

U.S. History Reconstruction to Present

U.S. History Reconstruction to Present examines American history from the Civil War to the present day, placing special emphasis on the major political, economic, and social movements of the twentieth century.

Upon completion of the course, students should be able to:

- Explain the causes of sectionalism in the years leading up to the Civil War.
- Identify the major battles of the Civil War and their outcomes.
- Describe the goals and results of Reconstruction policies.
- Describe conditions in the United States at the turn of the twentieth century, including the effects of industrialization, immigration, and urbanization.
- Explain the factors influencing U.S. expansionism in the early twentieth century.
- Describe the reform movements of the Progressive Era.
- Summarize U.S. involvement in World War I.
- Describe the causes of the Great Depression.
- Explain the long-term effects of the New Deal on American society.
- Identify the major events of World War II.
- Identify the origins of the Cold War and U.S. efforts to contain the spread of Communism.
- Summarize the goals of the civil rights, countercultural, and women’s movements.
- Describe U.S. foreign policy in the post-Cold War era.
- Understand the key challenges facing American society in the late twentieth and early twenty-first centuries.

Unit 1: Sectionalism and War	
Assignments	
U.S. History Reconstruction to Present	1. Course Overview
	2. Celebrate Freedom Week: Foundational U.S. Documents*
	3. Celebrate Freedom Week: Declaration of Independence*
	4. Celebrate Freedom Week: Founding Fathers*
	5. Alexis de Tocqueville
	6. A History of Compromises
	7. The Decade Before War
	8. The Middle Passage and African-American Culture
	9. Action and Reaction
	10. Hope is Lost
	11. Project: Ascent of the Republican Party
	12. Quiz: The Stage is Set
	13. Alternate Quiz - Form A: The Stage is Set*
	14. Alternate Quiz - Form B: The Stage is Set*
	15. President in the Spotlight: Abraham Lincoln
	16. Early Southern Dominance
	17. The Civil War Turns Around
18. Address and Proclamation	
19. Quiz: The First Three Years	
20. Alternate Quiz - Form A: The First Three Years*	
21. Alternate Quiz - Form B: The First Three Years*	
22. The Home Front	
23. Effects of War	
24. Project: Impact of War on Native Americans	
25. 1864	
26. Grant and Lee at Appomattox	
27. Quiz: A Nation Reunited	
28. Alternate Quiz - Form A: A Nation Reunited*	
29. Alternate Quiz - Form B: A Nation Reunited*	
30. Special Project*	
31. Review	
32. Test: Sectionalism and War	
33. Alternate Test - Form A: Sectionalism and War*	
34. Alternate Test - Form B: Sectionalism and War*	
35. Glossary and Credits	

Unit 2: Growth and Innovation		
Assignments		
U.S. History Reconstruction to Present	1. The Idea of Reconstruction	17. Education in 19th Century America
	2. Political Tug of War	18. Industrial Revolution
	3. Why Reconstruction Failed	19. A Need for Regulation
	4. Cause and Effect	20. The Political Climate Changes
	5. Project: Fourteenth Amendment	21. Quiz: Economic and Political Change
	6. Quiz: Reconstruction	22. Alternate Quiz - Form A: Economic and Political Change*
	7. Alternate Quiz - Form A: Reconstruction*	23. Alternate Quiz - Form B: Economic and Political Change*
	8. Alternate Quiz - Form B: Reconstruction*	24. Special Project*
	9. Struggle for Equality	25. Review
	10. Issues of Class, Gender, and Religion	26. Test: Growth and Innovation
	11. America Grows Larger	27. Alternate Test - Form A: Growth and Innovation*
	12. Immigration Challenges	28. Alternate Test - Form B: Growth and Innovation*
	13. Project: The Need for Conservation	29. Glossary and Credits
	14. Quiz: Social Growing Pains Emerge	
	15. Alternate Quiz - Form A: Social Growing Pains Emerge*	
	16. Alternate Quiz - Form B: Social Growing Pains Emerge*	

Unit 3: America on the World Stage		
Assignments		
U.S. History Reconstruction to Present	1. America Enters World Stage	16. New War, Old Strategies
	2. The Spanish-American War	17. America Enters the Conflict
	3. New Expansionist Policy	18. Early Attempt at World Peace
	4. President in the Spotlight: Theodore Roosevelt	19. Quiz: The First World War
	5. Quiz: America Comes of Age	20. Alternate Quiz - Form A: The First World War*
	6. Alternate Quiz - Form A: America Comes of Age*	21. Alternate Quiz - Form B: The First World War*
	7. Alternate Quiz - Form B: America Comes of Age*	22. Special Project*
	8. Birth of the Progressive Era	23. Review
	9. Social and Political Issues	24. Test: America on the World Stage
	10. Changing American Characteristics	25. Alternate Test - Form A: America on the World Stage*
	11. Project: Women's Suffrage Movement	26. Alternate Test - Form B: America on the World Stage*
	12. Quiz: The Progressive Era	27. Glossary and Credits
	13. Alternate Quiz - Form A: The Progressive Era*	
	14. Alternate Quiz - Form B: The Progressive Era*	
	15. Unsettling Events in Europe	

