction 1848 - 1877	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cause and effect of Civil War • Impact of war on African Americans • Leadership and Politics • Reconstruction impact 	<p>HS.SP2.2, HS.SP3.6, HS.SP4.3, HS.SP4.4</p> <p>HS.H1.2, HS.H1.6, HS.H1.7, HS.H2.1, HS.H4.4, HS.G2.2, HS.G3.2, HS.E1.1, HS.E1.2, HS.C2.1, HS.C2.2, HS.C2.3</p>
5	Industrialization, Social Reform & Conquering the West 1865-1896	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Industrialization impact • Transcontinental Railroad • Immigration and changing demographics • Living conditions in cities and plains 	<p>HS.SP3.1, HS.SP3.3, HS.SP3.7, HS.SP3.8, HS.SP4.2</p> <p>HS.H3.3, HS.H3.5, HS.H4.1, HS.H4.2, HS.H4.3, HS.E1.2, HS.E1.3, HS.E1.4, HS.C4.3</p>
6	U.S. Domestic & Global Challenges 1890 - 1929	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impact of Progressive Movement • America's foreign policy changes • Cause and effect of World War I • Roaring 20s and Harlem Renaissance 	<p>HS.SP1.1, HS.SP1.2, HS.SP3.4, HS.SP3.5</p> <p>HS.H1.7, HS.H2.3, HS.H2.4, HS.H3.3, HS.H3.4, HS.H4.2, HS.H4.3, HS.E1.5, HS.E2.1, HS.E2.2, HS.E2.3</p>
7	Domestic Struggle & Global Conflict 1929 - 1945	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Great Depression • The New Deal and economic problems • Cause of World War II • Leadership and war 	<p>HS.SP1.1, HS.SP1.2, HS.SP3.4, HS.SP3.5</p> <p>HS.H1.7, HS.H2.3, HS.H2.4, HS.H3.3, HS.H3.4, HS.H4.2, HS.H4.3, HS.E1.5, HS.E2.1, HS.E2.2, HS.E2.3</p>

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8	Cold War and Civil Rights 1945 - 1980	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Effects of World War II ● Cause and effects of The Cold War ● Civil Rights Movements ● Technological advances and change 	<p>HS.SP1.1, HS.SP1.2, HS.SP3.2</p> <p>HS.H1.6, HS.H1.7, HS.H3.1, HS.H3.2, HS.H3.3, HS.H3.4, HS.H3.5, HS.H4.3, HS.H4.4, HS.G3.3, HS.C1.3, HS.C3.3, HS.C3.4</p>
9	Turbulent Times and Social Change 1954-1980	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Vietnam ● Activism movements ● Equal Rights ● Domestic issues 	<p>HS.SP1.1, HS.SP1.2, HS.SP3.2</p> <p>HS.E3.4, HS.H1.6, HS.H3.1, HS.H3.2, HS.H3.3, HS.H3.4, HS.H4.3, HS.H4.4, HS.C3.3, HS.C3.4</p>
10	Struggles of Modern America 1980-present	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Media influence on economy ● Global trade and involvement ● Presidential leadership challenges ● Immigration 	<p>HS.SP3.6, HS.SP4.1, HS.SP4.2, HS.SP2.3</p> <p>HS.E4.2, HS.E4.4, HS.E5.1, HS.C2.6, HS.C3.1, HS.C3.2, HS.C4.4, HS.C4.6, HS.H4.3, HS.H4.4, HS.G3.4, HS.G4.2</p>