



UNITED STATES HISTORY

Welcome to US History! This guide will help you understand what your student will learn in U.S. History and how you can support their learning at home. This course is a graduation requirement and provides a comprehensive overview of the major events, people, and ideas that have shaped the United States from colonization to the 21st century. If you have questions, contact your child's teacher.

Course focus: **The American Story**

Your child will explore US history through six major themes and time periods: colonial foundations, revolution & nation-building, expansion & conflict, industrialization & reform, global wars & domestic change, and modern America.

COLONIAL AMERICA TO THE CONSTITUTION <ul style="list-style-type: none">• English colonization and regional development• Causes and consequences of the American Revolution• Founding documents and the U.S. Constitution	19TH CENTURY GROWTH AND DIVISION <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Age of Jackson and westward expansion• Slavery, abolition, and sectionalism• The Civil War and Reconstruction
INDUSTRIALIZATION AND REFORM <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rise of big business and labor unions• Immigration and urbanization• Progressive Era reforms and social movements	AMERICA ON THE WORLD STAGE <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spanish-American War and imperialism• World War I and the interwar period• The Great Depression and the New Deal
WORLD WAR II AND THE COLD WAR <ul style="list-style-type: none">• U.S. involvement in WWII and its global impact• Cold War policies and conflicts (Korea, Vietnam)• Civil Rights Movement and social change	MODERN AMERICA <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Political and economic developments from Reagan to Obama• 9/11 and the War on Terror• Technological innovation and globalization

HOW YOUR CHILD WILL LEARN

High school students engage in:

- Critical Thinking: Analyzing primary and secondary sources
- Research & Writing: Developing historical arguments and essays
- Discussion & Debate: Exploring multiple perspectives on historical events
- Project-Based Learning: Creating timelines, presentations, and digital media

SKILLS YOUR CHILD WILL BUILD

- Interpret historical documents and data
- Understand cause and effect in historical events
- Compare and contrast historical developments
- Use maps, charts, and graphs to support analysis
- Communicate ideas clearly in writing and discussion

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Talk about current events and connect them to history
- Encourage reading biographies, historical fiction, or watching documentaries
- Visit museums, memorials, or historical sites
- Support research projects by helping locate reliable sources

U.S. History helps students understand the foundations of American democracy, the struggles and triumphs of its people, and the nation's evolving role in the world.



SOCIAL STUDIES

HISTORIC, GEOGRAPHIC, POLITICAL & ECONOMIC LITERACY.