

United States and Pennsylvania History (9th Grade Pre-AP)

Course Overview: This course covers an overview of American and Pennsylvania history occurring between the signing of the United States Constitution in 1787 and the suburban lifestyle of the 1950s. Throughout each unit, we will take an in-depth look at key historical events, figures, documents, and cultural influences that helped shape the country we know today as “The land of the free and the home of the brave.”

Course Materials

- America: History of Our Nation - Beginnings to 1914
- American History: Reconstruction to the Present

Course Outline

- I. The United States Constitution (4 weeks)
 - A. Subtopic: The Articles of Confederation
 - B. Subtopic: The Constitutional Convention
 - C. Subtopic: Ratification of the Constitution
 - D. Subtopic: The Amendments
 - E. Major Assessments
 - a. Vocabulary Quiz
 - b. Unit Quiz
 - F. Standards Addressed: 8.1.9.A; 8.3.9.B; 8.3.9.C; 8.3.9.D

- II. The Civil War (4 weeks)
 - A. Subtopic: Causes of the Civil War
 - B. Subtopic: The Civil War Begins
 - C. Subtopic: Historical Figures, Amendments, and Significant Battles
 - D. Subtopic: Outcome of the Civil War
 - E. Major Assessments
 - a. Vocabulary Quiz
 - b. Subtopic Quiz: Causes of the Civil War
 - c. Subtopic Quiz: Historical Figures, Amendments, and Significant Battles
 - d. Unit Exam
 - F. Standards Addressed: 6.2.9.A; 6.3.9.B

- III. The Reconstruction Era (1 week)
 - A. Subtopic: Reconstruction Amendments
 - B. Major Assessments: N/A
 - C. Standards Addressed: 6.2.9.A; 6.3.9.B; 6.4.9.D; 8.3.9.A; 8.3.9.D

- IV. Westward Expansion (2 weeks)
 - A. Subtopic: Reasons for Migrating West
 - B. Subtopic: Transcontinental Railroad
 - C. Subtopic: Cultural Conflict
 - D. Major Assessments
 - a. Vocabulary Quiz
 - b. Create A State Project
 - c. Unit Quiz
 - E. Standards Addressed: 7.1.9.B; 7.2.9.A; 8.3.9.C; 8.3.9.D

- V. Populism and the Gilded Age (2 weeks)
 - A. Subtopic: The Populist Movement
 - B. Subtopic: Poverty, Unemployment, and Corruption
 - C. Major Assessments
 - a. Vocabulary Quiz
 - b. Standards Addressed: 7.1.9.B; 7.4.9.A; 7.4.9.B

- VI. The Progressive Era (4 weeks)
 - A. Subtopic: The Progressive Movement
 - B. Subtopic: The Presidencies of Theodore Roosevelt, William Taft, and Woodrow Wilson
 - C. Subtopic: Women's Suffrage
 - D. Major Assessments
 - a. Vocabulary Quiz
 - b. Unit Quiz
 - c. Women's Suffrage Essay
 - E. Standards Addressed: 8.3.9.A; 8.3.9.B; 8.3.9.C; 8.4.9.A

- VII. World War One (4 weeks)
 - A. Subtopic: Causes of World War One
 - B. Subtopic: America Joins the War
 - C. Subtopic: Evolution of Weaponry
 - D. Subtopic: Post World War One
 - E. Major Assessments
 - a. Vocabulary Quiz
 - b. Mid-Unit
 - c. Unit Exam
 - F. Standards Addressed: 6.2.9.E; 8.4.9.B; 8.4.9.C

- VIII. The Roaring Twenties (3 weeks)
 - A. Subtopic: Consumerism and the 1920's Lifestyle
 - B. Subtopic: The Red Scare
 - C. Subtopic: The Mafia and Prohibition
 - D. Major Assessments
 - a. Vocabulary Quiz
 - b. Unit Quiz
 - E. Standards Addressed: 6.2.9.A; 6.2.9.B; 6.2.9.C; 6.2.9.D

- IX. The Great Depression (3 weeks)
 - A. Subtopic: The Presidency of Herbert Hoover
 - B. Subtopic: Stock Market Crash
 - C. Subtopic: Franklin D. Roosevelt
 - D. Subtopic: The New Deals
 - E. Major Assessments
 - a. Vocabulary Quiz
 - b. Unit Quiz
 - F. Standards Addressed: 6.2.9.E; 6.3.9.A

- X. World War Two (6 weeks)
 - A. Subtopic: Causes of World War Two
 - B. Subtopic: America Enters the War
 - C. Subtopic: Evolution of Weaponry
 - D. Subtopic: The Holocaust
 - E. Subtopic: The Outcome the War
 - F. Major Assessments
 - a. Vocabulary Quiz
 - b. Subtopic Quiz: Map of Europe Quiz
 - c. Holocaust Project
 - d. Unit Exam
 - G. Standards Addressed: 8.3.9.D; 8.4.9.A; 8.4.9.B; 8.4.9.C; 8.4.9.D