

AP U.S. History

This course is designed to provide a college-level experience and preparation for the Advanced Placement (AP) Examination given each May. An emphasis is placed on interpreting documents, mastering a significant body of factual information, and writing critical essays. Topics include life and thought in colonial America, revolutionary ideology, constitutional development, Jeffersonian and Jacksonian democracy, nineteenth-century reform movements, and Manifest Destiny. Other topics include the Civil War and Reconstruction, immigration, industrialism, Populism, Progressivism, World War I, the Jazz Age, the Great Depression, the New Deal, World War II, The Cold War, and the post-Cold War era. Students will:

- Master a broad body of historical knowledge dealing with American history from discovery to the present
- Demonstrate an understanding of historical chronology.
- Use historical data to support an argument or position.
- Be able to discuss the major themes in the development of American history.
- Interpret and apply data from original documents, including cartoons, graphs, letters, etc.
- Effectively use analytical skills of evaluation, cause and effect, compare and contrast.
- Work effectively with others to produce products and solve problems.
- Prepare for and successfully pass the Advanced Placement Exam.