**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