

Advanced Placement United States History: Semester 1 Standards

Process Standards:

Students will be able to:

1. Analyze primary source documents.
2. Outline chapter readings.
3. Identify strategies for effective test taking.
4. Support and defend analysis or a position with evidence.
5. Identify the significance of vocabulary words in the context of American History.

Content Standards:

Students will be able to:

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1. Analyze the changing role of women throughout American history.
2. Analyze the impact of religious movements and trends on American society.
3. Analyze the emergence of various reform movements and evaluate their impact on American society.
4. Describe the contributions made by minority groups and analyze the impact they had on shaping American history.
5. Describe the immigrant experience and analyze the response to changing immigration patterns.
6. Analyze the significance and impact of Supreme Court cases.

UNIT 1

1. Describe the regional and cultural differences of early American inhabitants
2. Analyze the impact of European contact on the various cultures of the Western Hemisphere
3. Analyze the successes and failures of the early American colonies
4. Analyze the political, social, and economic development of colonial America
5. Analyze the growing tension between the colonies and British imperial policy
6. Evaluate the colonial decision to declare and fight for independence

UNIT 2

1. Identify the successes and failures of the Articles of Confederation
2. Describe the development of the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights
3. Analyze the emergence of political parties and the factors that divided them
4. Analyze the growing conflict between national power and states' rights
5. Analyze the domestic and foreign policies of the Early Republic American Presidents

6. Evaluate the transformation of politics, society, and the economy in Antebellum America
7. Analyze the causes and effects of the institution of slavery
8. Analyze the successes and limitations of Jacksonian Democracy
9. Determine the impact of territorial expansion on the social, political, and economic developments of the United States in the early 1800's.

UNIT 3

1. Identify pro and anti-slavery arguments.
2. Assess the building tension leading up to the Civil War.
3. Compare and contrast the strengths and weaknesses of the North and South at the outset of the Civil War.
4. Evaluate the political, social, and economic impact of the Civil War on the North, South, and West.
5. Evaluate the effectiveness of reconstruction plans.
6. Analyze the changing role of African Americans in politics, education, and the economy post Civil War.
7. Identify the economic reconfiguration of the New South.
8. Identify the challenges and obstacles faced by African Americans during Reconstruction and beyond.