

Overview:

Focus: The historical events and issues that shaped American Society and other parts of the world, especially Canada.

The primary intent of the American History course is to create a greater understanding of significant historical events that shaped the United States. It is intended to be a survey course with a focus and emphasis on those historical developments that have influenced the world, especially Canada.

In this course, students will examine such major events as **colonization, the American Revolution, the Constitution, territorial expansion, the Civil War and reconstruction, political-economic-social-cultural developments, and foreign policy**. The course also examines the impact that these issues had on the United States and on other parts of the world.

A further intent is to identify the **personalities** who, in a significant way, shaped American history and to examine briefly their contributions.



TIMELINE

The following timeline is approximate. The make-up of the class and unforeseen events may alter it somewhat. The outline should provide you with a clear idea of what the course involves and what percentage of time will be spent on each unit of work. It should also provide you with an idea of the evaluation which will be used for each unit of study.

TEXT: *American History* by Patrick Carter, Fiorella Finelli, Derek Grant and David Nagy

Approximate Time	Description of Unit	Evaluation
September	❖ Unit I: Early America <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Chapter 1: Aborigines and Europeans (1000-1700) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ America Before European Immigration ✓ Age of Empires ✓ The English Empire ▪ Chapter 2: Colonial America (1700-1775) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Colonial Life ✓ The Struggle for Empire ✓ Growing Discontent 	Short Assignments/Activities American City Poster Test/Quiz
October, November	❖ Unit II: Revolutionary America <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Chapter 3: Revolution (1774-1791) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Declaring Independence ✓ Waging War ✓ The Results of the War ✓ The Constitution ▪ Chapter 4: Birth of the Republic (1789-1828) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The Federalist Era ✓ Age of Jefferson ✓ The War of 1812 ✓ National Expansion 	Short Assignments/Activities Declaration of Independence Skit and Translation Separation of Powers Activity Test/Quiz
November, December	❖ Unit III: Nationalism and Sectionalism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Chapter 5: Manifest Destiny (1828-1850) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The Age of Jackson ✓ Westward Expansion ✓ Changing Culture ▪ Chapter 6: The Crisis of the Union (1850-1865) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Slavery and Abolition ✓ From Compromise to Secession ✓ Civil War ✓ The War's End and Aftermath 	Short Assignments/Activities Test/Quiz Presentation, Essay Civil War Profiles

January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Chapter 7: Reconstruction and Expansion (1865-1880) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Reconstruction ✓ Growth of a Nation ✓ Farming Life ✓ Claiming the West ✓ Celebrating the Centennial 	Short Assignments/Activities Test/Quiz
<p>Mark Allocation:</p> <p>Course Work: 80%</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge and Understanding (35%) • Critical Thinking (45%) • Research and Communication (20%) <p>Exam 20%</p> <p>Edmodo Code – 4stafk</p>		

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