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US History, Part 1

ATTENTION

Grading may take up to 7 days at semester end and during the summer semester!
Submit your **last assignment two weeks** before your school's semester ends.



Course Instructions

How This Course Works & Suggested Timeline

Submitting Your Assignments

Ask The Teacher

Meet your teacher for this course and ask a question.

Need help with the course? We offer online tutoring: find more details about it here.

How to Take This Course

Complete all the quizzes and the assignment in each unit. Once the quizzes for a unit are complete, you will have access to the unit test. We recommend you complete the unit assignment before you attempt the unit test; the assignment will help you prepare. You will not have access to the final after you have been enrolled in the course for at least 30 days, all unit tests are completed, and your assignments are graded.

Allow 3-4 school days for an assignment to be graded. To understand the course grading, read the full course instructions.

MANDATORY QUIZ — Completion

You are required to take this quiz before you start the course. To prepare, read the course instructions and the "submitting your assignments" document, watch the video on the how this course works page and review the suggested timeline.

Learning Objectives & Standards Met By This Course

Unit 1: Reconstruction and the Foundations of Modern America

In this unit, students will:

- Explain how the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments changed the meaning of freedom and citizenship after the Civil War.
- Describe the successes and failures of Reconstruction, including Black political gains and the violent resistance that undermined them.
- Analyze why Reconstruction ended and what it meant for Black Americans when the federal government withdrew from the South.
- Identify how Jim Crow laws and the Plessy v. Ferguson ruling built a legal system of racial segregation after Reconstruction.
- Explain how rapid industrial growth during the Gilded Age created new economic opportunities and new forms of inequality.

Unit 1 Study Guide

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1.1 The End of the Civil War and Constitutional Amendments

Quiz 1.1 — Completion

1.2 Reconstruction Policies, Resistance, and Federal Authority

Quiz 1.2 — Completion

1.3 The Compromise of 1877 and the Retreat from Reconstruction

Quiz 1.3 — Completion

1.4 Race, Citizenship, and the Rise of Segregation

Quiz 1.4 — Completion

1.5 Early Industrial Growth and the Railroad Revolution

Quiz 1.5 — Completion

Unit 1 Assignment: This Day in History — A Jim Crow Social Media Feed — Completion

Unit 2: Industrialization, Immigration, and Urbanization

In this unit, students will:

- Explain how industrial capitalism transformed the American economy and concentrated wealth in the hands of a small number of industrialists.
- Describe the working conditions faced by industrial laborers and why they organized unions to fight for better wages, hours, and safety.
- Analyze the immigrant experience and how rapid urbanization created both new opportunities and new challenges in American cities.
- Identify how political corruption flourished during the Gilded Age and how reformers worked to expose and challenge it.
- Evaluate the causes and consequences of economic inequality during the Gilded Age, including the rise of the Populist movement as a response to concentrated wealth and power.

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2.1 Industrial Expansion and Big Business

Quiz 2.1 — Completion

2.2 Labor Movements and Worker Resistance

Quiz 2.2 — Completion

2.3 Immigration, Urban Life, and Cultural Change

Quiz 2.3 — Completion

2.4 Political Machines, Corruption, and Reform

Quiz 2.4 — Completion

2.5 Wealth, Power, and Economic Inequality

Quiz 2.5 — Completion

Unit 2 Assignment: Front Page News — A Muckraker's Exposé — Completion

Unit 3: Reform, Progressivism, and American Expansion

In this unit students will:

- Explain how the Progressive movement responded to the problems created by industrial capitalism, including unsafe working conditions, political corruption, and social inequality.
- Describe the role of women in the Progressive Era, including the fight for suffrage and the passage of the 19th Amendment.
- Analyze how the federal government expanded its power to regulate big business and protect the public through legislation and executive action
- Identify the causes and consequences of U.S. imperialism, including the Spanish-American War and the debate over America's role in the world.
- Evaluate the limits of the Progressive movement — who it helped, who it left out, and what it tells us about reform in a democracy.

Unit 3 Study Guide

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3.1 Progressive Reform and Social Justice

Quiz 3.1 — Completion

3.2 Women's Rights and Democratic Expansion

Quiz 3.2 — Completion

3.3 Government Regulation and the Limits of Reform

Quiz 3.3 — Completion

3.4 U.S. Imperialism and Foreign Policy Debates

Quiz 3.4 — Completion

3.5 America's Changing Role in the World

Quiz 3.5 — Completion

Unit 3 Assignment: Diary of an Empire — Completion

Unit 4: World War I, Democratic Strain, and the Interwar Years

In this unit, students will:

- Explain the underlying causes of World War I and why the United States eventually abandoned neutrality and entered the war in 1917.
- Analyze how the U.S. government used propaganda, censorship, and legal force to shape public opinion and suppress dissent during wartime.
- Describe the outcomes of World War I, including the Treaty of Versailles, and explain how the peace settlement created conditions for future conflict.
- Identify the social and cultural tensions of the 1920s, including the rise of nativism, the Ku Klux Klan, and conflicts between traditional and modern values.
- Evaluate how the Great Depression destabilized democratic governments around the world and contributed to the rise of totalitarian regimes.

Unit 4 Study Guide

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4.1 Causes of World War I and U.S. Entry

Quiz 4.1 — Completion

4.2 Propaganda, Civil Liberties, and the Home Front

Quiz 4.2 — Completion

4.3 The Treaty of Versailles and Global Instability

Quiz 4.3 — Completion

4.4 The 1920s: Nativism, Nationalism, and Cultural Conflict

Quiz 4.4 — Completion

4.5 The Great Depression and the Global Crisis of Democracy

Quiz 4.5 — Completion

Unit 4 Assignment: The Home Front on Trial — Completion

Unit 5: World War II and the Holocaust

In this unit, students will:

- Explain the underlying ideological, economic, and political causes of fascism's rise in Europe and the failure of appeasement to prevent a second world war.
- Trace the escalating stages of Nazi persecution of Jews and others, from legal exclusion to ghettoization to mass murder in the Holocaust.
- Evaluate the range of human responses to genocide — resistance, rescue, collaboration, and bystanding — and the moral questions each raises.
- Describe World War II as a global military conflict and analyze its major turning points in Europe and the Pacific.
- Assess the postwar reckoning with wartime atrocities and civil liberties violations, including the Nuremberg Trials, Japanese American internment, and the creation of new international human rights frameworks.

Unit 5 Study Guide

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5.1 The Rise of Fascism and the Road to War

Quiz 5.1 — Completion

5.2 The Holocaust: Ideology, Persecution, and Genocide

Quiz 5.2 — Completion

5.3 Resistance, Bystanders, and Moral Choice

Quiz 5.3 — Completion

5.4 World War II as a Global Military Conflict

Quiz 5.4 — Completion

5.5 Civil Liberties, War Crimes, and the Postwar Reckoning

Quiz 5.5 — Completion

Unit 5 Assignment: One Photograph — Completion

Final Exam

You will have access to the final after you have been enrolled in the course for at least 30 days and when all unit tests are completed, and your assignments are graded.

Warning: You have only ONE attempt at the final. Are you ready to take the final? We highly recommend you take the practice final first, and if you are weak in any area, review the relevant course material again. You have unlimited attempts at the practice final. It will help you to prepare.

Remember, if you want to improve your grade in this course, you need to do that BEFORE you take the final exam.

Good Luck!!

Not available unless: The activity MANDATORY QUIZ is marked complete.

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