

# AP US History

Course Duration: Full Year

Category: Advanced Placement, Electives, High School, History/Social Studies

Prerequisite: US History I, US History II

Assessment: Pre-Test, Lesson Practice, Unit Exams, Mid-Term Exam, Final Exam

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## Course Overview

The Acellus AP United States History course. Students not only learn the history of this great country, but take a thematic approach to the causes and effects of historical happenings in this great country. Acellus AP U.S. History has been audited and approved by the College Board. Acellus AP U.S. History is A-G Approved through the University of California.

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## Scope and Sequence

### **Unit 1 - Colonial America (1492-1754)**

In this unit students learn about the early inhabitants of the Americas, American Indian empires, worlds that collided in the United States, the conquistadors, and the arrival of England. They study the Jamestown/Virginia Colony, the Carolinas, religious diversity in the colonies, and resistance to colonial authority. They also explore transatlantic trade, the enlightenment or great awakening, and colonial governments.

### **Unit 2 - Revolutionary Era (1754-1783)**

In this unit students explore the Revolutionary Era. They study the French and Indian War, the Imperial crisis, resistance to Britain, and the War for Independence. They further learn about the Articles of Confederation and the Federal Constitution.

### **Unit 3 - The New Nation (1783-1816)**

In this unit students investigate federalists and republicans, the war of 1812, and education for women. They also study the second great awakening and the growth of slavery in the United States.

### **Unit 4 - Nationalism, Sectionalism, and Reform (1816-1848)**

In this unit, students study nationalism, sectionalism, and reform. They explore the transportation revolution and the national market economy. They learn about class as it related to immigration, nativism, and planters.

### **Unit 5 - The Era of Expansion (1828-1848)**

In this unit students learn about how politics transformed during the era of expansion. They study evangelical protestant revivalism, social reform, transcendentalism and utopia, and literary and artistic expression. They further explore the Western migration and territorial gain -- the Mexican war.

### **Unit 6 - Crisis, Civil War, and Reconstruction (1848-1877)**

In this unit students investigate the slavery argument and compromise, the Kansas-Nebraska act, and the 1860 election. They explore the two societies that were at war, emancipation and its effects, and the effects of war on the North and the South. They learn about the reconstruction, the African-American role in post-war America, and the compromise of 1877.

### **Unit 7 - The Gilded Age (1877-1900)**

In this unit students explore the new South, the expansion of the railroad system, the people of the West, and the United States versus the Natives. They discuss the corporate world, labor unions, social Darwinism, migration and immigration, urbanization, political machines, and cultural movements.

### **Unit 8 - The Progressive Movement and U.S. World Affairs (1865-1930)**

In this unit students study the origins of progressive reform, progressive presidents, women and progressivism, and American imperialism. They learn about war in Europe, World War I at home, and the Treaty of Versailles.

### **Unit 9 - The Roaring Twenties (1919-1929)**

In this unit students explore the economy and modernism. They also discuss fundamentalism and the struggle for equality.

### **Unit 10 - The Great Depression and the New Deal (1929-1939)**

In this unit students learn about the causes of the great depression, the Hoover administration, and the New Deal. They also study New Deal critics and American society.

### **Unit 11 - World War II (1930-1945)**

In this unit students investigate the rise of fascism, the road to war, the multi-front war, and global power. They also explore the war economy, civil rights and liberties, and the expansion of government power.

### **Unit 12 - The Beginnings of the Cold War and the 1950's (1945-1960)**

In this unit students study the origins of the cold war, containment, the Asia problem, and diplomatic strategies. They also learn about the red scare, the impact on society, modern civil rights, suburbia, rebels, and changes to society.

### **Unit 13 - The 1960s and 1970s (1960-1979)**

In this unit students explore the new frontier and the great society, as well as civil rights, confrontations, and the counterculture. They also discuss the silent majority, Nixon's America, and changes in the economy.

### **Unit 14 - America Since 1980 (1980 - Now)**

In this unit students discuss the Reagan Revolution, the end of the cold war, demographic changes, and revolutions in technology. They also study politics, globalization, foreign policy, and environmental issues.