Unit 4: Ecstasy and Depression		
Assignments		
U.S. History Reconstruction to Present	1. Sweeping Social Changes	15. The New Deal
	2. Major Cultural Movements	16. New Deal's Influence on America
	3. Educational and Religious Change	17. Project: Upton Sinclair*
	4. Project: Great American Heroes	18. Project: Upton Sinclair's Jungle*
	5. Quiz: Unforeseen Economic Storm	19. Quiz: Roosevelt Deals with the Depression
	6. Alternate Quiz - Form A: Unforeseen Economic Storm*	20. Alternate Quiz - Form A: Roosevelt Deals with the Depression*
	7. Alternate Quiz - Form B: Unforeseen Economic Storm*	21. Alternate Quiz - Form B: Roosevelt Deals with the Depression*
	8. A Consumer Mentality is Born	22. Special Project*
	9. Economic Struggles Abroad	23. Review
	10. Black Thursday	24. Test: Ecstasy and Depression
	11. Quiz: The Great Depression	25. Alternate Test - Form A: Ecstasy and Depression*
	12. Alternate Quiz - Form A: The Great Depression*	26. Alternate Test - Form B: Ecstasy and Depression*
	13. Alternate Quiz - Form B: The Great Depression*	27. Glossary and Credits
	14. President in the Spotlight: Franklin Roosevelt	

Unit 5: The War Years		
Assignments		
U.S. History Reconstruction to Present	1. Distant Rumbblings in Germany	15. Alternate Quiz - Form B: The Truman Years*
	2. The European Theatre	16. The Cold War Grows Hotter
	3. Unspeakable Acts Shake the World	17. Problems Arise in the East
	4. The Pacific Theatre	18. The Korean Conflict
	5. Japanese Internment Camps	19. Quiz: In the Grips of Cold War
	6. Project: A Shattering End to War	20. Alternate Quiz - Form A: In the Grips of Cold War*
	7. Quiz: Another World War	21. Alternate Quiz - Form B: In the Grips of Cold War*
	8. Alternate Quiz - Form A: Another World War*	22. Special Project*
	9. Alternate Quiz - Form B: Another World War*	23. Review
	10. President in the Spotlight: Harry Truman	24. Test: The War Years
	11. A Return to Normalcy at Home	25. Alternate Test - Form A: The War Years*
	12. A New Threat Emerges Abroad	26. Alternate Test - Form B: The War Years*
	13. Quiz: The Truman Years	27. Glossary and Credits
	14. Alternate Quiz - Form A: The Truman Years*	

Unit 6: Semester Review and Exam		
Assignments		
U.S.R.P.	1. Review: Civil War to the Progressive Era	4. Alternate Exam - Form A: U.S. History Reconstruction to Present Semester I*
	2. Review: 1914-1953	5. Alternate Exam - Form B: U.S. History Reconstruction to Present Semester I*
	3. Exam: U.S. History Reconstruction to Present Semester I	

Unit 7: Hope, Tragedy, and Conflict	
Assignments	
U.S. History Reconstruction to Present	1. The Cold War Escalates
	2. The Eisenhower Presidency
	3. Post World War II America
	4. Project: A Spirit of Fear
	5. Quiz: The 1950s
	6. Alternate Quiz - Form A: The 1950s*
	7. Alternate Quiz - Form B: The 1950s*
	8. President in the Spotlight: John Kennedy
	9. Triumph and Tragedy
	10. The Johnson Years
	11. Quiz: The Winds of Change
	12. Alternate Quiz - Form A: The Winds of Change*
	13. Alternate Quiz - Form B: The Winds of Change*
	14. The Civil Rights Movement
	15. The Warren Court
16. America Enters Vietnam	
17. The First Televised Conflict	
18. Project: Checks and Balances	
19. Quiz: Setbacks and Advances	
20. Alternate Quiz - Form A: Setbacks and Advances*	
21. Alternate Quiz - Form B: Setbacks and Advances*	
22. Special Project*	
23. Review	
24. Test: Hope, Tragedy, and Conflict	
25. Alternate Test - Form A: Hope, Tragedy, and Conflict*	
26. Alternate Test - Form B: Hope, Tragedy, and Conflict*	
27. Glossary and Credits	

Unit 8: Monumental Changes	
Assignments	
U.S. History Reconstruction to Present	1. Prelude to the 60s
	2. The Cold War Continues
	3. Conflict in Vietnam Heats Up
	4. Civil Rights Movement Expands
	5. Project: Women's Rights
	6. Quiz: A Montage of Unrest
	7. Alternate Quiz - Form A: A Montage of Unrest*
	8. Alternate Quiz - Form B: A Montage of Unrest*
	9. Music and Entertainment
	10. Scientific Breakthroughs
	11. The Arts
	12. Quiz: Cultural Mosaic
	13. Alternate Quiz - Form A: Cultural Mosaic*
	14. Alternate Quiz - Form B: Cultural Mosaic*
15. Martin Luther King	
16. Social Chaos	
17. Political Turmoil	
18. Kennedy's Fulfilled Promise	
19. Quiz: 1968	
20. Alternate Quiz - Form A: 1968*	
21. Alternate Quiz - Form B: 1968*	
22. Special Project*	
23. Review	
24. Test: Monumental Changes	
25. Alternate Test - Form A: Monumental Changes*	
26. Alternate Test - Form B: Monumental Changes*	
27. Glossary and Credits	

