***2016-2017***

***A.P. United States History***

***Course Syllabus and Classroom Policies***

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***Course Overview:***

The AP U.S. History course focuses on developing students’ understanding of American history from approximately 1491 to the present. The course has students investigate the content of U.S. history for significant events, individuals, developments, and processes in nine historical periods, and develop and use the same thinking skills and methods (analyzing primary and secondary sources, making historical comparisons, chronological reasoning, and argumentation) employed by historians when they study the past. The course also provides seven themes (American and national identity; migration and settlement; politics and power; work, exchange, and technology; America in the world; geography and the environment; and culture and society) that students explore throughout the course in order to make connections among historical developments in different times and places.

***College Course Equivalency:***

AP U.S. History is designed to be the equivalent of a two-semester introductory college or university U.S. history course.

***AP Examination:***

The Advanced Placement (AP) U.S. History course concludes with a college-level assessment developed and scored by college and university faculty as well as experienced AP teachers. AP Exams are an essential part of the AP experience, enabling students to demonstrate their mastery of college-level course work. Most four-year colleges and universities in the United States and universities in more than 60 countries recognize AP in the admission process and grant students credit, placement, or both on the basis of successful AP Exam scores. Visit [www.collegeboard.org/apcreditpolicy](http://www.collegeboard.org/apcreditpolicy) to view AP credit and placement policies.

***AP Examination Scoring Policies:***

The exam scoring process, like the course and exam development process, relies on the expertise of both AP teachers and college faculty. While multiple-choice questions are scored by machine, the free-response questions are scored by thousands of college faculty and expert AP teachers at the annual AP Reading. AP Exam Readers are thoroughly trained, and their work is monitored throughout the Reading for fairness and consistency. In each subject, a highly respected college faculty member fills the role of Chief Reader, who, with the help of AP Readers in leadership positions, maintains the accuracy of the scoring standards. Scores on the free-response questions are weighted and combined with the results of the computer-scored multiple-choice questions, and this raw score is converted into a composite AP score of 5, 4, 3, 2, or 1.

The score-setting process is both precise and labor intensive, involving numerous psychometric analyses of the results of a specific AP Exam in a specific year and of the particular group of students who took that exam. Additionally, to ensure alignment with college-level standards, part of the score-setting process involves comparing the performance of AP students with the performance of students enrolled in comparable courses in colleges throughout the United States. In general, the AP composite score points are set so that the lowest raw score needed to earn an AP Exam score of 5 is equivalent to the average score among college students earning grades of A in the college course. Similarly, AP Exam scores of 4 are equivalent to college grades of A−, B+, and B. AP Exam scores of 3 are equivalent to college grades of B−, C+, and C.

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| ***AP Score*** | ***Qualification*** |
| 5 | Extremely Well Qualified |
| 4 | Well Qualified |
| 3 | Qualified |
| 2 | Possibly Qualified |
| 1 | No Recommendation |

***Classroom Polices and Procedures/ Expected Behaviors:***

In order to create a productive and positive learning environment for all students I expect the following everyday:

* Be on time
* Be seated and get all class materials out when the bell rings (without being told)
* Be respectful of the property, ideas, and feelings of yourselves and others (treat others as you would like to be treated)
* DO NOT TALK when myself or other people are talking, please wait your turn and then we will listen to you
* Whenever possible use the bathroom before class. Otherwise students may wait for an appropriate time and sign out to use the bathroom one at a time. If this becomes a habit or is abused, I reserve the right to suspend or limit this privilege.
* All rules and regulations contained in the Hamburg Area HS handbook will be observed and enforced.
* This list does not necessarily include all classroom rules; others may be added by the teacher if a problem arises.
* Violations of these rules will result in one or more of the following steps until the behavior improves:
  + Verbal warning
  + Contact with parents/guardians
  + Conference with the teacher
  + Detentions/ Suspensions

***Homework and Notebooks:***

* There are two types of homework in this class. Some of it will be assigned a specific due date and point value. It will be collected, checked for accuracy, and returned. Students will be specifically notified of these homework assignments.
* Sometimes, however, homework will be assigned and may or may not be checked for completion. If homework is checked and it proves to be incomplete or unacceptable, the following procedures will be followed.
  + The student will have the opportunity to turn the assignment in for ½ CREDIT the following day.
  + If the student fails to turn in the assignment for ½ credit the following day the assignment cannot be made up and will be recorded as a zero.
  + If a student is absent the day an assignment is due it should be turned in upon their return. If a student is absent for an extended period of time individual discretion by the teacher will be used.
* The AP examination will require students to retain and master a large quantity of information over the course of the school year. It is imperative that students be able to retrieve notes, homework assignments, tests, essays etc. from all units throughout the school year. Therefore, students are required to keep a notebook of all classroom materials. Class notebooks will be checked at the discretion of the teacher.

***Journals:***

* Students will also be required to keep a journal of all the famous people and key vocabulary terms that we will encounter throughout the course.
* Journal and vocabulary lists will be distributed at the beginning of each chapter and will generally be checked at the end of each chapter. These journals will serve as a review guide for Unit Tests and for the AP Examination at the end of the year.

***Online Discussion Posts:***

Throughout the course students will be asked to respond to prompts on a shared online discussion board. These posts will be used to check student comprehension of content, assess content mastery, and generate discussions on relevant historical and current topics. These discussion posts will also be used to check student understanding of reading material. Discussion posts can be graded for points and students may be required to respond to each other’s comments. The discussion board can be found on Mr. Kline’s teacher website.

***Grading:***

- Grades can be accessed anytime by students through the Home Access Center.

- Students grades will be determined by using a variety of assessments.

- The main form of assessments will be Unit Tests, Writing Assignments, Topic

Quizzes, and Online Discussion Posts.

