



# North Polk Community Schools Pacing & Course Description Guide



Grade Level: 10

Content: American History I

Year: 2022-23

## Course Description/Rationale

This is the fall semester for the 10th grade American History requirement. Topics covered in this class will include: Manifest Destiny, Slavery and Sectional Conflict, Civil War, Reconstruction, Settling the West, Industrialization, Gilded Age, and the Progressive Era.

Name of Unit	Time Frame	Essential Learning Target	Standard(s)
Manifest Destiny	2 Weeks	Describe how and why the country expanded westward in the 1820s through the 1840s.	SS-US.9-12.17. SS-US.9-12.22.
Slavery and Sectional Conflict	3 Weeks	Draw connections between the issue of slavery and the political compromises and legislative conflicts leading up to the Civil War.	SS-US.9-12.27. SS-US.9-12.26. SS-US.9-12.23. SS-US.9-12.22. SS-US.9-12.15. SS-US.9-12.13.
Civil War	3 Weeks	<p>Identify the major battles of the Civil War and understand the course of the war from Fort Sumter to Appomattox.</p> <p>Explain how Lincoln’s views on slavery evolved over the course of the war.</p> <p>Analyze Lincoln’s 1st Inaugural Address, the Emancipation Proclamation, the Gettysburg Address, and Lincoln’s 2nd Inaugural Address.</p>	SS-US.9-12.15. SS-US.9-12.18. SS-US.9-12.21. SS-US.9-12.22. SS-US.9-12.23. SS-US.9-12.24. SS-US.9-12.25. SS-US.9-12.26. SS-US.9-12.27.
Reconstruction	2 Weeks	Explain how initial efforts to protect and expand the rights of the newly freed persons were eventually halted with the end of Reconstruction.	SS-US.9-12.13. SS-US.9-12.15. SS-US.9-12.18. SS-US.9-12.24. SS-US.9-12.25.

Settling the West	2 Weeks	Describe how western settlement took place and the way Native American populations were forcibly relocated.	SS-US.9-12.25. SS-US.9-12.24. SS-US.9-12.18.
Industrialization	1 Week	Understand how Industrialization and Urbanization changed the nature of life in the United States.	SS-US.9-12.17. SS-US.9-12.18. SS-US.9-12.21. SS-US.9-12.22.
Gilded Age	1 Week	Explain how societal changes during the Gilded Age were affected by economic and political corruption.	SS-US.9-12.17. SS-US.9-12.18.
Progressive Era	2 Weeks	Explain how reforms made during the Progressive Era aimed to protect consumers and expand political participation in the United States.	SS-US.9-12.13. SS-US.9-12.15. SS-US.9-12.19.