



AP U.S. HISTORY

SOC302 — 1.0 Credit

Course Description

This course covers all of the material outlined by the College Board as necessary to prepare you to pass the AP U.S. History exam. Students will:

- Demonstrate comprehension of a broad body of historical knowledge.
- Express ideas clearly in writing.
- Work with classmates to research a historical issue.
- Interpret and apply data from original documents.
- Identify underrepresented historical viewpoints.
- Write to persuade with evidence.
- Compare and contrast alternate interpretations of a historical figure, event, or trend.
- Explain how a historical event connects to or causes a larger trend or theme.
- Develop essay responses that include a clear, defensible thesis statement and supporting evidence.
- Effectively argue a position on a historical issue.
- Critique and respond to arguments made by others. Raise and explore questions about policies, institutions, beliefs, and actions in a historical context.
- Evaluate primary materials, such as historical documents, political cartoons, and first-person narratives.
- Evaluate secondary materials, such as scholarly works or statistical analyses.
- Assess the historical significance and cultural impact of key literary works (e.g., *Common Sense*, *Uncle Tom's Cabin*).

Prerequisites

None

Course Length

Two semesters

Required Text

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Course Outline

Semester 1

- Exploration and Colonial America
- Colonial Society
- The Shot Heard Round the World
- The New Nation Forms
- America's Growing Pains
- The Concurrent Rise of Nationalism and Sectionalism
- The Era of Andrew Jackson
- Emergence of America's Literary, Philosophic, and Religious Movements
- The Coming of the Civil War
- The Only Recourse: War
- Picking up the Pieces

Semester 2

- The New South and the New West
- Industrial Ascendancy
- Urbanization: A Changing America
- Agrarian Discontent and Progressivism
- Isolationist to World Power
- Wilson and the World
- Boom to Bust
- The U.S. at War
- The Cold War
- Turbulent Decades
- Toward a New Century