- Other assessments can be added at the discretion of the teacher

- Grades are determined by adding points earned and dividing by the total points

possible. Example:

Points earned: 450

Points possible: 500

Quarter Grade: 90%

***Unit Activities:***

**Lecture and Discussion of Topics:** Students will participate in discussions based on course topics. Reading quiz content is embedded in class discussions.

**Primary Source Analysis**: Students analyze primary sources using notecards on which they identify, analyze, and evaluate each of the sources. Students analyze the sources for two or more of the following features: historical context, purpose and intended audience, the author’s point of view, type of source, argument and tone.

**Author’s Thesis Paper**: Students are provided with opposing viewpoints expressed in either primary or secondary source documents, and in writing, must determine the following:

The Thesis:

• What is the main argument of each author?

The Evidence:

• Look at the supporting evidence and analyze whether the authors interpret that evidence

logically. Do they clearly support the thesis?

Critical Analysis:

• What do the sources add to your own understanding of the topic?

• What points are strongly made and well-documented?

Final Analysis: (Your opinion is expressed here without the use of any form of the pronoun “I.”)

• Which of the sources makes the most convincing case and why? For each source,

complete the thesis, evidence, and critical analysis sections.

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**You Be the Judge (YBTJ):** Students analyze disparate primary source documents on the same topic. Students then compare and contrast the viewpoints expressed in the documents, and—supported by the evidence presented, and in the context of the historical period—determine which authors made a stronger case. History in the Making Assignments: Students will compare how the issues they are studying were covered by American history textbooks in the past. They will then assess the extent to which earlier interpretations differ from that presented in their text.

**Document-Based Questions (DBQs**): Students, working in groups, will read the sources provided with the DBQ and debate the DBQ posed. In some cases, they will write on the DBQ as indicated in the course schedule below and in accordance with AP standards for DBQs.

**Six Degrees of Separation**: Students will be provided with two events spanning decades, but related by their theme. They will select six events in chronological order that link the first event in the series with the last. Students will write the name of each selected event, and use their research and knowledge of the time period to describe and emphasize the ways in which the events are connected and demonstrate continuity and change over time. There will be at least one Six Degrees of Separation assignment per unit.

**Mock Trials/ Role-Plays**: Students will be assigned roles from major court-cases and debates in United States History. They will then generate an argument and participate in mock trials and role-plays that require them to analyze some of the major cases and decisions made in United States History.

**Current Events:** Students will learn about current events and political issues through participation in Mr. Kline’s 11th Grade Model Senate.

**Chronological Reasoning Lesson:** Students are provided with ten events, in no particular chronological order, which they will then place in order, naming the decade in which each occurred. Students will complete the exercise by providing the following:

1. Identify the period in which these occur;

2. Identify continuity and change over time exemplified by the selections; and

3. Identify the theme(s) under which these issues and developments might be categorized.

**Unit Exams:** An exam, known as a Celebration of Knowledge, will be given at the end of each unit. The exam will have three components: analytical multiple-choice questions (MC), analytical short-answer questions (SA), and either a long-essay question or a document-based question (DBQ) that requires a thesis statement supported with evidence and analysis. Each component of the exam will emphasize the application of the following historical thinking skills to answer the question. Information from prior units is often a critical component of the response:

I. Analyzing Historical Sources and Evidence

1. Analyzing Evidence: Content and Sourcing

2. Interpretation

II. Making Historical Connections

3. Comparison

4. Contextualization

5. Synthesis

III. Chronological Reasoning

6. Causation

7. Patterns of Continuity and Change over Time

8. Periodization

IV. Creating and Supporting a Historical Argument

9. Argumentation

**Essays**: Students will be asked to write college-level essays that require a thesis statement and supporting evidence drawn from course materials. The above **boldfaced** activities are organized around AP U.S. History’s seven major themes—American and National Identity (NAT), Politics and Power (POL), Work, Exchange, and Technology (WXT), Culture and Society (CUL), Migration and Settlement (MIG), Geography and the Environment (GEO), and America in the World (WOR)—and are designed to develop students’ historical thinking skills.

***Course Textbook:***

Kennedy, David M. and Lizabeth Cohen. *The American Pageant, 16th Edition*. Cengage, 2016.

***Primary Sources:***

Dollar, Charles M. and Gary W. Reichard. *American Issues: A Documentary Reader*. 1st ed. New York: Random House, 1988.

Shi, David and Holly Mayer. *For the Record: A Documentary History of America: From First Contact through Reconstruction, Volume 1*. 2nd ed. New York: W. W. Norton & Company, 2004.

Shi, David and Holly Mayer. *For the Record: A Documentary History of America: From Reconstruction through Contemporary Times, Volume 2*. 2nd ed. New York: W. W. Norton & Company, 2004.

Dudley, William and John C. Chalberg, eds. *Opposing Viewpoints in American History: From Colonial Time to Reconstruction, Volume 1*. Farmington Hills, MI: Greenhaven Press, 2006.

Dudley, William and John C. Chalberg, eds. *Opposing Viewpoints in American History: From Reconstruction to the Present, Volume 2*. Farmington Hills, MI: Greenhaven Press, 2006.

Bailey, Thomas A. and David M. Kennedy. *The American Spirit: United States History as Seen by Contemporaries, Volume 1*. 6th ed. Lexington, MA: D. C. Heath & Co., 1987.

Bailey, Thomas A. and David M. Kennedy. *The American Spirit: United States History as Seen by*

*Contemporaries, Volume 2*. 6th ed. Lexington, MA: D. C. Heath & Co., 1987.

***Secondary Sources:***

Bennett, William. *America: The Last Best Hope, Volume 1: From the Age of Discovery to a World at War*. Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson, 2007.

Zinn, Howard. *A People’s History of the United States.* New York: Harper Perennial Modern Classic, 2005. American Heritage, ed. *A Sense of History*. New York: ibooks, Inc., 2003.

