

# U.S. History Since 1877

## **Course Description/Goals:**

This course is a detailed study of United States History from the Gilded and and Closing of the West through the early 21st Century. Students will read and interpret primary and secondary source documents, and study major concepts and themes. Throughout the study, an emphasis is placed upon the role of geography and economics in shaping history. . There will be an emphasis on critical thinking, problem solving, and analytical reading of primary as well as secondary source documents. Students will participate in collaborative groups and class presentations that focus on developing communication and higher level and historical thinking skills.

## **Course TEKS/Objectives:**

The U.S. History Since 1877 TEKS (Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills) are organized into reporting categories, each focusing on a specific area of social studies. These categories include: History, Geography and Culture, Government and Citizenship, and Economics, Science, Technology and Society. Each category contains specific standards (TEKS) that students are expected to master.

## [High School Social Studies TEKS](#)

## **Course Outline:**

Semester 1	Semester 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-The Gilded Age</li><li>-The Progressive Era</li><li>-The Spanish American War and U.S. Expansion</li><li>-World War I</li><li>-The Roaring 20s</li><li>-The Great Depression and New Deal</li><li>-World War II</li><li>-Early Cold War</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Cold War</li><li>-Postwar America &amp; the 1950s</li><li>-Civil Rights Movement</li><li>-The New Frontier and The Great Society</li><li>-Vietnam Era</li><li>-1970s</li><li>-1980s, Reagan and Conservatism</li><li>-1990s</li><li>-2000s to today</li></ul>