



**Online Courses for High School Students**  
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## **U.S. History**

This course provides students with a view of American history from the first migrations of nomadic people to North America to recent events. Readings are drawn from *The American Odyssey: A History of the United States*. Online lessons help students organize their study, explore topics, review in preparation for assessments, and practice skills of historical thinking and analysis. Activities include analyzing primary sources and maps, creating timelines, completing projects and written assignments, and conducting independent research.

**Prerequisite:** World History (or equivalent)

**Course Length:** Two Semesters

**Required Text:** *The American Odyssey: A History of the United States* (textbook is provided online)

**Materials List:** There are no required materials for this course

## **Course Outline**

### **Semester 1**

#### **Unit 1: Setting the Stage—Before 1850 / American Beginnings**

- Semester Introduction
- Early Seeds of Democracy
- Judeo-Christian Influences on Democratic Thought
- Expanding Rights in England
- Democratic Ideals Emerge
- Democratic Ideals Flourish
- Analyzing the Declaration of Independence
- A Revolution in Industry
- New Demands for Power
- Peopling the Americas
- First Americans
- The North American Continent

- Worlds Meet
- Pilgrims and Puritans in New England
- The Middle and Southern Colonies
- The Colonies Grow and Change
- New Ideas and Issues
- Looking at the Colonies

## **Unit 2: Formation of the United States**

- Growing Tension
- Moving Toward Independence
- We Hold These Truths
- Revolution
- A Long War
- Governing a New Nation
- Seeking a More Perfect Union
- Ratification
- Your Constitution

## **Unit 3: The New Republic**

- The New Republic
- The Washington Presidency
- A New Leader
- Transfer of Power
- Exploring
- The War of 1812
- New Nationalism
- Economic and Political Nationalism
- Nationalism at Home and Abroad
- Eventful Times

## **Unit 4: Change and Growth**

- A Revolution in American Industry
- A Revolution in Transportation
- Going Places
- New Politics
- Jackson's Presidency
- Legacies
- Northern Ways
- North and South
- Different Lives

## **Unit 5: Forging a National Identity**

- Comparing and Contrasting
- Writing the Essay
- Seeking Perfection
- Freedom for All
- The Push West
- Texas: The Lone Star Republic
- War and Riches

## **Unit 6: The Union in Crisis**

- Growing Apart
- Debate and Division
- Disunion
- The War Begins
- Terrible Conflict
- War's End
- A War on All Fronts
- Reuniting a Nation
- Reconstructing a Nation

## **Unit 7: Entering the Modern Era**

- Settling the American West
- The Changing West
- The End of a Way of Life
- New Industries Emerge
- Inventors and Industrialists
- How Big is Too Big?
- The Price of Industrialization
- Seeking a Better Way
- Beacon of Hope
- The Immigrant Experience

## **Unit 8: Semester Review and Test**

- Students prepare for and take the semester test.

## **Semester 2**

### **Unit 1: A New Century**

- Semester Introduction
- Cities Grow
- City Life
- Populists
- Progressives
- Taking on Power
- Less Than Equal
- Demanding a Voice
- Making a Difference

### **Unit 2: Turning Points**

- Choosing a Research Topic
- Choosing a Presentation Format
- The Annotated Bibliography
- The Process Paper
- An American Empire
- Presidents and Policies
- The Great War
- The War at Home
- Assessing the Great War
- Embracing the Peace
- A New Culture
- Action and Reaction
- Analyzing an Era
- The Project

### **Unit 3: Democracy Tested**

- The Bubble Bursts
- Depression
- Seeking Solutions
- Confronting the Crisis
- New Strategies
- Reflections
- War Clouds
- Going to War
- The War at Home

- Fighting on Two Fronts
- War's End

#### **Unit 4: Postwar America**

- A War of Words and Ideas
- The Cold War at Home and Abroad
- Eisenhower at the Helm
- From War to Peace
- A New American Dream
- The New Frontier
- Your Magazine Project
- The Beginning of Change
- Demanding Change
- A New Generation

#### **Unit 5: A Time of Turmoil**

- Crisis
- War in Vietnam
- Reflections on War
- Culture and Counterculture
- Tragedies
- Women on the Move
- Voices for Change
- Complex Times
- The Watergate Scandal
- Transition

#### **Unit 6: Toward a New Millennium**

- A Changing Mood
- Reaganomics
- Cold War Warriors
- Legacies
- The Post-Cold War World, Part 1
- A New Age
- The Clinton Years
- Divisions
- The Post-Cold War World, Part 2
- Entering a New Millennium
- New Realities
- War and Disaster

- Looking Ahead

### **Unit 7: Semester Review and Test**

- Students prepare for and take the semester test.