Taylor, Alan. *American Colonies: The Settling of North America*. New York: Penguin Books, 2002. **[CR1c]**

Davis, Allen F. and Harold D. Woodman, eds. *Conflict and Consensus in American History*. Lexington, MA: D.C. Heath & Co., 1984. **[CR1c]**

Barry, Dave. *Dave Barry Slept Here: A Sort of History of the United States*. New York: Ballantine Books, 1997.

Franklin, John Hope and Alfred A. Moss, Jr., eds. *From Slavery to Freedom: A History of African Americans*. 8th ed. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2009. **[CR1c]**

McClellan, Jim, ed. *Historical Moments: Changing Interpretations of America’s Past, Volume 1: The Pre-Colonial Period through the Civil War*. 2nd ed. New York: McGraw-Hill/Dushkin, 2000.

McClellan, Jim, ed. *Historical Moments: Changing Interpretations of America’s Past, Volume 2: The Civil War* *through the 20th Century*. 2nd ed. New York: McGraw-Hill/Dushkin, 2000.

Garraty, John A., ed. *Historical Viewpoints, Volume 1: To 1877*. 9th ed. New York: Pearson, 2003. Garraty, John A., ed. *Historical Viewpoints, Volume 2: Since 1865*. 9th ed. New York: Pearson, 2003.

Ward, Kyle. *History in the Making: An Absorbing Look at How American History Has Changes in the Telling over the Last 200 Years*. New York: New Press, 2007.

Allen, Frederick Lewis. *Only Yesterday: An Informal History of the 1920s*. New York: Harper

Perennial, 2000. Oates, Stephen B. *Portrait of America, Combined Edition*. 7th ed. New York: Houghton Mifflin, 1999.

Jacobson, Sid and Ernie Colón. *The 9/11 Report: A Graphic Adaptation*. New York: Hill and Wang, 2006.

Brinkley, Alan and Davis Dyer, eds. *The American Presidency*. 1st ed. New York: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2005.

Hymowitz, Carol and Michaele Weissman. *A History of Women in America*. New York: Bantam, 1990. **[CR1c]**

**[CR1c]** — The course includes multiple secondary sources written by historians or scholars interpreting the past.

**Curricular Requirements**

**CR1a** The course includes a college-level U.S. history textbook.

**CR1b** The course includes diverse primary sources including written documents and images as well as maps and quantitative data (charts, graphs, tables)

**CR1c** The course includes multiple secondary sources written by historians or scholars interpreting the past.

**CR2** Each of the course historical periods receives explicit attention.

**CR3** Students are provided opportunities to investigate key and supporting concepts through the in-depth study and application of specific historical evidence or examples.

**CR4** Students are provided opportunities to apply learning objectives in each of the seven themes throughout the course.

**CR5** Students are provided opportunities to evaluate the reliability of primary sources by analyzing the author’s point of view, author’s purpose, audience, and historical context. — Analyzing evidence (Proficiency Skills A1, A2)

**CR6** Students are provided opportunities to analyze and compare diverse historical interpretations. — Interpretation & Comparison (Proficiency Skills B1, B2, C1)

**CR7** Students are provided opportunities to compare historical developments across or within societies in various chronological and geographical contexts. — Comparison & Synthesis (Proficiency Skills C2, C4)

**CR8** Students are provided opportunities to situate historical events, developments, or processes within the broader regional, national, or global context in which they occurred. — Contextualization (Proficiency Skill C3)

**CR9** Students are provided opportunities to make connections between different course themes and/or approaches to history (such as political, economic, social, cultural, or intellectual) for a given historical issue. — Synthesis (Proficiency Skill C5)

**CR10** Students are provided opportunities to explain different causes and effects of historical events or processes, and to evaluate their relative significance. — Causation (Proficiency Skills D1, D2)

**CR11** Students are provided opportunities to identify and explain patterns of continuity and change over time, relating these patterns to a larger historical process. — Patterns of continuity and change over time (Proficiency Skills D3, D4)

**CR12** Students are provided opportunities to explain and analyze different models of periodization. — Periodization (Proficiency Skills D5, D6, D7)

**CR13** Students are provided opportunities to articulate a defensible claim about the past in the form of a clear thesis. — Argumentation (Proficiency Skill E1)

**CR14** Students are provided opportunities to develop written arguments that have a thesis supported by relevant historical evidence that is organized in a cohesive way. — Argumentation (Proficiency Skills E2, E3, E4)

**Unit 1: 1491-1607 [CR2]**

**[CR2]** — Each of the course historical periods receives explicit attention.

**The American Pageant, Chapters 1-3**

**Content:** Geography and environment of the Americas; Native American diversity in the Americas before the arrival of Europeans; Spain in the Americas; conflict and exchange; English, French, and Dutch settlements; and the Atlantic economy.

**Primary Source Analysis:** Notecards for primary sources theme.

**Sources:** Woodcuts from the settling of Jamestown and photos of Native American jewelry and pottery; **[CR1b: visual]** Christopher Columbus’s “Letter to Luis de Santangel” (1909-1914); **[CR1b: textual]** a letter describing Native Americans; and a map of American Indian pre-1492 demographics. **[CR1b: map]**

**[CR1b]** — The course includes diverse primary sources including written documents and images as well as maps and quantitative data (charts, graphs, tables).

**Author’s Thesis Paper:** Students read an excerpt from 1491: New Revelations of the Americas Before Columbus by Charles C. Mann (New York: Vintage, 2006), an excerpt from Howard Zinn’s *A People’s History of the United States*, and an excerpt from William Bennett’s *America: The Last Best Hope, Volume 1: From the Age of Discovery to a World at War* (Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson, 2007). Using evidence and analysis from these materials, students will write an essay in response to the question: “Were the conquistadores immoral?” **[CR1c][CR6]**

**[CR1c]** — The course includes multiple secondary sources written by historians or scholars interpreting the past.

**[CR6]** — Students are provided opportunities to analyze and interpretations. — Interpretation & Comparison (Proficiency Skills B1, B2, C1)

**You Be the Judge:** Documents: John Marston, Ben Jonson, and George Chapman’s play, *Eastward Hoe* (1605) vs. The Tragical Relation of the Virginia Assembly (1624).

