

**Course Name:** U.S. History

**Duration:**  1 Semester  Full Year

**Grade Level:**  9th  10th  11th  12th (check all that apply)

**Are there any prerequisites for the course?**

There are no pre-requisites for the course, but it is a REQUIRED course to graduate.

**WHAT this course is about:**

This course covers the United States from the Gilded Age to the Present Era. Students will look at foundational documents and the period of reconstruction in order to form a foundation of understanding for the Gilded Age and how the United States becomes a global superpower in the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

**WHY take this course:**

Beyond the requirement element, this class will teach you critical thinking skills and allow for you to look at history in a more analytical manner. It will also teach you to look at various events from different perspectives and allow you to engage in dialog about various topics even if you disagree with those you are speaking to.

**WHAT you'll learn:**

You will learn how the United States foundational documents and the Civil War set the country up for the industrial revolution and westward expansion which allowed for the United States to become a global super power. You will also learn how the country changed and grew domestically, as well as how they interacted with the rest of the world especially as the role of the United States changed throughout the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

**WHAT you'll do:**

In this class there will be a combination of document analysis, note taking, discussion and documentary viewing to enable students to see multiple perspectives and engage with content in a way that is most authentic for them.

**WHERE this could take you:**

This course will allow you to hold conversations about current events in the country with knowledge and will also help you to develop empathy and work skills so that you are prepared for the next step in your life.

**OPTIONAL Course Outline ("scope and sequence", sequence chart, etc.)**

## 1<sup>st</sup> Semester

- Foundational documents
- Reconstruction
- The Gilded Age
- U.S. Imperialism
- World War One
- The Roaring 1920's
- The Great Depression

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester

- World War Two
- The Cold War
- The 1950's – Cultural Changes
- The 1950's – Cultural Changes
- The Civil Rights Movement
- The 1970's – Cultural Changes
- The Vietnam War
- New Conservatism
- The Early 2000's
- Modern Era and Conflicts