

Department: Social Studies Course: Advanced Placement United States History Course #: 212A

DESCRIPTION OF COURSE: Students will learn about the historical issues, problems, and concerns of the United States. The course prepares students for intermediate and advanced college courses by making demands upon them equivalent to those made by full-year introductory college courses. Students will learn to analyze historical materials and arrive at conclusions based on historical judgement. Student assessment will be based on objective exams, free-response and document-based essays along with outside reading assessments. Participation in after school review seminars in preparation for the AP exam administered in May is highly encouraged. In order to receive AP weight for this class, students must take the AP Exam in May.

Students are responsible for reading one book before the semester begins in addition to the required book during the semester. The outside reading is *Founding Brothers* by Joseph Ellis.

REQUIRED TOPICS OF STUDY	SUGGESTED INSTRUCTIONAL TIME	STANDARDS/ ASSESSMENT ANCHORS
American Colonies to 1763 (-1763)	<i>2 weeks</i>	8.1.12
The American Revolution and the Constitution (1763-1789)	<i>2 weeks</i>	8.3.12
Nationalism, Economy, and Democracy (1790-1840)	<i>2 weeks</i>	8.1.12
Slavery and Reform (1790-1860)	<i>1 week</i>	8.1.12
Sectional Struggle, War, and Reconstruction (1850-1877)	<i>2 weeks</i>	8.1.12
Politics, Urbanization, Progressivism, and War (1870-1920)	<i>2.5 weeks</i>	5.1.11
Boom, Bust, the New Deal, and World War II (1920-1945)	<i>2 weeks</i>	5.1.12
Cold War, Affluence, Movements, and Conservatism (1945-1988)	<i>2.5 weeks</i>	5.2.12
Globalization and the New Century	<i>1 week</i>	7.4.12
Review and Final Exam	<i>1 week</i>	

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INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES:

Textbook: Foner, Eric. *Give Me Liberty! An American History*. W. W. Norton & Company, Inc., 2005.

Outside Readings:

Before the semester: One of the following:

Founding Brothers: The Revolutionary Generation by Joseph Ellis, Vintage, 2002.

Undaunted Courage by Stephen Ambrose, Simon and Schuster, 1997.

During the semester:

The American Political Tradition and the Men Who Made It by Richard Hofstadter, Vintage Books Ed., 1989.

Primary Documents Readers: Foner, Eric. *Voices of Freedom: A Documentary History*. Volumes I and II. W. W. Norton & Company, Inc., 2005.

Review book: Henry, Michael. *U.S. History Skillbook: With Writing Instruction and Practice*. The Peoples Publishing Group, Inc. 2005.

Student Web Site: www.wwnorton.com/foner