



American History I (Foundations)

The purpose of this course is for students to develop a knowledge and understanding of American History. We will closely examine the people, places and events that have shaped our nation from the sectional conflict that brought on the Civil War to the global crisis that came to be known as WWI. This course utilizes a critical thinking, and narrative approach to history. It places an emphasis not only on what took place, but also on *why* certain things occurred, what the ramifications of those events were, as well as how those experiences may impact us today. Each unit has been prepared to meet the Pennsylvania State Standards for Social Studies.

Units of Study

1. The Union in Peril
2. The Civil War
3. Reconstruction
4. Westward Expansion
5. Business and Labor Unions
6. A Time of Hope and Hardship
7. The U.S. As a World Power
8. The Progressive Era
9. World War I

Activities

Primary Source Analysis
Readings
Research
Discussions
Presentations
Debate
Videos

Assessments

Document-based Questions
Quizzes
Chapter Tests
Research Project
Projects
Homework Assignments
Final Exam

Academic Standards:

Through completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Identify and analyze the political and cultural contributions of individuals and groups to United States history from about 1840 to 1920. (8.3.9-A)
- Identify and analyze primary documents, material artifacts and historic sites important in United States history from about 1840 to 1920. (8.3.9-B)
- Analyze how continuity and change has influenced United States history from about 1840 to 1920. (8.3.9-C)
- Identify and analyze conflict and cooperation among social groups and organizations in United States history from about 1840 to 1920. (8.3.9-D)