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Twentieth Century American History

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Course Overview

Twentieth Century American History is a history elective for high school students interested in examining American history during a century of change, continuity, and conflicts.

Students will examine America's economic, political, governmental, cultural, and technological growing pains during the twentieth century. They will also consider the causes and effects of national and international cooperation, competition, and conflict.

This course seeks to help students develop social studies skills and expand their knowledge of history so that they may achieve the following goals:

- Understand that the interaction between continuity and change played a huge role in the events in twentieth century American history.
- Realize that change happens through times of conflict and cooperation.
- Develop an increased awareness of how history affects opportunities that are open to future generations.
- Analyze the numerous ways new technologies and innovation transform society and culture.

In attaining these goals, students will develop insight and perspective on the themes and patterns of history and a greater understanding of today's world.

UNIT 1: COMING OF AGE	
Assignment Titles	
1. Course Overview	11. Quiz 2: Immigration and Urbanization
2. Entering the Industrial Age	12. Women's Roles in Society
3. Industrialists and Big Business	13. Race Relations and Discrimination
4. The American Workforce	14. Education and Entertainment
5. Farmers and Populists	15. Quiz 3: American Society
6. Quiz 1: The Industrial United States	16. Special Project
7. Immigration at the Turn of the Century	17. Review
8. Corruption and Political Machines	18. Test
9. Growth of Cities	19. Alternate Test
10. Project: Immigrant Experience	20. Glossary and Credits

UNIT 2: MODERN AMERICA EMERGES	
Assignment Titles	
1. Progressivism	11. The United States Enters the War
2. Progressive Reforms	12. Supporting the War Effort
3. Leaders and Limitations of Progressivism	13. Wilson's Peace Plan
4. Quiz 1: Progressive Era	14. Quiz 3: World War I
5. Global Imperialism	15. Special Project
6. American Expansionism	16. Review
7. The United States as a World Power	17. Test
8. Project: Panama Canal	18. Alternate Test
9. Quiz 2: American Imperialism	19. Glossary and Credits
10. Causes of World War I	

UNIT 3: BOOM TO BUST
Assignment Titles

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| 1. Russian Revolution | 12. World Is Depressed |
| 2. Red Scare | 13. Quiz 3: Great Depression |
| 3. Return to Normalcy | 14. A New Deal for Americans |
| 4. Rise of a Consumer Culture | 15. Deal or No Deal |
| 5. Quiz 1: Postwar Issues | 16. Project: New Deal Programs |
| 6. Prohibition | 17. Quiz 4: New Deal |
| 7. Flappers and Popular Culture | 18. Special Project |
| 8. Harlem Renaissance | 19. Review |
| 9. Quiz 2: Roaring Twenties | 20. Test |
| 10. Uncle Sam Is Depressed | 21. Alternate Test |
| 11. Devastation of the Depression | 22. Glossary and Credits |

UNIT 4: WORLD WAR II AND THE COLD WAR
Assignment Titles

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| 1. Isolationism and Nationalism | 13. Cold War Chills Americans |
| 2. Moving from Isolationism to War | 14. Quiz 3: Cold War |
| 3. Quiz 1: Path to War | 15. Truman Show |
| 4. Americans Mobilize | 16. Eisenhower Years |
| 5. European Theatre | 17. Nifty Fifties |
| 6. Holocaust | 18. Quiz 4: Post-World War II America |
| 7. Pacific Theatre | 19. Special Project |
| 8. America's Greatest Generation | 20. Review |
| 9. Quiz 2: Uncle Sam at War | 21. Test |
| 10. Origins of the Cold War | 22. Alternate Test |
| 11. China and Korea | 23. Glossary and Credits |
| 12. Superpowers Compete for Influence | |

UNIT 5: CHANGE, CONTINUITY, AND CONFLICT
Assignment Titles

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| 1. Challenging Segregation | 11. Immigration and Migration |
| 2. Civil Rights Movement | 12. Social and Religious Changes |
| 3. Era of Activism | 13. Women's Movement |
| 4. Quiz 1: Civil Rights and Social Change | 14. Quiz 3: Contemporary America |
| 5. Trouble in the White House | 15. Special Project |
| 6. Conservative Revolution | 16. Review |
| 7. Post-Cold War Foreign Policy | 17. Test |
| 8. Project: Comparison Matrix | 18. Alternate Test |
| 9. Quiz 2: Foreign Policy and Domestic Politics | 19. Glossary and Credits |
| 10. Global Economy | |

UNIT 6: COURSE REVIEW AND EXAM
Assignment Titles

1. Review
2. Exam
3. Alternate Exam