Syllabus for American History Part 1/Part 2 General Prep

Welcome to SS031/SS032: American History Part 1/Part 2 General Prep

Please read the information in this syllabus before proceeding to the course materials.

**Credits:** 1 credit hour

**Prerequisite:** None

### Instructional Team

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### Textbook


### Course Description

American History (General) is a survey of important events in American history from the earliest discovery of the Americas to the American Civil War through modern times. Students will study major events and people that have shaped the United States as we know it today. Events such as colonization, the American Revolution, the formation of a constitutional government, slavery and the Civil War will be highlighted as will important figures in the settlement, founding, and developing of the United States. Following the Civil War, students will study Reconstruction, the Industrialization of America, the Progressive Movement, World War I, the Great Depression, World War II, the Cold War, Vietnam, and events of the 80's, 90's, and 2000's. Students will use a variety of resources to complete the study of American History. These resources include the textbook, activities within the textbook, live lessons in the course chat room, interactive websites and study aides. Assessment of student learning occurs through multiple choice exams.

### Course Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this course, you should be able to:
- Trace the ways that the economy and society of British North America developed
- Explain the primary causes of the American Revolution.
- Explain specific events and key ideas that brought about the adoption and implementation of the United States Constitution.
- Identify key events, issues, and individuals relating to the causes, course, and consequences of the Civil War.
- Describe the growth of big business and technological innovations after Reconstruction.
- Analyze the origins and impact of U.S. involvement in World War I.
- Analyze the causes and consequences of the Great Depression.
- Identify the origins, major developments, and the domestic impact of World War II, especially the growth of the federal government.
- Analyze the domestic and international impact of the Cold War on the United States.
- Analyze economic and political events of post Cold War America.

Course Lessons

The following lessons are covered in SS031 American History Part 1

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| Lesson 1 | Chapters 1-3 Exam 1 | **Origins of New Nation**  
- Colonizing North America  
- Developing a colonial economy  
- Development of different political and economic beliefs from mother country |
| Lesson 2 | Chapters 4-6 Exam 2] | **Creation of a New Country**  
- Fighting the American Revolution  
- Individual contributions  
- Forming a new government based on widely held political beliefs |
| Lesson 3 | Chapters 7-9 Exam 3 | **Expansion and Reform**  
- Movement westward  
- Issues caused by expansion |
| Lesson 4 | Chapters 10-12 Exam 4 | **Civil War and Reconstruction**  
- Causes of the Civil War  
- Events of the Civil War  
- Effects of the Civil War  
- Reconstruction and its effects on the South. |
## Lesson 5
Chapters 13-16
Exam 5

**Industrialization of the United States**
- Inventors and Inventions
- Labor struggles
- Progressives

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The following lessons are covered in SS032: American History Part 2

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| Lesson 1 | Chapters 17-19 Exam 1 | **Emergence of a Modern United States**
- Foreign Policy changes
- Effects of industrialization and foreign policy change |
| Lesson 2 | Chapters 20-26 Exam 2 | **Prosperity and Depression**
- The Roaring Twenties
- Causes of the Great Depression
- Effects of the Great Depression

**World War II and Postwar America**
- Causes of America's involvement in WWII
- Effects of American involvement in WWII
- Causes and effects of the Cold War |
| Lesson 3 | Chapters 27-33 Exam 3 | **Challenges and Change**
- Conflicts impact domestic and foreign politics
- Foreign policy changes to ensure the protection of the country, its citizens, and its ideals.
- Struggle for equality for many Americans

**Changing and Enduring Issues**
- The effects of the Cold War
- Politics reflects ideologies |
• Continued struggle for equality