

# United States History and Government

## Course Syllabus

### Colonial Foundations (1607-1763)

- European Contacts and Colonization Impact on Native Americans
- Regional Factors that Influenced the Development of the Thirteen Colonies
- Colonial Political Institutions and Democratic Principles

### Constitutional Foundations (1763-1824)

- Decisions for Revolutions and Independence
- Writing and Ratifying the United States Constitution
- National Security and Political Stability under the U.S. Constitution

### Expansion, Nationalism, and Sectionalism (1800-1865)

- Foreign Policy, Territorial Expansion, Economic Growth affecting Nationalism
- Disputes over States' Rights and Slavery leading to Civil War

### Post-Civil War Era (1865-1900)

- Reconstruction and the Rights of African Americans
- The Post-Civil War Struggle for Women's Rights
- Westward Expansion impacts the Economy and Native Americans
- 19<sup>th</sup> Century Discrimination against Mexicans and Chinese

### Industrialization and Urbanization (1890-1920)

- New Technology and Business Organizations transform the nation
- Industrialization, Immigration, and Labor
- Challenges of Urbanization lead to Reform Efforts

### The Rise of American Power (1890-1920)

- The United States becomes a World Power
- The United States and World War I
- World War I affects American Society

### Prosperity and Depression (1920-1939)

- The 1920's: The Clash between Modern and Traditional Values
- The Harlem Renaissance and Black Nationalism
- The 1930's: The Great Depression and the Government's Response

## **World War II (1939-1945)**

- United States Neutrality and Entry into World War II
- Wartime Life in the United States
- The Holocaust and Postwar Efforts for Justice and Peace

## **The Cold War Era (1945-1990)**

The Cold War Begins

- The Vietnam War in the Cold War Era
- The Arms Race and Changes in U.S. Foreign Policy
- The Growth of Tensions and Conflicts in the Middle East
- The End of the Cold War

## **Social and Economic Change/Domestic Issues (1945-Present)**

- The African American Civil Rights Movement
- Other Movements for Change
- The Economic and Social Role of Government

## **The United States in a Changing World (1990-Present)**

- Foreign and Domestic Issues of the 1990's
- The War on Terror and other Policies of the Early 2000's
- The Economic and Social Effects of Globalization on the Nation