

Course Title: American History
Credit/Hours: 1 credit

Board Approval Date: June, 2011

Course Description:

This course is aligned with the Pennsylvania Standards and designed to present American History and culture from 1850 to the present. American History is a general survey course that includes such topics as the Civil War and Reconstruction, westward and imperialist expansion, military conflicts and their resolutions, civil rights, women's rights, the arms race, space race, technological advancement and the globalization of our economy.

Learning Activities/Modes of Assessment:

Large Group Instruction
Small Group Work
Computer Simulations
Class Discussion
Homework-reading/vocabulary/guided-reading worksheets
Writing Prompts
Field Trips-Philadelphia/Washington D.C.
Museum Exhibits-optional
Tests and Quizzes
Projects with Rubrics
Checklists/Teacher Observation
Bell Ringers-Check for Understanding/Introduction
Community Lectures/films-optional
Community Service/optional

Instructional Resources:

America: Pathways to the Present (Prentice Hall, 2005)
Text-related supplemental resources
The New York Times Upfront magazine (Scholastic, Inc., published by-weekly, yearly subscription)
Appropriate Internet sites
Video Streaming

Course Pacing Guide

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Course Unit (Topic)	Length of Instruction
1. Building a Powerful Nation	30 Days
2. The United States on the Brink of Change, 1890-1920	14 Days
3. Boom Times to Hard Times, 1920-1941	14 Days
4. Hot and Cold War, 1931-1960	16 Days
5. A Period of Turmoil and Changes, 1950-1975	17.5 Days
6. Continuity and Change, 1965-Present	8 Days