

INDIAN HILL EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Social Studies Curriculum - May 2009

AP United States History

Course Overview and Purpose:

Advanced Placement United States History is a program offered at Indian Hill High School for junior or senior students. The program was established to provide students with the analytical skills and factual knowledge necessary to deal critically with the people, events, and themes in United States History. The requirements and rigor of the program are designed to prepare students for intermediate and upper level history courses offered at the college level. Students taking this course will be exposed to the evolution and development of "The Great American Experiment." This course is developed around the themes provided by the College Board for Advanced Placement United States History.

Course Goals:

These themes along with historical topics will be woven throughout the course giving students the ability to see multiple historical events can be connected across time and are not solely defined by their chronological presentation. The themes include discussions and analysis of American diversity, the development of the American Identity, the development of American culture, demographic changes, economic trends and transformations, environmental issues, the development of political institutions and responsibilities of citizenship, social reform movements, impact of religion on the multicultural development the society, the history of slavery and its legacies in this hemisphere, war and diplomacy, and the role of America on an increasingly global society.

Exploration & Colonization

Topics:

- Pre-Columbian Societies
- European Exploration & Discovery
- Early Colonial Development
- Political, Economic, & Social Development of the Colonies

Sources and References:

- American Pageant: Chapters 1-5
- Excerpt from Charles C. Mann's book 1491
- "Founding Mothers" Reading (*1st look at the theme of the evolution of the role of women in society*)
- "Colonial Wills" Analysis
- "Wealth of Nations" Excerpt
- Thesis Statement Guidelines & Practice

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Rise to Rebellion

Topics:

- Fighting for the Continent
- American Revolutionary Era
- Era of the Articles
- Impact of the Great Awakening

Sources and References:

- American Pageant: Chapters 6-8
- "Soldiers Account: Scalping During the French and Indian War"
- "Albany Plan of Union"
- "Boston Massacre Accounts" (Analyze the different accounts)
- "Circular Letter"
- "Common Sense" Excerpt
- "Declaration of Independence"
- "Land Ordinance of 1785 & 1787"
- Symmes Township Map Overview (*Connecting history to where the students live*)
- Analyzing Primary Sources Handout and Activity

Forming a New Nation

Topics:

- The Early Republic
- Development of Early Political Institutions
- Problems for the Young Republic
- Jeffersonian Democracy
- Development of Nationalism

Sources and References:

- American Pageant: Chapters 9-12
- "American Wizard" Article
- Joseph J. Ellis, Founding Brothers
- "Virginia Statute of Religious Freedom"
- "Federalist Papers" Excerpts
- "Washington's Farewell Address"
- Song "Battle of New Orleans"

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Jacksonian Democracy

Topics:

- Democracy for the Masses
- Sectional Divisions
- Jacksonian Politics
- Developing the National Economy
- Manifest Destiny

Sources and References:

- American Pageant: Chapters 13, 14, 17, & 18
- "Woodsman of Kentucky"
- "Cult of Domesticity" (*2nd look at the theme of the evolution of the role of women in society*)
- "Manifest Destiny"
- "Polk's War Message"
- "The Invasion of Mexico" Excerpt
- "Civil Disobedience" Excerpt

Antebellum America

Topics:

- Reform and Development of American Culture & Society
- Impact of the Second Great Awakening
- South's Peculiar Institution of Slavery

Sources and References:

- American Pageant: Chapters 15 & 16
- Selected "Slave Narratives"
- "Defense of Slavery" Articles
- "Beyond Face Value" Pictures and Illustrations of Slavery
- "Seneca Falls Declaration" (*3rd look at the theme of the evolution of the role of women in society*)
- "Dred Scott Decision" Reading
- "Crime Against Kansas" Reading
- "Fugitive Slave Act 1850"
- "Account of the incident between Preston Brooks and Charles Sumner"

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The Civil War & Reconstruction

Topics:

- Crisis of the Union
- Civil War
- Emancipation
- Reconstruction

Sources and Reference:

- American Pageant: Chapters 19, 20, 21 & 22
- "Lincoln's 1st & 2nd Inaugural Addresses"
- "British Account of the 1st Battle of Bull Run"
- "The Gettysburg Address"
- "South Carolina Ordinance of Secession"
- Emancipation Proclamation Documents
- Song "I'm a Good Ole Rebel"

The Gilded Age

Topics:

- Corruption and Control in Politics
- Mass Immigration
- Growth of the Cities
- New South
- Westward Expansion
- Native Americans
- Industrial and Agricultural Revolutions

Sources and References:

