

U.S. History

Credit - 1

Term(s) – 1 year

Text: *The American Nation in the 20th Century* by Paul Boyer and Sterling Stuckey

Prerequisites:

While there are no prerequisites for the course, it is recommended that students taking U.S. History Standard should have taken and passed Civics.

Course Description:

United States History is a yearlong course that explores American historical events in the 20th Century and is required for graduation. The student receives a chronological and topical breakdown of America's past and present development—socially, economically, and politically. This breakdown is accomplished by dividing American historical development into eras and associating outstanding personalities and events such as wars, economic disasters, etc. with each era. This information is used, whenever possible, to analyze the effects people and events have had on present and possibly future development of this nation—politically, socially, and economically. The student learns to view American history with a deeper sense of realism and at the same time gains a workable and more applicable knowledge of history. He/she also becomes more aware of the complexities and implications of any social action. The general approach to the units includes teacher-led discussions, student-oriented discussions, group work, written assignments, and oral and written reports. U.S. History is a full-year class that meets the district requirement for one credit of U.S. History for graduation. It is recommended for juniors.

Course Content:

This course is a chronological survey of American history with a primary focus on the 20th century. The course begins with the Industrial Revolution and covers the time period through the Great Depression by the end of first semester. Second semester begins with WWII and continues through the 1980s.

Course Format:

The course is presented in a directed discussion format with whole class and group activities designed to emphasize interpretation and application of class information.

Course Expectations:

Students will be expected to read assigned materials from the textbook, handouts, and primary sources, complete study guides and other written homework, and to participate in class discussion.

Course Assessment:

Course assessments may include the following: tests, homework, study guides, class participation, individual and/or small group projects, and current events assignments.