

United States History

Course Description

The study of United States history prepares students to embrace the challenges of life in contemporary society. This full year course introduces students to the history of the United States with a focus on the post- Civil War Industrial Age to the present day.

Beginning with a review of prior political, intellectual, and demographic transformations that shaped the nation, students discover major political, philosophical, and historical underpinnings of our government.

Throughout the course, students analyze how ideas of freedom and equality have shaped our collective past and explore implications for the future. Adopting a chronological approach, students analyze their causes and effects of events in the nation's past. They implement strategies to understand primary and secondary sources to explore time and place in the twentieth century. Within their historical study of twentieth century America, students deepen their understanding of major geographical themes, economic principles, and significant concepts in United States government.

Students learn to develop important questions, conduct inquiry and evaluate evidence. They also read a variety of historical arguments and develop skills in writing evidentiary- based arguments and historical narratives. By helping identify common and diverse strands that formed and continue to shape life in America, students develop the habits of mind to be active and responsible citizens in a democracy.