- American Pageant: Text Chapters 23-26
- "Cross of Gold Speech"
- "Populist Platform 1896"
- The Jungle Excerpt
- How the Other Half Lives Excerpt
- 20 Years at Hull House Excerpt (4th look at the theme of the evolution of the role of women in society)
- "Immigrant Diaries"
- "Honest Graft"
- Thomas Nast Cartoon Analysis
- DBQ Guidelines & Development Handout and Activity

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New Imperialism & Progressivism

Topics:

- The Populist Legacy
- Progressive Reform
- World War I
- Expansion Abroad
- Progressive Presidents

Sources and References:

- American Pageant: Chapters 27, 28, 29 & 30
- "Progress and Poverty"
- "The Lost Battalion: A Private's Story" Excerpt
- Our Country Josiah Strong Excerpt
- "Frontier Thesis"
- Influence of Sea Power Excerpt
- "The Paralyzing Effects of Imperialism," W.J. Bryan
- "Lochner v. New York" "March of the Flag," Albert Beveridge

Boom to Bust

Topics:

- The "Roaring 20s"
- Developments in the Economy
- Return to Normalcy & Isolation
- Post War Politics and Reaction

- Failures of the Economy
- The Great Depression
- The New Deal

Sources & References:

- American Pageant: Chapters 31, 32, & 33
- "Red Scare Era" Reading
- "The Lie Factory" Carrie Chapman Catt (5th look at the theme of the evolution of the role of women in society)
- Civil Liberties Case Study
- "The General Theory of Employment" John Maynard Keynes Excerpt
- Songs of the Roaring Twenties
- Songs of the Depression

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- “FDR’s Inaugural Address”
- Grapes of Wrath: Excerpt
- Song clips: Ghost of Tom Joad & Ballad of Tom Joad

World War II & The Cold War

Topics:

- Policies of Neutrality
- Home Front
- America at War
- Origins of the Cold War
- The Eisenhower Years
- Effects of the Cold War on Society
- Early Social Developments: Beats & Early Civil Rights
- Rise of the Fascist Threat

Sources and References:

- American Pageant: Chapters 34, 35, 36, 37
- Modern America: Chapter 1, 2, 3, & 4
- “Report of the Special Committee on Investigation of the Munitions Industry” Excerpt
- “FDR’s War Message”
- “Iron Curtain Speech”
- “Reply to Churchill” Joseph Stalin (1946)
- “Long Telegram”
- “NSC-68”
- “Eisenhower’s Farwell Address” Excerpt
- “On the Road” Excerpt

The 1960 & 1970s

Topics:

- The Kennedy Administration
- The Great Society
- Struggle for Civil Rights
- Cold War turns “Hot”
- Détente, Anti-War Movement & the Counter Culture
- Rise of the Silent Majority
- Watergate

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- Challenges for the American Economy
- The Carter Malaise
- Problems in the Middle East

Sources and References:

- American Pageant: Chapters 38, 39
- Modern America: Chapters 6 & 7
- "California Supermarket" Ginsberg
- "The Feminine Mystique" Excerpt (6th *look at the theme of the evolution of the role of women in society*)
- "Tonkin Gulf Incident Reports"
- "Blood on the Risers" Excerpt
- Anti-War Songs
- "Malaise Address" Carter

The Rise of New Conservatism

Topics:

- The New Right
- Reagan Revolution
- End of the Cold War
- Changes in Social and Cultural Norms in America
- Economic Revolution
- Problems in the Middle East
- 1st Iraqi War
- Politics of a Multicultural Society & Globalization

Sources and References:

- American Pageant: Chapters 40, 41, & 42
- Modern America: Chapter 8
- "Contract with America"
- The World is Flat Excerpt
- "NAFTA Article"

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Resources:

This course uses a variety of materials to provide students with an in-depth view of United States History. David Kennedy's *American Pageant* is the primary text for this course. The other resources listed, along with many other primary sources, historical review and scholarship will be used as supplements to the textbook.

Bailey, Thomas A. *A Diplomatic History of the American People*. Englewood Cliffs, N.J.: Prentice-Hall. 10th Edition. (On reserve in the high school library)

Ellis, Joseph J. *The Founding Brothers: The Revolutionary Generation*. New York: Vintage Books. 2000. (To be purchased by the individual student)

Kennedy, David M., Lizabeth Cohen, and Thomas A. Bailey. *The American Pageant: A History of the Republic*. Boston: McDougal Littell/Houghton Mifflin. 13th Edition. (Provided)

Winkler, Alan M. *Modern America: The United States from World War II to the Present*. New York: Harper & Row Publishers. 1st Edition (Provided)