AP US History Competencies

This course is designed to identify and examine major events and themes of United States History from the beginning through the Colonial period to the Modern Age. Students will develop an appreciation for domestic issues as they arose through time, and have an understanding of how America’s circumstances in the global community have changed.

The course will follow the curriculum as written, approved and accepted by the College Board.

MAJOR CONCEPTS:

- American Identity
- Political Foundations and Developments
- Economic Systems and Technology
- Social and Political Interactions
- World Views and Value Systems

TOPICS:

- Political parties
- Religious influence on political change
- Federalism
- Sectionalism
- Foreign Policy
- Manifest Destiny
- Regional and International Organizations
- American thought and philosophy
- Spread of American ideas and culture around the world
- Westward movement
- American culture, art & music
- Economic production
- Development of technology
- Globalization
- Distribution of wealth
- Unity and pluralism
- Roles of gender
- Diversity
- Social class
- Impact of religion on social change
AP U.S HISTORY COURSE COMPETENCIES

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2. Students will understand that there is a relationship between civic ideals and practices.
3. Students will understand that in the history of the United States, the people and the environment impact each other.
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**Knowledge/Content**

- Examine the tensions between the values of unity and pluralism in defining our national identity (SS: HI: 12: 5.1)
- Evaluate the changing roles of gender in society (SS: HI: 12: 5.3)
- Explore attitudes toward diversity held by groups and individuals (SS: HI: 12: 5.3)
- Examine the impact of social class on life in the United States (SS: HI: 12: 5.4)
- Analyze how religious ideas of morality have important social changes (SS: HI: 12.5.5)
- Analyze the spread of American ideas and culture (SS: HI: 12.3.4)
- Critique how art, music, and literature of our nation have been influenced by groups (SS: HI: 12.3.3)
- Evaluate how individuals have developed ideas that have profoundly affected American life (SS: HI: 12.3.1)
- Examine the role and impact of religious ideas on daily life and social norms (SS: HI: 12.3.1)
- Analyze the struggles for cultural continuity (SS: HI: 12.5.3)
- Determine the basis for ranking social groups within a given culture (SS: HI: 12.5.5)
- Classify the functions, sizes, and spatial arrangements of urban areas (SS: HI: 12.4.4)
- (Examine the process of urbanization)
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Skills Sample Performance Assessment (SPA)#1

You have been hired as a summer intern at the NAACP. They have asked you to create a presentation summarizing information about the Civil Rights movement in the U.S.

Topics in SPA #1

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### Topics
- Development of civic ideals and practices, patterns of social and political interaction, impact of conflict and cooperation among groups and individuals on politics; the relationship between the individual and the government, the evolution of government institutions, connections between foreign and domestic policy.

### Competencies
1. Students will understand that conflict and cooperation together shape the development of the United States.
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- Account for the rise and fall of political parties and movements and their impact, e.g., the Whig Party or the Progressive Movement (SS:HI:12:1.1).
- Analyze how religion has influenced the political life of the nation (SS:HI:12:1.2).
- Analyze the roots and application of the federal system of government by examining key documents and events (SS:HI:12:1.3).
- Examine the impact of sectionalism on national crises and United States government policies (SS:HI:12:1.4).
- Analyze how United States foreign policy has varied from periods of international involvement, to isolationism, to exerting power and dominance at different time periods (SS:HI:12:2.2).
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- Examine how various national economic policies have led to changes in the international economy (SS:EC:12:5.3).
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- Explain why the preservation of liberty requires the participation of knowledgeable and engaged citizens (SS:CV:12:4.3).
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Discuss the relationship between domestic and foreign policy (SS:CV:12:3.1).

Discuss the impact of United States’ contributions to the ideals of democracy and representative government on world affairs (SS:CV:12:3.2).

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Analyze the evolution of the United States Constitution as a living document (SS:CV:12:2.2).

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## Sample Performance Assessment SPA #1

The president is about to hold a press conference on the controversial Patriot Act. As one of his top advisors, it is your task to design a presentation to inform the president about historical precedence for policies and laws that limit personal freedom in the interest in collective security.

## Topics in SPA #1

devlopment of civic ideals and practices, the relationship between the individual and the government, the evolution of government institutions, connections between foreign and domestic policy

### Skills

- Analyze various systems of distributing wealth (SS:WH:12:4.1).
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The student will produce a presentation that:

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### Rubric

The student will produce a letter that:

a. Recognizes the purpose and produces a clear and insightful response;

b. Produces a well articulated and developed focus statement;

c. Exhibits extensive research and critical analysis;

d. Evaluates relevant information (such as key events, attitudes and individuals) American Industrial Revolution of the early 1800s.

### Sample Performance Assessment SPA #2

As a newspaper reporter in the early 1800s your assignment is to interview an American inventor and write an article about the impact of his/her new invention.

### Topics in SPA #2

Economic production, Development of technology, Distribution of wealth

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You are a pioneer bride and are traveling with your new husband to Kansas Territory to homestead. Both of you are anti-slavery, but you discover that all your neighbors are pro-slavery and you must keep your opinions private in order to be safe. Create a written dialog/correspondence between the new bride and her father, a Quaker minister living in Connecticut, who is following the mounting tensions in what will become Bleeding Kansas.

### Topics in SPA #1

- Westward movement
- Roles of Gender
- Impact of religion on social change

### Social Studies Process Skills Addressed in SPA#1

- 2. Students will understand that it is important to detect cause and effect, distinguish fact from opinion, and recognize biases.
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### Social Studies Competencies Addressed in SPA#1

- 8. Students will understand that Americans have experienced an ongoing tension between freedom and security, liberty and equality, and individualism and the common good.

### Rubric

The student will produce a document that:
- Critically analyzes the cause and effects as well as biases;
- Creates a well articulated and developed argument which examines various perspectives;
- Exhibits extensive research and critical analysis;
- Synthesizes relevant information regarding the tensions.

### Major Concept: Social and Political Interactions

### Major Concept: World Views and Value Systems

#### Topics

- Manifest Destiny
- American thought and philosophy
- American culture, art & music
- Spread of American ideas and culture around the world
- Diversity
- Religious influence on political change
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Skills

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Express clear and concise personal opinion supported by evidence.

Sample Performance Assessment SPA #1
The Smithsonian Museum of American History is planning to showcase the 1920s. You have been hired to determine who and what will be featured in this exhibit.

Topics in SPA #1
American thought and philosophy, American culture, art & music, Diversity

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