**History in the Making Assignments:** Kyle Ward’s *History in the Making,* Chapter 1 “Native American Relations with the New Colonists” and Chapter 5 “Captain John Smith and Pocahontas.”

**DBQ:** Students write an essay on a teacher-created DBQ on the Columbian Exchange.

**Six Degrees of Separation:** From 1491 to Jamestown.

**Unit I Examination:** Six multiple-choice questions, two short-answer questions, and one teacher-

created long-essay question on the economic significance of Indian/settler interactions.

**Unit 2: 1607-1754 [CR2]**

**[CR2]** — Each of the course historical periods receives explicit attention.

**The American Pageant, Chapters 2-4**

**Content:** Growing trade; unfree labor; political differences across the colonies; conflict with Native Americans; immigration; early cities; role of women, education, religion and culture; and growing tensions with the British.

**Primary Source Analysis:** “Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God” by Jonathan Edwards (1741); **[CR1b: textual]** an indentured servant’s letter home; Bacon’s Manifesto (1676); the Maryland Toleration Act (1649); a letter about small pox inoculation; map of a Puritan town; **[CR1b: maps]** painting of a colonial Virginia tobacco farm; **[CR1b: visual]** and colonial export chart broken down by region and products. **[CR1b: quantitative]**

**[CR1b]** — The course includes diverse primary sources including written documents and images as well as maps and quantitative data (charts, graphs, tables)

**Author’s Thesis Paper:** Students read “The Puritans and Sex” by Edmund Morgan [*The New England Quarterly*

15, no. 4 (Dec 1942): 591-607]; “Persistent Localism” by T. H. Breen [*The William and Mary Quarterly* 32, no. 1 (Jan 1975): 3-28]; and “When Cotton Mather Fought the Smallpox” by Dr. Laurence Farmer [*American Heritage Magazine* 8, no. 5 (August 1957): 40]. Then, working in groups, students develop a class presentation that analyzes reasons for the development of different labor systems in any two of the following regions of British colonial settlement: New England, the Chesapeake, the southernmost Atlantic coast, and the British West Indies. (WXT-1.0) **[CR4] [CR7]**

**[CR4]** — Students are provided opportunities to apply learning objectives in each of the seven themes throughout the course.

**[CR7]** — Students are provided opportunities to compare historical developments across or within societies in various chronological and geographical contexts. — Comparison & Synthesis (Proficiency Skills C2, C4)

**You Be the Judge:** Students compare and contrast John Winthrop’s “Letters to his wife” (1630 to 1649) vs. William Pond’s “A Letter to Father and Mother” (1631), and Benjamin Franklin’s “Apology for Printers” (1731) vs. “Letter to Thomas Clap” (1759).

**History in the Making Assignments:** *History in the Making,* Chapter 8 “Witchcraft in the Colonies.” Students will document the key facts of the witchcraft trials and analyze how the trials were covered in student textbooks throughout U. S. history. Students will write an argumentative essay and explain how the witchcraft trials help us

understand the nature of knowledge, gender roles, and patriarchy in the Colonial Era. **[CR3]**

**[CR3]** — Students are provided opportunities to investigate key and supporting concepts through the in-depth study

and application of specific historical evidence or examples.

**Essay:** Students will write an essay supporting and developing a clear thesis regarding which Puritan ideas and values had the most influence on the political, economic, and social development of the New England colonies from 1630 through the 1660s. **[CR14]**

**[CR14]** — Students are provided opportunities to develop written arguments that have a thesis supported by relevant historical evidence that is organized in a cohesive way. — Argumentation (Proficiency Skills E2, E3, E4)

**Six Degrees of Separation:** From Jamestown to the French and Indian War.

**Unit 2 Examination:** Nine multiple-choice questions, three short-answer questions, and one

teacher created long-essay question on colonial development.

**Unit 3: 1754-1800 [CR2]**

**[CR2]** — Each of the course historical periods receives explicit attention.

**The American Pageant, Chapters 5-10**

**Content:** Colonial society before the war for independence; colonial rivalries; the Seven Years’ War; pirates and other democrats; role of women before, during, and after 1776; articles and a Constitution; and early political rights and exclusions.

**Primary Source Analysis:** Speeches at Fort Pitt by Tecumseh; Declaration of Rights and Grievances (1774); letters from a PA Farmer; Thomas Paine’s “Common Sense” pamphlet (1776); **[CR1b: textual]** the Declaration of Independence (1776); Thomas Paine’s “The American Crisis” (1776); A Proclamation of Shaysite Grievances (1786); the United States Constitution; the Federalist #45 (1788); Jefferson’s first inaugural address (1801); Washington’s farewell address (1796); KY and VA Resolutions; map of Northwest Ordinance/slavery abolition (from AP exam); **[CR1b: maps]** and two artists’ contrasting views of the Boston Massacre.

Drawing on primary sources, students engage in a debate over the question: “Did the Revolution assert British rights or did it create an American national identity?” (NAT-3.0) **[CR4]**

**[CR1b]** — The course includes diverse primary sources including written documents and images as well as maps and quantitative data (charts, graphs, tables).

**[CR4]** — Students are provided opportunities to apply learning objectives in each of the seven themes throughout the course.

