



## U.S. History Syllabus

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### Course Description

U.S. History is a comprehensive study of the political, economic, and social development of the United States from the late 19th century through modern America. Students will explore key events, individuals, movements, and ideas that shaped our nation. Emphasis is placed on historical analysis, document interpretation, and preparation for the STAAR U.S. History EOC exam.

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### Curriculum Overview

Unit	Dates	Unit Title	Topics & Focus	District Assessments
Pre-Unit	Aug. 19 – Aug. 22	Early America	Foundational overview	—
Unit 1	Aug. 25 – Sept. 16	Gilded Age & The West	Industrialization, immigration, frontier	—
Unit 2	Sept. 17 – Sept. 30	Progressivism & Populism	Reforms, labor, government response	LC #1 (9/22–9/23)
Unit 3	Oct. 1 – Oct. 30	Imperialism & WWI	U.S. expansion, WWI causes and impact	SAT (10/28)
Unit 4	Oct. 31 – Nov. 21	1920s & Great Depression	Roaring Twenties, crash, New Deal	LC #2 (11/20–11/21)
Unit 5	Dec. 1 – Dec. 19	World War II	Global conflict, homefront, turning points	—
Unit 6	Jan. 6 – Jan. 20	Early Cold War & 1950s	Containment, prosperity, Red Scare	—
Unit 7	Jan. 21 – Feb. 3	Modern Civil Rights	Leaders, protests, legal change	LC #3 (2/2–2/3)



Unit 8	Feb. 4 – Feb. 25	1960s & Vietnam	Reform movements, foreign policy	Benchmark (2/18–2/19)
Unit 9	Feb. 26 – Mar. 9	1970s–End of Cold War	Political scandal, détente, Reagan era	—
Unit 10	Mar. 10 – Apr. 2	Modern America	Technology, terrorism, society	LC #4 (4/1–4/2)
STAAR Review	Apr. 7 – Apr. 21	STAAR Blitz	Review major concepts & skills	—
Unit 11	Apr. 23 – May 21	Celebrate Freedom / Final Project	Civic values, culminating project	STAAR: 4/22

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## Skills & Standards

- Analyze historical events using primary and secondary sources
  - Identify cause-and-effect relationships and chronological reasoning
  - Evaluate the impact of individuals, movements, and legislation
  - Interpret charts, graphs, and political cartoons
  - Analyze constitutional principles and democratic values
  - Explain political, economic, and social developments in U.S. history
  - Use geographic tools to interpret historical events
  - Develop arguments supported by historical evidence
  - Communicate understanding through written and verbal expression
  - Prepare for STAAR U.S. History through focused review and practice
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## **Grading**

See Forney ISD Grading Guidelines for expectations related to assignments, reassessments, and late work