



Course Description

Learning about history allows people to see how far we have come and what awaits us on our path to the future. In this course, students will explore the history of the United States and analyze the cause and effect in historical events. They will investigate history by using the tools of a historian to examine the historical, geographic, political, economic, and sociological events that influenced the development of the United States. Students will imagine what it was like to live in the past by reading the stories from the people who experienced it. This course begins with the engaging stories of what brought the earliest American colonists to the New World and ends with the struggles to repair the United States following the Civil War. Engaging in this study allows students to recognize the themes of history that span across centuries and leads to a greater appreciation of the development of the United States and the resulting impact on world history.

This is a year-long course consisting of 12 units.

Course Overview

Semester 1

- Interactions in a New World
- Colonial Society
- The Revolutionary Journey
- Redefining Government
- A Constitution for a New Nation
- A New Nation Develops

Semester 2

- Forming a New Nation
- Life in the West
- Social Reform, Regional Differences, and Slavery in Antebellum America
- Political Division Leads to Civil War
- Post-Civil War Reconstruction in the South & Settlement in the West
- The Industrial Revolution and Immigration

Required Course Materials

Please access the list of course materials from the OC Online book ordering system and order your materials as soon as possible. Oftentimes, course materials are on back order and you may experience a delay in receiving them, causing students to fall behind in their online coursework. When ordering used or rented materials, be careful that online access codes are also current.

Methods of Evaluation

Students will demonstrate mastery through the following formative and summative assessments:

- 40% Assignments
- 10% Participation (Discussion Posts, Live Classes)
- 10% Quizzes
- 25% Final Assessment
- 15% Unit Tests

Additional Course Information

Detailed information regarding OC Online policies on proctored final exams, grading policy, late/missing assignment policy, weekly live classes, course expectations, and additional school policies can be found on the website.