Unit 9: Turmoil at Home and Abroad	
Assignments	
U.S. History Reconstruction to Present	1. Nixon's Domestic Policies
	2. Project: Rachel Carson's Silent Spring
	3. Tough Foreign Policy Issues
	4. The Economy Takes a Hit
	5. Watergate
	6. Quiz: The Nixon Years
	7. Alternate Quiz - Form A: The Nixon Years*
	8. Alternate Quiz - Form B: The Nixon Years*
	9. Vietnam Comes to a Close
	10. Women's Movement Gains Steam
	11. The Early Seventies
	12. Project: Social Acceptance
	13. Quiz: The 1970s
	14. Alternate Quiz - Form A: The 1970s*
	15. Alternate Quiz - Form B: The 1970s*
16. Domestic Issues Come to a Head	
17. Religion Makes its Mark	
18. Cold War Expands	
19. Project: Opposite and Equal Reaction	
20. Quiz: The Carter Years	
21. Alternate Quiz - Form A: The Carter Years*	
22. Alternate Quiz - Form B: The Carter Years*	
23. Special Project*	
24. Review	
25. Test: Turmoil at Home and Abroad	
26. Alternate Test - Form A: Turmoil at Home and Abroad*	
27. Alternate Test - Form B: Turmoil at Home and Abroad*	
28. Glossary and Credits	

Unit 10: End of an Era		
Assignments		
U.S. History Reconstruction to Present	1. President in the Spotlight: Ronald Reagan	15. The George H.W. Bush Presidency
	2. Reagan's Domestic Policies	16. Cold War's End
	3. Cracks in the Cold War	17. Middle East Upheavals
	4. Foreign Policies	18. Project: Generational Effects
	5. Project: The Art of Diplomacy	19. Quiz: The Bush Years
	6. Quiz: The Reagan Years	20. Alternate Quiz - Form A: The Bush Years*
	7. Alternate Quiz - Form A: The Reagan Years*	21. Alternate Quiz - Form B: The Bush Years*
	8. Alternate Quiz - Form B: The Reagan Years*	22. Special Project*
	9. Space, Science, and Technology	23. Review
	10. Mosaic of the 1980's	24. Test: End of an Era
	11. Project: The Moral Majority	25. Alternate Test - Form A: End of an Era*
	12. Quiz: Broad Change	26. Alternate Test - Form B: End of an Era*
	13. Alternate Quiz - Form A: Broad Change*	27. Glossary and Credits
	14. Alternate Quiz - Form B: Broad Change*	

Unit 11: Complex Domestic and Foreign Issues		
Assignments		
U.S. History Reconstruction to Present	1. The Clinton Presidency	18. Advancements in Technology
	2. Domestic Policies	19. Government and Big Business
	3. Foreign Policy Decisions	20. Conservation and Conservative Movements
	4. Project: Impeachment	21. Globalization
	5. Quiz: The Clinton Years	22. Demographic Patterns in the United States
	6. Alternate Quiz - Form A: The Clinton Years*	23. Project: Analyzing Text Features
	7. Alternate Quiz - Form B: The Clinton Years*	24. Project: Education and Income
	8. The George W. Bush Presidency	25. Quiz: Uncertainty and Hope
	9. Domestic Issues	26. Alternate Quiz - Form A: Uncertainty and Hope*
	10. September 11, 2001	27. Alternate Quiz - Form B: Uncertainty and Hope*
	11. War in Iraq and Afghanistan	28. Special Project*
	12. Project: Immigration Issues	29. Review
	13. Quiz: A World Event in America	30. Test: Complex Domestic and Foreign Issues
	14. Alternate Quiz - Form A: A World Event in America*	31. Alternate Test - Form A: Complex Domestic, and Foreign Issues*
	15. Alternate Quiz - Form B: A World Event in America*	32. Alternate Test - Form B: Complex Domestic, and Foreign Issues*
	16. The Obama Presidency	33. Glossary and Credits
	17. Contemporary Issues	

Unit 12: Semester Review and Exam		
Assignments		
U.S.R.P.	1. Review: Cold War - Nixon Presidency	4. Alternate Exam - Form A: U.S. History Reconstruction to Present Semester II*
	2. Review: Ford - Obama Presidencies	5. Alternate Exam - Form B: U.S. History Reconstruction to Present Semester II*
	3. Exam: U.S. History Reconstruction to Present Semester II	

Unit 13: Final Exam		
Assignments		
U.S.R.P.	1. Exam: U.S. History Reconstruction to Present	4. Alternate Exam - Form B: U.S. History Reconstruction to Present*
	2. Alternate Exam - Form A: U.S. History Reconstruction to Present*	