**Author’s Thesis Paper: “**Women and the Revolution” by Mary Beth Norton (in *Liberty's Daughters: The Revolutionary Experience of American Women, 1750-1800*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 1996); “A Revolution to Conserve” by Clinton Rossiter (in *The First American Revolution*. New York: Mariner Books, 1956); and “The Transit of Power” by Richard Hofstadter (in *The Idea of a Party System: The Rise of Legitimate Opposition in the United States, 1780-1840*. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press, 1970)*.* **[CR1c]**

**[CR1c]** — The course includes multiple secondary sources written by historians or scholars interpreting the past.

**You Be the Judge:** Thomas Jefferson from The Kentucky Resolutions of 1798 vs. George Washington’s farewell address (1796); James Madison’s Federalist #10 (1787) vs. Patrick Henry at the Virginia Ratifying Convention (1788); and Alexander Hamilton’s *Report on the Subject of Manufactures* (1791) vs. Thomas Jefferson’s *Notes on the State of Virginia* (1781). **[CR1b: textual]** In small groups, students will examine each primary source for the following features: the author’s point of view, author’s purpose, audience, and historical context. Then, students will present their findings to the entire class. **[CR5]**

**[CR1b]** — The course includes diverse primary sources including written documents and images as well as maps and quantitative data (charts, graphs, tables).

**[CR5]** — Students are provided opportunities to evaluate the reliability of primary sources by analyzing the author’s point of view, author’s purpose, audience, and historical context. — Analyzing evidence (Proficiency Skills A1, A2)

**History in the Making Assignments:** *History in the Making,* Chapter 12 “Lexington and Concord” and Chapter 14 “Women in the Revolutionary War.”

**Six Degrees of Separation:** Drawing on assigned secondary sources, students will write an essay, including a thesis statement that traces the growth of the idea of civil and individual rights from the Declaration of Independence to the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Students then work in small groups to brainstorm ways that the growth of these political rights relates to economic ideals (laissez-faire) and American national identity during these years. They then write a synthesis paragraph on one of these topics as the conclusion of their essay. **[CR9]**

**[CR9]** — Students are provided opportunities to make connections between different course themes and/or approaches to history (such as political, economic, social, cultural, or intellectual) for a given historical issue. — Synthesis (Proficiency Skill C5)

**Meeting of the Minds:** Each student will research an individual from an assigned era in preparation for an in- class role-playing exercise. The discussion will be guided by questions that relate to both the era and the themes of AP U.S. History. A similar activity will be the Antebellum Dinner for Eight, which is the same assignment but set in a fictitious dinner for antebellum reformers.

**Unit 3 Examination:** Twelve multiple-choice questions, three short-answer questions, and one teacher-created DBQ comparing and contrasting the political ideas in the Articles of Confederation and the Constitution.

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**Unit 4: 1800-1848 [CR2]**

**[CR2]** — Each of the course historical periods receives explicit attention.

**The American Pageant, Chapters 11-13**

**Content:** Politics in the early republic; parties and votes; reforms and social movements; culture and religion; market capitalism and slavery; growth of immigration and cities; women and Seneca Falls; and, territorial expansion and the Mexican War.

**Primary Source Analysis:** Abigail Adams’ “Letter to Mercy Otis Warren” (1776); the Pennsylvania Gazette’s article, “The Indian Prophet and His Doctrine” (1812); the Monroe Doctrine (1823); the Nullification Proclamation (1832); *Worcester v. Georgia* (1832); Ralph Waldo Emerson’s *Self Reliance* (1841); **[CR1b: textual]** Declaration of Rights and Sentiments (1848); the “spot” resolutions (1846); Polk’s war message (1846); map of the spread of the Second Great Awakening; **[CR1b: maps]** and contrasting illustrations of the Trail of Tears.

**[CR1b]** — The course includes diverse primary sources including written documents and images as well as maps and quantitative data (charts, graphs, tables).

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**Author’s Thesis Paper:** “The Cult of True Womanhood: 1820-1860” by Barbara Welter [*American Quarterly*

18, no. 2, part 1 (Summer 1966): 151-174]; “Consensus and Ideology in the Age of Jackson” by Edward Pessen (in *Conflict and Consensus, Volume 1*. New York: Houghton Mifflin, 1997); and “Marbury v. Madison: The case of the ‘Missing’ Commissions” by John Garraty (in *Quarrels That Have Shaped the Constitution*. New York: Harper and Row, 1964). **[CR6]**

**[CR6]** — Students are provided opportunities to analyze and compare diverse historical interpretations. — Interpretation & Comparison (Proficiency Skills B1, B2, C1)

**You Be the Judge:** Robert Y. Hayne of South Carolina’s speech from the Senate (1828) vs. Daniel Webster’s reply to Robert Y. Hayne (1828), also known as the Webster-Hayne debate. In small groups, students will examine these two primary sources the following features: the author’s point of view, author’s purpose, audience, and historical context. Then, students will present their findings to the entire class. **[CR5]**

**[CR5]** — Students are provided opportunities to evaluate the reliability of primary sources by analyzing the author’s point of view, author’s purpose, audience, and historical context. — Analyzing evidence (Proficiency Skills A1, A2)

**History in the Making Assignments:** *History in the Making,* Chapter 18 “The Trail of Tears” and Chapter 21 “The Start of the Mexican-American War.”

Students use SOAPSTone (Speaker, Occasion, Audience, Purpose, Subject, and Tone) to look at Polk’s war message and debate whether that message was a change or continuation of U.S. attitudes and foreign policy. **[CR5]**

**[CR5]** — Students are provided opportunities to evaluate the reliability of primary sources by analyzing the author’s point of view, author’s purpose, audience, and historical context. — Analyzing evidence (Proficiency Skills A1, A2)

**Essay:** Students write an essay with a thesis statement that examines the origins of Manifest Destiny and U.S. territorial expansion in the nineteenth century and the consequences for Native American nations. **[CR10]**

**[CR10]** — Students are provided opportunities to explain different causes and effects of historical events or processes, and to evaluate their relative significance. — Causation (Proficiency Skills D1, D2)

**Six Degrees of Separation:** From Jefferson to the Reform Era.

**Unit 4 Examination:** Twelve multiple-choice questions, three short-answer questions, and one teacher-created long-essay question on antebellum reform.

