

US History Essentials I		Scope and Sequence
Unit	Lesson	Objectives
The New World and the Thirteen Colonies		
Early People of North America		
		Identify prevailing theories that describe the origins of early people of North America.
		Describe evidence that shows the spread of early Clovis cultures in North America.
		Compare earlier Clovis cultures with later Folsom and Plano cultures in North America.
Voyages of Columbus		
		Identify the factors that motivated European nations to explore the seas during the Age of Discovery.
		Compare and contrast Columbus's actual findings with European expectations of the world.
		Describe Columbus's journey to the Caribbean.
Colonization		
		Describe motivations for the English colonization of North America.
		Identify the geographic features of the eastern United States.
		Explain how Indigenous people and geography shaped the settlement of the thirteen colonies.
Colonial Life		
		Compare the social characteristics of different American colonial regions.
		Describe how democratic principles and self-government were established in the colonies.
		Explain the British government's management of its colonial holdings, including the principle of salutary neglect.
		Describe the colonists' early conflicts and relationships with Indigenous people.
The French and Indian War		
		Explain the significance of the Albany Plan of Union.
		Identify and describe the causes of the French and Indian War.

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		List and describe the effects of the French and Indian War.
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	War of Independence	
	Taxes and Protest	
		Explain the reasons for the Stamp Act and its effect on the colonies.
		Analyze the strategies used by colonists to protest British taxes.
		Describe the events of the Boston Massacre.
	Key Content Review: Road to Revolution	
		Explain the contributions of Enlightenment thinkers.
		Describe the effects of the French and Indian War.
		Explain American colonial reaction to British policy from 1763 to 1774.
	The Declaration of Independence	
		Describe the connection between the Declaration of Independence and earlier documents that influenced it.
		Analyze the reasons for colonists' grievances against British rule.
		Explain the purpose of the Declaration of Independence and the process used to draft and ratify it.
	Turning Points in the War	
		Explain the reasons for French and Spanish involvement in the American Revolution.
		Explain how key battles and acts of leadership served as rallying points for the colonial cause during the Revolutionary War.
		Describe the battle of Yorktown and the reasons for the end of the American Revolution.
	The Constitution	
		Explain how the Constitution creates a government structure that separates powers and establishes checks and balances.

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		Identify the democratic rights and powers given to the people by the Constitution.
		Describe the distribution of power between states and the federal government.
		Explain the process required to amend the Constitution.
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A New Nation		
	Washington's Presidency	
		Describe the challenges faced by the new nation during Washington's first term.
		Explain Alexander Hamilton's plan to help the nation's finances.
		Contrast Jefferson's opinions on the interpretation of the Constitution with the opinions of the Federalists.
	Expanding Democracy	
		Identify the changes in democratic participation that occurred during the Jackson Era.
		Explain how the "corrupt bargain" of 1824 led to the formation of a new political party.
		Describe the factors that influenced the election of 1828.
	Marshall's Court	
		Explain how Marbury v. Madison defined the powers of the Supreme Court.
		Describe how McCulloch v. Maryland defined the powers of Congress.
		Analyze the effects of Gibbons v. Ogden on the role of the federal government in business matters.
	Key Content Review: Jacksonian Democracy	
		Describe the major challenges and accomplishments of the Jackson presidency.
		Explain how transportation innovations and infrastructure improvements affected the US economy.
		Analyze the causes and effects of the Second Great Awakening.
	Key Content Review: Manifest	

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	Destiny	
		Describe how trappers, traders, and explorers opened up the American frontier to settlement.
		Analyze how western expansion forced indigenous peoples off their land.
		Explain how the US acquired various western territories.
		Examine how westward expansion and Manifest Destiny created a new American spirit and identity.
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Sectionalism and Rising Tensions		
	The Economic Impact of Slavery	
		Compare and contrast the economic systems in the North and the South.
		Examine the impact of technological innovations on the expansion of slavery.
		Identify ways in which enslaved and free Black Americans pushed for an end to slavery.
	Key Content Review: Sectionalism	
		Examine how the North and South developed two different economies.
		Analyze the roots of the abolitionist movement and how it grew.
		Describe how the debate over new territories and tariffs increased sectionalism between North and South.
	Kansas and Nebraska	
		Explain the Kansas-Nebraska Act and what it did.
		Analyze the debate that surrounded the admission of Kansas and Nebraska as states to the Union.
		Describe the reactions and escalating violence that resulted from the passage of the Kansas-Nebraska Act.
	Lincoln	
		Examine the establishment of the Republican Party and outline its political views.
		Describe the emergence of Abraham Lincoln as a leader of the Republican Party.

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		Compare and contrast the viewpoints held by Lincoln and Douglas with regard to slavery and its expansion in the territories.
	Southern Secession	
		Describe the political climate surrounding the election of 1860.
		Analyze the South's reaction to the results of the election.
		Examine the creation of the Confederate States of America.
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The Civil War		
	Early Successes for the South	
		Analyze the significance of the Battle of Bull Run.
		Explain the reasons for stalemates in early battles such as Antietam.
		Describe the impact of the Battle of Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville on the early course of the war.
	Emancipation	
		Explain the reasons for Lincoln's creation of the Emancipation Proclamation.
		Identify the effects of the Emancipation Proclamation.
		Describe the contributions of African Americans during the Civil War.
	Southern Surrender	
		Analyze the impact of Grant's strategy of total war on the weakening of the Southern forces.
		Explain the reasons for Lincoln's reelection in 1864.
		Describe the events that led to Lee's surrender at Appomattox.
	Constitutional Amendments	
		Describe the impact of the Thirteenth Amendment on slavery and African Americans' lives.
		Explain the influence of the Fourteenth Amendment on civil rights.

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		Identify the impact of the Fifteenth Amendment on voting rights for African Americans.
	Key Content Review: Reconstruction	
		Identify the challenges of Reconstruction and the disagreements about how to handle it.
		Describe the period of Congressional Reconstruction, the new rights given to African Americans, and how white Southerners reacted.
		Analyze the reasons the Democratic Party regained control of the South at the end of Reconstruction.
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Cumulative Exam		
	Cumulative Exam Review	
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