

MS US History IC

Course Overview and Syllabus

Course Number: SC3307 IC

Grade level: 8

Prerequisite Courses: None

Credits: 1.0

Course Description

The Survey of US History course presents a cohesive and comprehensive overview of the history of the United States. This year-long course surveys the major events and turning points of US history as it moves from the era of exploration through modern times. As students examine each era of history, they will analyze primary sources and carefully research events to gain a clearer understanding of the factors that have shaped US history. In early units, students will explore the geography of the nation and world, as well as assess the foundations of US democracy while examining crucial documents. In later units, students will examine the effects of territorial expansion, the Civil War, and the rise of industrialization as they assess the outcomes of economic trends and the connections between culture and government. As the course draws to a close, students will focus their studies on the causes of cultural and political change in the modern age. Throughout the course, students will learn the importance of cultural diversity while examining history from different perspectives. Rigorous reading and writing activities carefully address Common Core literacy standards and guide students toward the development of critical thinking and communication skills.

Course Objectives

You will meet the following goals by taking this course:

- Assess the political development of the United States, including the influence of democratic ideals, the changing role of government, and the development of the modern two-party system.
- Explore the evolution of American culture and society, including the role of reform movements, from the colonial era to the present.
- Investigate and understand the reasons behind American involvement in wars and conflicts throughout US history.
- Trace the economic development of the United States from an agrarian economy to an industrial economy to the leading economic force in the world.
- Use research skills to access, interpret, and apply information from multiple sources.

Student Expectations

This course requires the same level of commitment from you as a traditional classroom course. You are expected to spend approximately five to seven hours per week online on:

- interactive lessons that include a mixture of instructional videos and tasks.
- assignments in which you apply and extend learning in each lesson.
- assessments, including quizzes, tests, and cumulative exams.

Communication

Your teacher will communicate with you regularly through discussions, emails, chats, and system announcements. You will also communicate with classmates, either via online tools or face to face, as you collaborate on projects, ask and answer questions in your peer group, and develop your speaking and listening skills.

Grading Policy

You will be graded on the work you do online and the work you submit electronically to your teacher. The weighting for each category of graded activity is listed below:

| Grading Category | Weight |
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| Assignments | 15% |
| Essays | 5% |
| Projects | 10% |
| Lesson quizzes | 20% |
| Unit tests | 30% |
| Cumulative exams | 20% |

Scope and Sequence

When you log on to Edgenuity, you can view the entire course map—an interactive scope and sequence of all topics you will study. The units of study are listed below:

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| Unit 1: Geography and Colonialism | Unit 6: The Roaring 20s and the Great Depression |
| Unit 2: Creating a New Nation | Unit 7: World War II |
| Unit 3: Civil War and Reconstruction | Unit 8: Postwar America |
| Unit 4: Industrialization and Its Effects | Unit 9: Shaping of Modern America |
| Unit 5: The United States at the Turn of the Century | Unit 10: Modern Challenges |