**Unit 5: 1844-1877 [CR2]**

**[CR2]** — Each of the course historical periods receives explicit attention.

**The American Pageant, Chapters 14-21**

**Content:** Tensions over slavery; reform movements; politics and the economy; cultural trends; transcendentalism and utopianism; the Civil War, rights of freedmen and women, the Reconstruction Era and Freedmen’s Bureau; and the KKK. Focus on white supremacy before and after the Civil War.

**Primary Source Analysis:** Frederick Douglass’ *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave*

(1845); **[CR1b: textual]** Daniel R. Hundley’s “Poor White Trash” (1860); fugitive slave laws (1793, 1850); *Dred*

*Scott v. Sanford* (1857); Hinton Rowan Helper’s “The Impending Crisis of the South” (1857); Louisa May Alcott’s *Hospital Sketches* (1863); the Lincoln-Douglas debates; map delineating southern secession; and two paintings of Manifest Destiny. **[CR1b: visual]**

**[CR1b]** — The course includes diverse primary sources including written documents and images as well as maps and quantitative data (charts, graphs, tables).

**Author’s Thesis Paper:** Students read selections from *Narrative of the Life of Fredrick Douglass* by Fredrick Douglass (1845) and *Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl* by Harriet Jacobs (1861). In small groups, they discuss the ideas and identities of former slaves. Each group must write a summary of their findings and compare the ideas and identities of these two slaves to white workers. In their summaries, students will address the following question: “Using race, gender, and class as tools of analysis, what is most important for understanding differences in identities and cultures between white and non-white workers?” (CUL-4.0) **[CR4] [CR9]**

**[CR4]** — Students are provided opportunities to apply learning objectives in each of the seven themes throughout the course.

**[CR9]** — Students are provided opportunities to make connections between different course themes and/or approaches to history (such as political, economic, social, cultural, or intellectual) for a given historical issue. — Synthesis (Proficiency Skill C5)

**You Be the Judge:** George Fitzhugh’s *Cannibals All!* (1957) vs. Dwight Weld’s *American Slavery As It Is* (1839); Daniel Webster’s “Seventh of March Speech” vs. John C. Calhoun’s speech in the Senate delivered on March 4, 1850; Walt Whitman’s *Leaves of Grass* (1855) vs. Nathaniel Hawthorne’s *The American Notebooks* (1868); and Abraham Lincoln’s speech delivered in Alton, IL (1858) vs. Frederick Douglass’ speech delivered in Alton, IL (1858).

**History in the Making Assignments:** *History in the Making,* Chapter 22 “Slavery in America,” Chapter 24 “John Brown at Harper’s Ferry,” and Chapter 28 “Birth of the Ku Klux Klan.”

Students will reflect on Seneca Falls: “In what ways was it a consequence of pre-1848 reform activities and what did it contribute to the movement for women’s rights afterwards?” Write a five-page essay that makes an argument in response to this double-sided question. **[CR10]**

**[CR10]** — Students are provided opportunities to explain different causes and effects of historical events or processes, and to evaluate their relative significance. — Causation (Proficiency Skills D1, D2)

**Essay:** Before the Civil War, a number of reform movements emerged to address the many social issues emerging in society, from education to working conditions to slavery. Students will write an essay that focuses on a minimum of three of these social movements and develops an argument on the extent to which women’s rights and opportunities improved as a result of their participation in these movements. **[CR14]**

**[CR14]** — Students are provided opportunities to develop written arguments that have a thesis supported by relevant historical evidence that is organized in a cohesive way. — Argumentation (Proficiency Skills E2, E3, E4)

**Six Degrees of Separation:** From *The Liberator* to the Compromise of 1877.

**Chronological Reasoning Lesson:** Students look at the evolution of public policies related to slavery and racial inequality to 1877. After making a list, students write an essay to explain the evolution and moments when change occurred and why. **[CR11]**

**[CR11]** — Students are provided opportunities to identify and explain patterns of continuity and change over time, ng these patterns to a larger historical process. — Patterns of continuity and change over time (Proficiency Skills D3, D4)

**Unit 5 Examination:** Fifteen multiple-choice questions, four short-answer questions, and one teacher created DBQ on the evolution of Lincoln’s opinion on slavery.

**Unit 6: 1865-1900 [CR2]**

**[CR2]** — Each of the course historical periods receives explicit attention.

**The American Pageant, Chapters 22- 28**

**Content:** The rights of freedmen and women; reconstruction, Freedmen’s Bureau and the 1877 Railroad strike; rise of labor unions and the Populist Party; general themes of industrialization, urbanization, immigration, and imperialism; and Indian wars, the Spanish-American War, and conquests in the Pacific.

**Primary Source Analysis:** Henry Grady’s speech, “The New South” (1886); David Augustus Straker’s *The New South Investigated* (1888); **[CR1b: textual]** the Atlanta Compromise (1883); Helen Hunt Jackson’s *A Century of Dishonor* (1881); Frederick Jackson Turner’s *The Significance of the Frontier in American Histor*y (1893); wealth, organizing women workers, and our country; *The Lure of the City* (Directed by Tom Ricketts. Chicago: American Film Manufacturing Co., 1910. DVD.); the Chinese Exclusion Act (1882); the Populist Party platform; the Money Question; William Jennings Bryan’s speech, “The Cross of Gold” (1896); Albert J. Beveridge’s “The March of the Flag” (1898); the “Open Door” in China; map of the overseas possessions of the U.S.; and a variety of Thomas Nast’s political cartoons. **[CR1b: visual]**

**[CR1b]** — The course includes diverse primary sources including written documents and images as well as maps and quantitative data (charts, graphs, tables).

