

**Course Title:** AP US History      **Board Approval Date:** June, 2010  
**Credit / Hours:** 1 credit

### **Course Description:**

Advanced Placement United States History surveys the period beginning with the first European settlement of the New World and ending with international affairs and domestic changes in the post -1945 period to the present. The course is designed to provide a comprehensive overview of U.S. History and to provide students with the analytical skills and factual knowledge necessary to deal critically with the problems and materials in United States History.

### **Learning Activities/Modes of Assessment:**

Throughout the year students will use a variety of materials and activities to enhance their learning:

- Primary and secondary sources, maps, graphs, charts, poems, songs, and music of the period, magazines, literature of the period, audio-tapes, videotapes, cartoons, etc.
- Students will have a number of opportunities to write using a variety of forms including: journals, papers, research projects, speeches, etc.
- They will also be involved in socials, forums, debates, and role-playing.
- Students will be assessed using AP style multiple choices exams, FRQ's, DBQ's as well as individual and group projects.

### **Instructional Resources:**

#### **Texts:**

- Kennedy, David M., Lizabeth Cohen, and Thomas Bailey. *The American Pageant*. 13th ed. Boston, Mass.: Houghton Mifflin Co., 2006

#### **Supplementary Readings:**

- Zinn, Howard. *A People's History of the United States*, HarperCollins 2003
- Kennedy, David M., Lizabeth Cohen, and Thomas Bailey. *The American Spirit Vol. I & II*, Houghton Mifflin Co. 2006
- Various handouts throughout the year
- Appropriate Internet Resources

# Course Pacing Guide

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Course Unit (Days/Periods)	Length of Instruction
1. Colonial America	2 weeks
2. Conflict and Rebellion	2 weeks
3. Establishing a New Nation	2 weeks
4. The Early National Period	2 weeks
5. Jacksonian Democracy	2 weeks
6. Antebellum South/Manifest Destiny	2 weeks
6A. Pre-Civil War	1 week
7. Civil War and Reconstruction	2 weeks
8. The Gilded Age	3 weeks
9. Empire?; The Progressive Era; The Great War	3 weeks
10. The “Roaring Twenties” and “Depressing Thirties”	3 weeks
11. World War II and the Cold War that Followed	3 weeks
12. Ike, JFK, LBJ and the Cold War	2 weeks
13. 70’s-80’s-90’s Conservatism; Post Cold War; New Century	1 week