

## US HISTORY II (cont.)

### Students will:

- Explain the importance of the home front during WWII and analyze the causes and consequences of domestic unrest
- Analyze factors that contributed to the Cold War, locate the areas of conflict between the U. S. and the Soviets and describe the policy of containment
- Explain the causes, course, and consequences of the Vietnam War and summarize the policies of the Cold War presidents
- Analyze the reasons that contributed to the end of the Cold War
- Analyze the causes and consequences of important domestic trends during the Cold War period and describe presidential policies of the era along with the roots of anti-communism
- Analyze the origins, goals, key events, and accomplishments of the Civil Rights movement
- Analyze the causes and course of the women's rights movement
- Describe the important domestic policies and events of the presidencies of Kennedy, Johnson, and Nixon
- Analyze the presidency of Ronald Reagan
- Analyze the major economic and social trends of the late 20<sup>th</sup> century and the domestic policies of the Clinton administration
- Explain the significance of the 2000 presidential election
- Analyze the course and consequences of America's recent diplomatic initiatives



★ Respect

★ Responsibility

★ Integrity

★ Accountability

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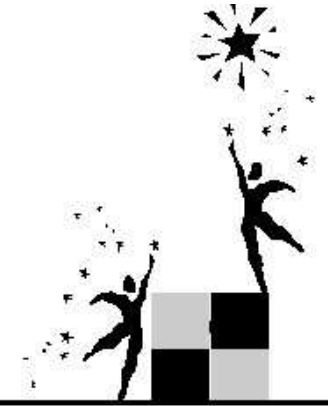
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# HIGH SCHOOL HISTORY/ SOCIAL SCIENCE REQUIRED COURSES



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## WORLD HISTORY II

### Students will:

- Describe the major effects of the French Revolution in Europe
- Identify the factors that led to the Industrial Revolution
- Analyze the effects of the Industrial Revolution
- Examine the revolutionary movements of 19<sup>th</sup> Century Europe, including the development of socialism, labor theory, and the political reform movements of Europe
- Describe the growth of the nation-state in Europe, including the unification of Italy and Germany and the concept of nationalism
- Analyze the motives, mechanisms, and effects of the rise of European imperialism in Africa and Asia and the continuing effects of imperialism in Latin America
- Identify major social and political circumstances from the perspectives of Africans, Asians, and Latin Americans during the era of Imperialism
- Compare and contrast the colonial experiences of Africa, Asia, and Latin America
- Examine the Independence Movements of Latin America and their relative effects on all levels of society
- Describe the relative importance of the factors leading to WWI
- Analyze the social, economic, and political effects of WWI, including the division of the Middle East among the allies
- Describe the relative importance of the factors leading to WWII
- Analyze the social, economic, and political effects of WWII, including the Cold War and the establishment of the UN
- Describe the rise of nationalism and anti-imperialism in Africa and Asia
- Examine the rise of African and Asian independence movements and identify the factors leading to their success
- Analyze the problems associated with independence in Africa and Asia
- Analyze the appeal of socialism to the peoples of the Non-Western World and examine the rise of the totalitarian communist states in China and the USSR
- Examine the social, political, and economic effects of superpower involvement in Latin America, Africa, and Asia
- Identify the factors leading to the decline of Soviet power
- Identify the major centers of power on the international stage
- Examine competing theories on globalization and westernization
- Analyze the sources of international conflict and propose solutions, including an examination of the contemporary UN

## US HISTORY I

### Students will:

- Compare and contrast the political and economic atmosphere leading to the French and American revolutions and the results of the two revolutions
- Illustrate the influence of Greek, Roman and Enlightenment thoughts on revolutionary America and the creation of its new government including the Articles of Confederation, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights
- Explore the conflicts and compromises which led to the creation of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights
- Understand the purpose, function and motivation of government



- Explain and recognize the different forms of government and justify the classification of the American government as a democracy and a republic
- Identify the key features of American constitutional government including federalism, separation of powers, and the system of checks and balances
- Explain the components of Massachusetts state government
- Explore the set up and functions of Littleton town government and the role of the American citizen in the political process
- Consider the early presidencies to study the role of precedent in the evolution of the American system of government
- Demonstrate understanding of Manifest Destiny and trace its effect on the American psyche and the American experience from 1820 to 1860
- Assess the importance of the transportation and technological revolution on America's western expansion and its growing and changing economy (manufacturing and slavery system)
- Synthesize the aspects of Jackson's presidency to create a definition of Jacksonian Democracy
- Summarize the growth of public education and abolitionism, the fight for women's suffrage, as well as religious changes that occurred prior to the Civil War
- Describe the political, cultural and economic aspects of sectionalism in America prior to the Civil War and document how the issues of the extension of slavery, state's rights, and popular sovereignty contributed to the outbreak of the Civil War
- Analyze the geographic and strategic importance of the major battles of the Civil War
- Describe the strengths and weaknesses of the two sides in the Civil War and how they contributed to the war's outcome
- Illustrate the political, economic and physical effects of the Civil War on America
- Justify the various attitudes towards Reconstruction and explain the consequences of Reconstruction on the nation

## US HISTORY II

- Explain the causes and consequences of the Industrial Revolution
- Describe patterns of immigration to America in the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century
- Explain the major roles of the immigrants in the industrialization of America
- Analyze the causes for continuing westward expansion and the impact of settlement on the Indians
- Analyze the causes and course of America's growing role in world affairs from the Civil War to WWI and determine the significance of President Wilson's wartime diplomacy
- Distinguish between progressive reforms, the union movement, and the post-Civil War struggles of African-Americans to gain rights. Summarize the major accomplishments of all three
- Describe the opposing forces of traditionalism and modernity in domestic and foreign policy issues throughout the 1920's
- Identify the causes and consequences of the Great Depression and the New Deal
- Evaluate the short and long term effects of the Great Depression and New Deal on American society
- Analyze the causes of World War II, summarize the major battles and events and locate these on a map