**Author’s Thesis Paper:** Students read “Reconstruction: The Second American Revolution” by James M. McPherson [*Constitution* (Fall 1990)]; “The Robber Barons” by Matthew Josephson (San Diego: Harcourt, Inc., 1934); and “The Robber Barons Bum Rap” by Maury Klein [*City Journal* (Winter 1995)]. Then they write an essay arguing for or against annexation of Cuba after the Spanish-American War and create an accompanying editorial paragraph to appear in the *New York Times*. (WOR-2.0) **[CR4]**

**[CR4]** — Students are provided opportunities to apply learning objectives in each of the seven themes throughout the course.

Students develop a thesis in response to a long-essay question on the role the acquisition of natural resources has played in U.S. foreign policy decisions since the late nineteenth century. Each student will compose a thesis which must address the main question: “Were resources the driving force in this expansion?” (GEO-1.0) **[CR4] [CR13]**

**[CR4]** — Students are provided opportunities to apply learning objectives in each of the seven themes throughout the course.

**[CR13]** — Students are provided opportunities to articulate a defensible claim about the past in the form of a clear thesis. — Argumentation (Proficiency Skill E1)

**You Be the Judge:** Report on the Joint Committee on Reconstruction (1866) vs. Andrew Johnson’s veto for the First Reconstruction Act (1867), and E. Merton Coulter’s “The South During Reconstruction” vs. Carl N. Degler’s *Out of Our Past: The Forces that Shaped Modern America* (1959).

**History in the Making Assignments:** *History in the Making,* Chapter 29 “Eugene V. Debs and the Pullman Strike” and Chapter 30 “Immigration.”

**Essay:** Students write an essay with a thesis statement on how African Americans in the South built political power during Reconstruction by using new laws, grassroots organizing through churches, education, and economic resources. “Which of these developments did the most for expanding African American political power?” **[CR14]**

**[CR14]** — Students are provided opportunities to develop written arguments that have a thesis supported by relevant historical evidence that is organized in a cohesive way. — Argumentation (Proficiency Skills E2, E3, E4)

**Six Degrees of Separation:** From the Homestead Act to the Battle of Wounded Knee.

**Unit 6 Examination:** Fifteen multiple-choice questions, four short-answer questions, and one teacher created long-essay question on late nineteenth-century immigration.

**Unit 7: 1890-1945 [CR2]**

**[CR2]** — Each of the course historical periods receives explicit attention.

**The American Pageant, Chapters 29-35**

**Content:** The formation of the Industrial Workers of the World (IWW) and the American Federation of Labor (AFL); industrialization and technology, mass production and mass consumerism, and radio and movies; Harlem Renaissance; Native American culture and boarding schools; political parties and the transition from classical liberalism to New Deal liberalism with the capitalist crisis of the 1930s; and World War II, demographic shifts, the role of women and nonwhites, and battles for economic rights.

**Primary Source Analysis:** Frederick Winslow Taylor’s *The Principles of Scientific Management* (1911); Upton Sinclair’s *The Jungle* (1906); *Muller v. Oregon* (1908); The Zimmermann Note (1917); Randolph Bourne’s *War and the Intellectuals* (1917); **[CR1b: textual]** the Bisbee Deportation of 1917; the Sacco and Vanzetti Case (1926); the Great Migration of African Americans; government and business; FDR’s first inaugural address (1933); Roosevelt’s “court-packing” plan (1937); FDR’s Four Freedoms speech (1941); *Korematsu v. United States* (1944); Harry Truman’s “The Atomic Bombing of Hiroshima-The Public Explanation” (1945); New Deal political cartoons (pro and con); and graph showing economic cycles from the Great Depression through World War II. **[CR1b: quantitative]**

**[CR1b]** — The course includes diverse primary sources including written documents and images as well as maps and quantitative data (charts, graphs, tables).

**You Be the Judge:** *Plessy v. Ferguson* (1896) vs. Justice Harlan’s dissent on *Plessy v. Ferguson* (1896); Henry Grady’s speech, “The New South” (1886) vs. Booker T. Washington’s response to solving the race problem, “Patience and Self-Control Needed to Solve the Race Problem” (1903); Jackson Turner’s *The Significance of the Frontier in American Histor*y (1893) vs. Robert MacDonald on rugged individualism; and Henry Demarest Lloyd’s *Wealth Against Commonwealth* (1894) vs. Allan Nevins’ *John D. Rockefeller* (1959).

**History in the Making Assignments:** *History in the Making,* Chapter 32 “The Sinking of the USS Maine,” Chapter 36 “Causes of the Stock Market Crash,” and Chapter 39 “Japanese Internment.”

**Essay:** Using primary sources, students write an essay on how the different policies of FDR and Hoover toward the proper role of government reflected five decades of debates about citizenship, economic rights, and the public good. Be sure to indicate how specific policies reflect the global economic crisis of the 1930s. **[CR11]**

**[CR1 1]** — Students are provided opportunities to identify and explain patterns of continuity and change over time, relating these patterns to a larger historical process. — Patterns of continuity and change over time (Proficiency Skills D3, D4)

**Six Degrees of Separation:** From the sinking of the Maine to Hiroshima.

**Unit 7 Examination:** Eighteen multiple-choice questions, four short-answer questions, and one teacher created DBQ on the Progressive Movement.

