



North Polk Community Schools Pacing & Course Description Guide



Grade Level: 10

Content: American History II

Year: 2022-23

Course Description/Rationale

This is the spring semester for the 10th grade American History requirement. Topics covered in this class include: World War I, Roaring Twenties, Great Depression, World War II, Cold War, Civil Rights Movement, Vietnam, and Post-Cold War America.

Name of Unit	Time Frame	Essential Learning Target	Standard(s)
World War I	2 Weeks	Identify the main causes of World War I. Explain why the United States was neutral in the war until 1917. Describe how the war affected life in the United States.	SS-US.9-12.19. SS-US.9-12.22. SS-US.9-12.23. SS-US.9-12.24. SS-US.9-12.26. SS-US.9-12.27.
Roaring Twenties	2 Weeks	Describe the characteristics of American life in the postwar Roaring Twenties. Explain how women secured the right to vote via the 19th Amendment.	SS-US.9-12.14. SS-US.9-12.15. SS-US.9-12.17. SS-US.9-12.18. SS-US.9-12.22. SS-US.9-12.25.
Great Depression	2 Weeks	Identify the major causes of the Great Depression. Discuss how Americans were affected by the Great Depression. Explain how the federal government responded to the Great Depression.	SS-US.9-12.16. SS-US.9-12.21. SS-US.9-12.24. SS-US.9-12.26.
World War II	3 Weeks	Identify the causes of World War II. Discuss how American society was transformed by the war. Explain the events that led to the Allied victories in both Europe and the Pacific.	SS-US.9-12.14 SS-US.9-12.22. SS-US.9-12.24. SS-US.9-12.25. SS-US.9-12.26. SS-US.9-12.27
Cold War	2 Weeks	Explain how the framework for the Cold War started before World War II ended.	SS-US.9-12.14 SS-US.9-12.20. SS-US.9-12.22. SS-US.9-12.24.

		<p>Compare and contrast the competing economic and political systems of the Cold War.</p> <p>Discuss how American life was affected by the realities of the Cold War.</p>	SS-US.9-12.26.
Civil Rights Movement	2 Weeks	<p>Explain life in the Jim Crow south for Black Americans.</p> <p>Understand how leaders of the Civil Rights Movement advocated for political change.</p>	SS-US.9-12.13. SS-US.9-12.15. SS-US.9-12.18. SS-US.9-12.21. SS-US.9-12.23. SS-US.9-12.24. SS-US.9-12.25.
Vietnam	2 Weeks	<p>Discuss the political situation that led the United States to become involved in the Vietnam War.</p> <p>Explain why the Vietnam War was a divisive event in American history.</p>	SS-US.9-12.20. SS-US.9-12.23. SS-US.9-12.24 SS-US.9-12.26.
Post-Cold War America	1 Week	<p>Explain how the United States' role in the world changed when the Cold War ended.</p> <p>Discuss how the Internet changed economic and cultural life in the United States.</p> <p>Describe the United States economy in the 21st century.</p>	SS-US.9-12.14. SS-US.9-12.15. SS-US.9-12.17. SS-US.9-12.20. SS-US.9-12.22.