



United States History: 1877 to Present Day

Unit 1: The Gilded Age

Investigative Question: How did industrialization, urbanization, immigration, and expansion bring changes to American society?

1. Pull of the West
 2. Key Inventions and Their Impact on Life in the U.S.
 3. Immigration and Urbanization
 4. Pros and Cons of Big Business
 5. Native American Policies
 6. Political Machines and Efforts at Reform
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Unit 2: Age of Expansion

Investigative Question: How did the United States become an international power?

1. Expansion
 2. Spanish-American War
 3. Open Door Policy
 4. Debates over Imperialism and Annexation of the Philippines
 5. Building the Panama Canal
 6. Foreign Policy: Might, Money, and Morals
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Unit 3: Age of Reform

Investigative Question: To what extent did the Progressive Era solve the problems caused by rapid growth in cities and industrialization? What groups benefited? Who groups were left out?

1. Populism and the Election of 1896
2. Muckrakers and Reform Leaders
3. The Rise of Jim Crow and Calls for Reform



4. Progressive Era Reforms
 5. Teddy Roosevelt in the White House
 6. Taft and Wilson
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Unit 4: America in World War I

Investigative Question: How was the United States forever changed economically, socially, and politically from participating in World War I?

1. From Neutrality to War
 2. Fighting the War
 3. On the Home Front
 4. The Great Migration
 5. Ending WWI
 6. The Roaring Twenties Begins
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Unit 5: The Roaring Twenties

Investigative Question: How did the social, cultural, economic, and political changes of the 1920s reshape American society?

1. Consumer Culture and New Technologies
2. The Harlem Renaissance
3. Nativism and Immigration Restrictions
4. Prohibition and Organized Crime
5. Women in the 1920s
6. Cultural Conflicts of the 1920s

Unit 6: Great Depression and the New Deal

Investigative Question: How did the Great Depression and the New Deal transform the role of government and the lives of Americans?

1. Causes of the Great Depression
2. Life During the Great Depression
3. Hoover's Response
4. Franklin D. Roosevelt and the New Deal
5. New Deal Programs
6. Legacy of the New Deal

Unit 7: World War II

Investigative Question: How did World War II transform the United States and reshape its role in the world?

1. The Road to War
2. The War in Europe
3. The War in the Pacific
4. The Home Front During World War II
5. The Holocaust
6. The End of World War II

Unit 8: The Cold War

Investigative Question: How did the Cold War shape U.S. foreign policy and American society?

1. Origins of the Cold War
2. The Korean War
3. The Red Scare and McCarthyism

4. The Space Race
 5. The Cuban Missile Crisis
 6. The Vietnam War
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Unit 9: Civil Rights and Social Change

Investigative Question: How did individuals and movements challenge inequality and expand civil rights in the United States?

1. Early Civil Rights Movement
 2. Brown v. Board of Education and School Integration
 3. Nonviolent Protest and Civil Rights Leaders
 4. Expanding Rights Movements
 5. Civil Rights Legislation
 6. Legacy of the Civil Rights Movement
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Unit 10: Modern America

Investigative Question: How did political, economic, and technological changes reshape the United States after the Cold War?

1. Conservatism and the Reagan Era
2. The End of the Cold War
3. Globalization
4. September 11 and the War on Terror
5. Technological Change
6. America in the 21st Century

Unit 11: Economics and Global Connections

Investigative Question: How do economic systems and global connections shape life in the United States and around the world?

1. Economic Systems
 2. Personal Finance
 3. Global Trade
 4. Government and the Economy
 5. Innovation and Technology
 6. Economic Challenges
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Unit 12: Citizenship and Civic Engagement

Investigative Question: How can informed and engaged citizens strengthen democracy?

1. Civic Participation
2. Elections and Voting
3. Media Literacy and Civic Responsibility
4. Public Policy
5. Community Action
6. Capstone Investigation