**Unit 8: 1945-1989 [CR2]**

**[CR2]** — Each of the course historical periods receives explicit attention.

**The American Pageant, Chapters 36-39**

**Content:** The atomic age; the affluent society and suburbs; discrimination, Michael Harrington’s *The Other America* (1962), and the African-American Civil Rights movement; Vietnam and U.S. imperial policies in Latin America and Africa; the beat generation and the student movement; the counterculture movement, the antiwar movement, the women’s movement, the Chicano movement, the American Indian movement, and the gay and lesbian movements; summer riots and the occupation of Alcatraz; LBJ’s “The Great Society” speech (1964) and the rise of the New Right; Ronald Reagan and the rise of poverty; and the Cold War and U.S. role in the world**.**

**Primary Source Analysis:** The Marshall Plan (1948) ; William Whyte’s *The Organization Man* (1956); massive retaliation; *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka* (1954); Michael Harrington’s *The Other America* (1962); Martin Luther King, Jr.’s “Letter from a Birmingham Jail;” Black Power; Vietnamization of the war; the War Powers Act (1941); the Port Huron Statement (1962); the Sharon Statement (1960); chart illustrating the statistics of the draft during the Vietnam War and the casualty rate; and political cartoons (pro and con) of the “Reagan Revolution.” **[CR1b: visual]**

Origins of the Cold War class debate: Some scholars argue that the Cold War started with the Russian Revolution. Examine primary and secondary sources and in an essay make a case for the Cold War starting in 1945 or 1917. **[CR12]**

**[CR1b]** — The course includes diverse primary sources including written documents and images as well as maps and quantitative data (charts, graphs, tables).

**[CR12]** — Students are provided opportunities to explain and analyze different models of periodization. — Periodization (Proficiency Skills D5, D6, D7)

**Author’s Thesis Paper:** William Rehnquist on the internment of the Japanese, found in *All the Laws But One* (New York: Knopf, 1988).

**You Be the Judge:** Harry Truman’s the Truman Doctrine (1947) vs. Ronald Reagan’s “Tear Down This Wall” speech (1987), and Betty Friedan’s *The Feminine Mystique* (1963) vs. Phyllis Schlafly’s *A Choice Not An Echo* (1964).

**History in the Making Assignments:** *History in the Making,* Chapter 44 “McCarthyism” and Chapter 45 “Desegregation and the Civil Rights Movement.”

Students are asked to present their research on why the American Indian Movement emerged in the 1960s and not the 1930s. **[CR8]**

**[CR8]** — Students are provided opportunities to situate historical events, developments, or processes within the broader regional, national, or global context in which they occurred. — Contextualization (Proficiency Skill C3)

**DBQ:** Students write a response to the 2001 AP DBQ on the Cold War.

**Six Degrees of Separation:** From containment to “Tear Down This Wall.”

Using notes and primary sources, students construct a timeline of the civil rights movement from the Reconstruction Era to the 1970s and annotate change and continuity in the movement’s goals and strategies. (POL-2.0) **[CR4] [CR11]**

**[CR4]** — Students are provided opportunities to apply learning objectives in each of the seven themes throughout the course.

**[CR11]** — Students are provided opportunities to identify and explain patterns of continuity and change over time, relating these patterns to a larger historical process. — Patterns of continuity and change over time (Proficiency Skills D3, D4)

**Unit 8 Examination:** Fifteen multiple-choice questions, four short-answer questions, and one teacher created DBQ on the rise of the new feminism.

**Unit 9: 1980-present [CR2]**

**[CR2]** — Each of the course historical periods receives explicit attention.

**The American Pageant, Chapters 40-42**

**Content:** Summary of Ronald Reagan’s domestic and foreign policies; George Bush Sr. and the end of the Cold War; Clinton as a New Democrat; technology and economic bubbles and recessions, race relations, and the role of women; changing demographics and the return of poverty; rise of the prison industrial complex and the war on drugs; 9/11 and the domestic and foreign policies that followed; and Obama: change or continuity?

**Primary Source Analysis:** Jerry Falwell, *Listen, America!* (1980); the evil empire; William Hyland, *The Cold War is Over* (1990); the axis of evil; “The New Segregation” by Carl Chancellor and Richard D. Kahlenberg [*Washington Monthly (Nov/Dec 2014)*]; Betty Friedan, *Beyond Gender* (1997), Robert Putnam’s *Bowling Alone: The Collapse and Revival of American Community* (2000); Richard Valelly, “Couch Potato Democracy” (1996); John Lewis Gaddis, “Setting Right a Dangerous World” (2002); and political cartoons (pro and con) on the Patriot Act (2001). **[CR1b: visual]**

**Author’s Thesis Paper: “**The Man Who Broke the Evil Empire” by Peter Schweizer (in *Portrait of America, Combined Edition*) and excerpt from *The Disuniting of America: Reflections on a Multicultural Society* by Arthur Schlesinger (New York: W. W. Norton & Company, 1991).

**You Be the Judge:** The Patriot Act (2001) vs. Amendment IV of the Constitution, and ObamaCare Verdict (2015) vs. Dissent to the ObamaCare ruling (2015).

**History in the Making Assignments:** *History in the Making,* Chapter 51 “The Modern Feminist Movement” and Chapter 53 “The Reagan Revolution.”

Students use a graphic organizer to compare and contrast the causes and goals of each act as described in excerpts from the 1924, 1965, and 1990 Immigration Acts. (MIG-1.0) **[CR4] [CR7]**

**[CR4]** — Students are provided opportunities to apply learning objectives in each of the seven themes throughout the course.

**[CR7]** — Students are provided opportunities to compare historical developments across or within societies in various chronological and geographical contexts. — Comparison & Synthesis (Proficiency Skills C2, C4)

**Essay:** Students write an essay with a thesis statement that responds to the following question: In what ways did the U.S. government’s response to the attacks on 9/11 change U.S. foreign policy in the Middle East and Asia? **[CR13]**

**[CR13]** — Students are provided opportunities to articulate a defensible claim about the past in the form of a clear thesis. — Argumentation (Proficiency Skill E1)

**Six Degrees of Separation**: From the Reagan Revolution to the election of Barack Obama.

**Unit 9 Examination:** Six multiple-choice questions, two short-answer questions, and one teacher-created long-essay question on Obama’s domestic policies.