

This course traces the nation's history from the pre-colonial period to the end of the American Civil War. It emphasizes the colonial period and the creation of a new nation and examines the beliefs and philosophies that informed the American Revolution and the subsequent formation of the government and political system.

Students first explore the earliest points of contact between individuals from Europe, Africa, and North America. They then probe the economic, cultural, and social motives for the nation's expansion, as well as the conflicting notions of liberty that eventually resulted in the Civil War. Woven throughout this narrative history is a strong focus on the changing conditions of women, African Americans, and other minority groups. The ways in which Americans lived, ate, dressed, and interacted are also highlighted.

The course emphasizes the development of historical analysis skills such as comparing and contrasting, differentiating between facts and interpretations, considering multiple perspectives, and analyzing cause-and-effect relationships. These skills are applied to text interpretation and in written assignments that guide learners step-by-step through problem-solving activities.

This course is built to state standards and informed by the National Council for History Education, the National Center for History in the Schools, and the National Council for Social Studies.

Length: One semester

## UNIT 1: FIRST CONTACTS

### LESSON 1: EUROPEANS IN THE NEW WORLD

#### **Study: The First Americans**

Learn how to study history and use your new skills to learn more about the first Americans.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

#### **Quiz: The First Americans**

Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

#### **Discuss: Introduce Yourself**

Introduce yourself to the other students in your class.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 15 points

#### **Study: New Spain**

Find out why many Europeans wanted to find, claim, and settle new lands.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

#### **Quiz: New Spain**

Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

### LESSON 2: FIRST CONNECTIONS

#### **Study: Settling North America**

Locate and describe early European communities in North America.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

#### **Quiz: Settling North America**

Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

**Read: Columbus and Champlain**

Learn about primary and secondary sources and use your new skills to understand the writings of Christopher Columbus and Samuel de Champlain.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: Columbus and Champlain**

Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.

Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

**Study: Cooperation and Conflict: The Columbian Exchange**

Discover the positive and negative results of continued contact between European settlers and Native Americans.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: Cooperation and Conflict: The Columbian Exchange**

Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

**Study: Life at Jamestown**

Learn about the challenges early European settlers faced in Jamestown.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: Life at Jamestown**

Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

**LESSON 3: THE ATLANTIC WORLD****Study: Trade Routes**

Learn about the economic and cultural ties that developed between North America, Africa, and the Caribbean.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: Trade Routes**

Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

**Practice: Exploring Maps and Charts**

Read maps, charts, and other primary sources and explain what you learned from them.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 30 points

**Study: The Slave Trade**

Learn about the role of slave labor from Africa in the development of the colonies.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: The Slave Trade**

Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

**Study: The Effects of War**

Learn about the conflicts that developed in Europe during the colonial period and how they affected the North American colonies.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: The Effects of War**

Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

**LESSON 4: FREE AND FORCED LABOR IN THE COLONIES****Study: Work in Colonial America**

Discover what daily life was like for North American settlers.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: Work in Colonial America**

Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

**Journal: Gender and Labor**

Compare the relationship between gender and labor in the 1800s with gender roles today.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 20 points

**Study: Slavery**

Learn about why landowners came to use slaves instead of indentured servants.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: Slavery**

Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

**LESSON 5: FIRST CONTACTS WRAP-UP****Review: First Contacts**

Get ready for the unit test by reviewing important ideas and skills.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Test (CS): First Contacts**

Take a computer-scored test to check what you have learned in this unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 40 points

**Test (TS): First Contacts**

Take a teacher-scored test to check what you have learned in this unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 60 points

**UNIT 2: BECOMING AMERICAN****LESSON 1: EUROPEAN COLONIES IN NORTH AMERICA****Study: Northern Colonies**

Learn about the northern colonies of Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Connecticut.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: Northern Colonies**

Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

**Practice: Improving a Historical Essay**

Improve a draft of an essay.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 30 points

**Study: Mid-Atlantic Colonies**

Learn about the Mid-Atlantic colonies of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Delaware.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: Mid-Atlantic Colonies**

Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

**Study: Chesapeake Colonies**

Learn about the Chesapeake colonies of Maryland and Virginia.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: Chesapeake Colonies**

Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

**Study: Southern Colonies**

Learn about the southern colonies of North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: Southern Colonies**

Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

**LESSON 2: BRITISH NORTH AMERICA****Study: The Enlightenment and the Great Awakening**

Compare the ideas of the Enlightenment and the Great Awakening. Examine how these ideas affected colonial life.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: The Enlightenment and the Great Awakening**

Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

**Study: Trouble in the Colonies**

Learn about the events that led to trouble between the British king and North American colonies.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: Trouble in the Colonies**

Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

**Study: Troubles Lead to War**

Learn how trouble between the British king and his North American subjects resulted in war.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: Troubles Lead to War**

Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

**LESSON 3: THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR****Study: Taking Sides**

Examine why the British colonists declared independence and the early stages of the Revolutionary War.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: Taking Sides**

Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

**Discuss: Becoming American?**

Discuss what it meant to be "American" at the time of the Revolution and what it means to you today.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 15 points

**Read: The Declaration of Independence**

Read the Declaration of Independence and learn more about why the Patriots wanted to end British rule.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: The Declaration of Independence**

Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.

Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

**Study: The War's Conclusion and Consequences**

Examine what helped the Americans win the Revolutionary War.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: The War's Conclusion and Consequences**

Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

## LESSON 4: EXAMINING THE CONSTITUTION

### Study: Life after the Revolution

Learn about the challenges the nation faced in the decades following the Revolutionary War.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

### Quiz: Life after the Revolution

Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

### Study: Making the Constitution

Learn about the Constitution and what makes it special.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

### Quiz: Making the Constitution

Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

### Study: Making the Constitution Work

Examine the agreements that were made during the writing of the Constitution.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

### Quiz: Making the Constitution Work

Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

### Journal: Your Bill of Rights

Prepare to learn about the Constitution by identifying rights that are important to your daily life.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 20 points

## LESSON 5: BECOMING AMERICAN WRAP-UP

### Review: Becoming American

Get ready for the unit test by reviewing important ideas and skills.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

### Test (CS): Becoming American

Take a computer-scored test to check what you have learned in this unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 40 points

### Test (TS): Becoming American

Take a teacher-scored test to check what you have learned in this unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 60 points

## UNIT 3: AMERICA IN THE AGE OF JACKSON

### LESSON 1: LIBERTY, POWER, AND PARTY POLITICS

#### Study: The Virginia Presidents

Learn about the Virginia-born presidents who led the country during its first years.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

#### Quiz: The Virginia Presidents

Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

#### Study: From Regional to Party Politics

Look at the conflicts that gave rise to the first American political parties.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: From Regional to Party Politics**

Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

**Discuss: Evaluating the Two-Party System**

Debate the effectiveness of our two-party political system.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 15 points

**Study: Voting and Gender**

Examine the roles of men and women of the 1800s and how these roles affected voting laws.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: Voting and Gender**

Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

**LESSON 2: THE FIRST INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION****Study: The Nation's Early Growth**

Examine the reasons for and the results of expansion during Jefferson's presidency.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: The Nation's Early Growth**

Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

**Study: Transportation Revolution**

Find out how advances in transportation changed how Americans lived.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: Transportation Revolution**

Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

**Study: Economics and Party Politics**

Compare the economic policies of the Democrats and the Whigs.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: Economics and Party Politics**

Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

**Practice: Democrats and Whigs**

Use a graphic organizer to compare the Democratic Party with the Whig Party.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 30 points

**LESSON 3: FORCED AND VOLUNTARY MOVEMENT****Study: Slavery in the South**

Find out how slavery shaped the Southern economy and affected African Americans.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: Slavery in the South**

Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

**Study: The Trail of Tears**

Learn about the effects of the nation's growth on Native Americans through a role-play activity.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Journal: Your Experiences on the Trail**

Describe what you experienced during the role-play activity about the Trail of Tears.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 20 points

### **Quiz: Trail of Tears**

Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

### **Study: New European Arrivals**

Discover why many Europeans came to the United States in the mid-1800s.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

### **Quiz: New European Arrivals**

Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

## **LESSON 4: BUILDING NEW COMMUNITIES**

### **Study: City Culture**

Find out what life was like in an early 19th-century American city.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

### **Quiz: City Culture**

Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

### **Discuss: Then and Now: Women at Work**

Discuss the gender roles of 19th-century workers and compare them with the gender roles of workers today.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 15 points

### **Study: Second Great Awakening**

Find out why mid-19th-century Americans took a new interest in religion. Learn how the Second Great Awakening affected American society.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

### **Quiz: Second Great Awakening**

Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

### **Read: Beecher and Grimké**

Read letters from Catherine Beecher and Angelina Grimké on the role of women in the abolition movement.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

### **Quiz: Beecher and Grimké**

Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.

Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

## **LESSON 5: AMERICA IN THE AGE OF JACKSON WRAP-UP**

### **Review: America in the Age of Jackson**

Get ready for the unit test by reviewing important ideas and skills.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

### **Test (CS): America in the Age of Jackson**

Take a computer-scored test to check what you have learned in this unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 40 points

### **Test (TS): America in the Age of Jackson**

Take a teacher-scored test to check what you have learned in this unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 60 points

## **UNIT 4: NORTH-SOUTH CONFLICT**

## LESSON 1: GROWTH AND CONFLICT

### Study: Manifest Destiny

Discover why many Americans supported national growth.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

### Quiz: Manifest Destiny

Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

### Study: Hispanic Americans

Examine how the United States gained control of land from Mexico, and how this affected the people who already lived there.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

### Quiz: Hispanic Americans

Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

### Study: Consequences of Compromise

Learn how the nation's growth led to arguments about the growth of slavery.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

### Quiz: Consequences of Compromise

Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

### Journal: Debating Popular Sovereignty

Write down your opinion of the doctrine of popular sovereignty.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 20 points

## LESSON 2: EARLY ANTISLAVERY

### Study: African Americans Fight Slavery

Discover how African Americans worked to escape or end slavery.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

### Quiz: African Americans Fight Slavery

Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

### Read: Views For and Against Slavery

Use primary sources to evaluate arguments for and against slavery.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

### Quiz: Views For and Against Slavery

Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.

Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

### Practice: Slave Rebellions

Use primary sources to learn about the effect of Nat Turner's rebellion.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 30 points

### Study: Northerners Fight Slavery

Learn about Northerners' efforts to end slavery.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

### Quiz: Northerners Fight Slavery

Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points



## LESSON 3: THE UNION IN CRISIS

### Study: Northern and Southern Cultures

Compare the economic, political, and cultural characteristics of the Northern and Southern states.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

### Quiz: Northern and Southern Cultures

Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

### Study: Parties in Crisis

Examine the issues that changed political parties and created conflict between the North and the South.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

### Quiz: Parties in Crisis

Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

### Study: The Road to Civil War

Examine the political conflict that led Southern states to consider leaving the Union.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

### Quiz: The Road to Civil War

Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

### Discuss: Fighting Violence with Violence

Discuss the strategies of John Brown and others who used violence to try to end slavery.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 15 points

## LESSON 4: THE CIVIL WAR

### Study: Civil War Breaks Out

Examine the events that resulted in war between the North and the South.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

### Quiz: Civil War Breaks Out

Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

### Study: The War at Home

Look at how the war affected daily life in the North and the South.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

### Quiz: The War at Home

Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

### Study: Final Days of the War

Look at the factors that resulted in the Union victory in the war.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

### Quiz: Final Days of the War

Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

## LESSON 5: NORTH-SOUTH CONFLICT WRAP-UP

### Review: North-South Conflict

Get ready for the unit test by reviewing important ideas and skills.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Test (CS): North-South Conflict**

Take a computer-scored test to check what you have learned in this unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 40 points

**Test (TS): North-South Conflict**

Take a teacher-scored test to check what you have learned in this unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 60 points

**UNIT 5: SEMESTER REVIEW AND EXAM****LESSON 1: SEMESTER REVIEW AND EXAM****Review: Semester Review and Exam**

Get ready for the exam by reviewing important ideas and skills covered in this semester.

Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

**Exam: Semester Exam**

Take a computer-scored exam to show what you have learned in this semester.

Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 50 points

**Final Exam: Semester Exam**

Take a teacher-scored exam to show what you have learned in this semester.

Duration: 1 hr 30 mins Scoring: 100 points