**American History**

**Course Outline**

* Learning History 101:

**Week #1**

**Week #2**

**Week #3**

* + Political, Economic, Social/Cultural, Technological Issues
	+ Tracing Events in Time

The first 8 chapters of this course outline cover early American history, which was the material covered in your Middle School history classes. In an effort to provide a solid foundation for new knowledge and understanding, these chapters will be covered again, but in **broad review/summary** format. We will complete this **overview** before the end of the first quarter!

* + Cause and Effect: Seeing the “Connections”
* Discovery (to 1600):
	+ Pre-Columbian America and Europe (alien worlds)
	+ Conquest under Spain
* Colonization (1492-1752): **THE COLONIAL ERA**
	+ Spain’s Empire and Motives
	+ England’s Colonies
	+ France’s Colonies
* Growth of the American Colonies (1689-1754):
	+ Economic Development
	+ Social and Cultural development
* The Revolution (1753-1783): **THE REVOLUTIONARY PERIOD**
	+ The French and Indian War
	+ Growing Political tension against English authority
	+ Enlightenment Ideology, Newsletters, and Political Activism
	+ The Decision to Declare Independence
	+ George Washington and the War
* The Constitution (1781-1789): **CONFEDERATION PERIOD**
	+ The Weakness of the Confederation and Shay’s Rebellion
	+ The Convention and New Ideas for governing a New Nation
	+ Ratifying the Constitution
* The Origins of American Politics (1789-1820):
	+ Federalists vs Anti-federalists
	+ Jefferson Presidency **THE JEFERSONIAN AGE**
	+ Political Parties emerge and Washington’s Farewell
* Regional Differences in Early America (1783-1850):
	+ Geography, resource location, industrial development
	+ Regional economies and slavery **ANTEBELLUM PERIOD**
	+ Social and cultural identity and political tensions
	+ Age of Jackson **THE JACKSONIAN ERA**
* Compromise Fails (1846-1861):

**Week #4**

**Week #5**

End of Review

**Week #6**

**Week #7**

**Week #8**

**Week #9**

End Quarter 1

**Week #10-11**

**Week #12-13**

* + Mexican-American War and the Issue of Slavery
	+ Plans for and Opposition to Compromise
	+ Changes in Political Parties and the Growing Violence
	+ Compromise Fails: A Nation Divided
* The Civil War (1861-1865):
	+ From Bull Run to Antietam
	+ Life Behind the Lines
	+ Devastation and New Freedom
* Reconstruction (1865-1877): **THE RECONSTRUCTION ERA**
	+ Presidential Reconstruction
	+ Congressional Reconstruction
	+ Birth of the “New South”
	+ The End of Reconstruction
* Technology Revolution and Industrial Expansion (1850-1900):
	+ A Technological Revolution
	+ The Growth of Big Business
	+ Industrialization and Workers
	+ The Great Strikes
* Westward Expansion (1860-1900):
	+ Moving West
	+ Conflict with Native Americans
	+ Mining, Ranching, and Farming
	+ Populism
* Politics, Immigration, and Urbanization (1870-1915): **THE GILDED AGE**
	+ Politics in the Gilded Age
	+ People on the Move
	+ The Challenge of the Cities
	+ Ideas for Reform
* Becoming a World Power (1890-1915): **THE AGE OF IMPERIALISM**
	+ The Pressure to Expand
	+ The Spanish-American War
	+ A New Foreign Policy
	+ Debating America’s New Role
* The Progressive Era (1890-1920): **THE PROGRESSIVE ERA**
	+ The Origins of Progressivism
	+ Progressive Legislation
	+ Progressivism Under Taft and Wilson
	+ Suffrage at Last
* World War I (1914-1920):

**Week #14-15**

**Week #16**

**Week #17**

**Week #18**

End Quarter 2

Winter Break!

**Week #19**

**Week #20-21**

**Week #22-23**

**Week #24**

* + The Road to War
	+ The US Declares War
	+ Americans on the European Front
	+ Americans on the Home Front
	+ Global Peacemaker
* Postwar Social Change (1920-1929): **THE “ROARING 20s”**
	+ Society in the 1920s
	+ Mass Media and Pop Culture
	+ Cultural Conflicts
* Politics and Prosperity (1920-1929)
	+ A Republican Decade
	+ A Business Boom
	+ The Economy in the Late 1920s
* The Crash and the Depression (1929-1933):
	+ The Stock Market Crash
	+ Social Effects of the Depression
	+ Surviving the Great Depression
	+ The Election of 1932
* The New Deal (1933-1941): **NEW DEAL ERA**
	+ Forging a New Deal
	+ The New Deal’s Critics
	+ Last Days of the New Deal
* World War II: The Road to War (1931-1941):
	+ Rise of Dictators
	+ Europe Goes to War
	+ Japan Builds an Empire
	+ From Isolationism to War
* WWII: Americans at War (1941-1945):
	+ Mobilization
	+ Retaking Europe
	+ The Holocaust
	+ The War in the Pacific
	+ The Social Impact of the War
* The Cold War (1945-1960):
	+ Origins of the Cold War
	+ The Cold War Heats Up
	+ The Korean War
	+ The Continuing Cold War
* The Postwar Years (1945-1960): **THE FAIR DEAL ERA**

**Week #25**

**Week #26-27**

End Quarter 3

Spring Break!

**Week #28**

**Week #29-30**

**Week #31-32**

**Week #33**

**Week #34**

**Week #35-36**

End Quarter 4

Summertime!

* + The Postwar Economy
	+ The Mood of the 1950s
	+ Domestic Politics and Policy
* The Civil Rights Movement:
	+ Demands for Civil Rights
	+ Leaders and Strategies
	+ The Struggle Intensifies
	+ The Political Response
* The Kennedy and Johnson Years: **THE NEW FRONTIER/GREAT SOCIETY ERA**
	+ The New Frontier
	+ The Great Society
	+ Foreign Policy in the Early 1960s
* An Era of Activism:
	+ The Women’s Movement
	+ Ethnic Minorities Seek Equality
	+ The Counterculture
	+ The Environmental and Consumer Movements
* The Vietnam War:
	+ The War Unfolds
	+ Fighting the War
	+ Political Division
	+ The End of the War
* Nixon, Ford, and Carter Administrations (1969-1981):
	+ Nixon’s Domestic Policy
	+ Nixon’s Foreign Policy
	+ The Watergate Scandal
	+ The Ford Administration
	+ The Carter Administration
* The Conservative Revolution (1980-1992):
	+ Roots of the New Conservatism
	+ The Reagan Revolution
	+ Reagan’s Second Term
	+ The George H.W. Bush Presidency
* Into the New Millennium (1992-Present):
	+ Contemporary Politics
	+ The US in a New World
	+ Americans in the New Millennium