

U.S. History- Part A

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course is a full-year survey that provides students with a view of American history from the first migrations of nomadic people to North America to recent events. Readings are drawn from K¹²'s *The American Odyssey: A History of the United States*. Online lessons help students organize their study, explore topics, review in preparation for assessments, and practice skills of historical thinking and analysis. Activities include analyzing primary sources and maps, creating timelines, completing projects and written assignments, and conducting independent research.

PREREQUISITES: K¹² middle school Intermediate World History B or HST102: World History

COURSE LENGTH: One Semester

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

MATERIALS LIST: No required materials for this course

COURSE OUTLINE:

Unit 1: Setting the Stage—Before 1850

- Semester Introduction
- Early Seeds of Democracy
- Judeo-Christian Influences on Democratic Thought
- Expanding Rights in England
- Democratic Ideals Emerge
- Democratic Ideals Flourish
- Analyzing the Declaration of Independence
- A Revolution in Industry
- New Demands for Power

Unit 1: American Beginnings

- Semester Introduction
- 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
- 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
- Transfer of Power
- Exploring
- The War of 1812
- New Nationalism
- Economic and Political Nationalism
- Nationalism at Home and Abroad
- Eventful Times

Unit 4: Change and Growth

- A Revolution in American Industry
- A Revolution in Transportation
- Going Places
- New Politics
- Jackson's Presidency

- Legacies
- Northern Ways
- North and South
- Different Lives

Unit 5: Forging a National Identity

- Comparing and Contrasting
- Writing the Essay
- Seeking Perfection
- Freedom for All
- The Push West
- Texas: The Lone Star Republic
- War and Riches

Unit 6: The Union in Crisis

- Growing Apart
- Debate and Division
- Disunion
- The War Begins
- 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
- Seeking a Better Way
- Beacon of Hope
- The Immigrant Experience

Unit 8: Semester Review and Test

- Students prepare for and take the semester test.