

## Comprehensive U.S. History

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** This course is a full-year survey that provides students with a comprehensive view of American history from the first migrations of nomadic people to North America to recent events. Readings are drawn from K<sup>12</sup>'s The American Odyssey: A History of the United States. Online lessons help students organize their study, explore topics in depth, review in preparation for assessments, and practice skills of historical thinking and analysis. Activities include analyzing primary sources and maps, creating time lines, completing projects and written assignments, and conducting independent research.

**PREREQUISITES:** World History or Modern World Studies

**COURSE LENGTH:** Two Semesters

**REQUIRED TEXT:** The American Odyssey: A History of the United States

**MATERIALS LIST:** No required materials for this course

### COURSE OUTLINE:

#### Semester 1

##### Unit 1: American Beginnings

- Semester Introduction
- Discuss: Getting to Know You
- Peopling the Americas
- First Americans
- The North American Continent
- Worlds Meet
- Pilgrims and Puritans in New England
- The Middle and Southern Colonies
- The Colonies Grow and Change
- New Ideas and Issues
- Looking at the Colonies

##### Unit 2: Formation of the United States

- Growing Tension
- Moving Toward Independence
- We Hold These Truths
- Revolution
- A Long War
- Discuss: George Washington's Leadership
- Governing a New Nation
- Seeking a More Perfect Union
- Ratification
- Your Constitution

### **Unit 3: The New Republic**

- The New Republic
- The Washington Presidency
- A New Leader
- Discuss: The Alien and Sedition Acts
- Transfer of Power
- Exploring
- The War of 1812
- Nationalism: Culture and Economy
- Nationalism: Politics and the Judiciary
- Nationalism: Foreign Affairs
- Eventful Times

### **Unit 4: Change and Growth**

- A Revolution in American Industry
- A Revolution in Transportation
- Going Places
- New Politics
- Discuss: Maintaining a Nation's Infrastructure
- Jackson's Presidency
- Legacies
- Northern Ways
- Southern Ways

- Comparing, Contrasting, Predicting

#### **Unit 5: Forging a National Identity**

- Seeking Perfection
- Freedom for All
- A New American Culture
- Reflections
- The Push West
- Texas: The Lone Star Republic
- Discuss: Wagons West
- War and Riches

#### **Unit 6: The Union in Crisis**

- Growing Apart
- Debate and Division
- Disunion
- The War Begins
- Discuss: Constitutional Rights
- Terrible Conflict
- War's End
- A War on All Fronts
- Reuniting a Nation
- Reconstructing a Nation

#### **Unit 7: Entering the Modern Era**

- Settling the American West
- The Changing West
- The End of a Way of Life
- New Industries Emerge
- Inventors and Industrialists
- How Big is Too Big?
- The Price of Industrialization
- Discuss: Immigrant Backgrounds
- Seeking a Better Way

- Beacon of Hope
- The Immigrant Experience

## **Unit 8: Semester Review and Test**

### **Semester 2**

#### **Unit 1: Entering the Modern Era**

- Semester Introduction
- Europeans Set Sail
- Conquest and Colonies
- Global Contact
- The Results of Global Contact
- The Protestant Reformation
- The Catholic Reformation
- Religious Wars and the Rise of Absolutism
- England's Monarchy and Its Limits

#### **Unit 2: Revolution and Empire**

- The Scientific Revolution
- The Enlightenment
- The American Revolution
- The French Revolution
- Radical Revolution
- The Age of Napoleon
- Latin American Independence Movements
- Nationalism in Europe
- The Growth of Western Democracies

#### **Unit 3: Changing Expectations**

- The Industrial Revolution Begins in England
- The Industrial Revolution Spreads
- Business, Labor, and a New Middle Class
- New Ways of Thinking
- Taking Action

- A Rising Standard of Living
- European Scramble for Empire
- Asia Divided
- Non-European Nations Compete

#### **Unit 4: War, Revolution, and Crisis**

- Toward a World War
- The Great War
- The Tide Turns
- War's End
- The Russian Revolution
- India Takes a Different Path
- Nationalism in the Middle East
- Uncertainty in the Postwar World
- The Great Depression
- The Rise of Dictators

#### **Unit 5: World War II Reshapes the World**

- Aggression, Appeasement, and War
- The Allies Turn the Tide
- Discovering the Horror
- The Allied Victory
- Securing the Peace
- The Cold War Begins
- The Cold War Spreads
- The West in the Postwar
- Beyond the Cold War

#### **Unit 6: The Contemporary World**

- Postwar Latin America
- Dictators in Control
- Directions in Latin America
- Preparing a Presentation
- China Since 1945

- South Asia Since 1945
- Southeast Asia Since 1945
- East Asia Since 1945
- The End of Colonialism in Africa
- Challenges in Modern Africa
- New Nations in the Middle East
- Ongoing Struggles in the Middle East
- New Threats and Responses

**Unit 7: Looking Back and Ahead**

- Wrapping Up
- Global Interaction and Interdependence
- Social and Environmental Challenges
- Technology, Science, and the Standard of Living
- Finalizing the Project

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