



Nazareth Area School District

United States History II

Course Description:

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 decade that roared, through the Second World War and its aftermath, to the present day. This course utilizes a critical thinking 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 yet impact us today. Each unit has been prepared to meet the Pennsylvania State Standards for Social Studies.

Units of Study

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| 1. Roaring Twenties | 6. Cold War Boom |
| 2. Great Depression | 7. New Frontier and Great Society |
| 3. The New Deal | 8. Civil Rights |
| 4. World War II | 9. The Vietnam Years |
| 5. Cold War Conflicts | 10. An Era of Social Change |
| | 11. An Age of Limits |

Activities

Primary Source Analysis
Readings
Research
Discussions
Role plays
Debate
Videos

Assessments

Document-based Questions
Quizzes (Always be prepared)
Chapter Tests
Research Project/Paper(s)
Projects- Group and Individual
Homework Assignments
Final Exam

Pennsylvania 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 1919 to present. (8.3.9-A)
- Identify and analyze primary documents, material artifacts and historic sites important in United States history from about 1919 to present. (8.3.9-B)
- Analyze how continuity and change has influenced United States history from about 1919 to present. (8.3.9-C)
- Identify and analyze conflict and cooperation among social groups and organizations in United States history from about 1919 to present. (8.3.9-D)