



Hamburg Area School District

Course Guide

Name:	US Military History
Grade(s):	9-12
Length:	<i>Place an X next to the correct option</i>
	Full-Year (180 Sessions)
X	Semester (90 Sessions)
	Quarter (45 Sessions)
	Other (Specify):
Text:	<p><i>American Military History: A Survey from Colonial Times to the Present</i>, Upper Saddle River, New Jersey: Pearson Prentice Hall Publishing, 2007</p> <p><i>Armchair General Magazine</i>, Armchair General L.L.C., 2004-2010</p> <p><i>Major Problems in American Military History</i>, Boston, Massachusetts: Houghton Mifflin Company, 1999</p>
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Description: This course will examine the significance of military affairs within the context of American political, economic, and social history from the colonial era through the modern struggle with terrorism. The course will discuss all of the major wars of this period, but it will also emphasize such themes as civilian involvement in wartime production, political support and technology.

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**Course Name: US Military History
Unit: Military Theory & Thinking**

Time Line: 1 Cycle

Essential Content/ Essential Questions	Performance Objectives	Standards/Anchors	Vocabulary
What is military strategy and tactics?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analyze factors that shaped military operations from ancient to modern times. • Analyze tactics employed through ancient through modern times. 	8.3.12.B, C, D	Strategy, Tactics, Foreign Policy, Objectives, Flank, Reserve
Who have been some of history's biggest military theorists?	Explain the military contributions of Sun Tzu, Julius Cesar, Frederick the Great, Napoleon, and Heinz Guderian.	8.3.12.A	Art of War, Blitzkrieg, Linear Tactics, Interior Lines, Infantry, Cavalry, Artillery
What are some differing military theories found throughout the world?	Explain the differences between European, Eastern, and Native American theories on warfare.	8.3.12.B 8.3.12.D	Siege, Mobile Warfare, Total War, Limited War
How has technology influenced the outcome of warfare?	Describe the technological advancements used for waging wars from ancient to modern times.	8.3.12.C 8.3.12.D	

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Unit: Birth of the American Military & the French and Indian War

Time Line: 1 Cycle

Essential Content/ Essential Questions	Performance Objectives	Standards/Anchors	Vocabulary
How did the French and Indian War shape the American military?	Analyze factors that shaped military operations against the French & their native allies.	8.3.12.D	Seven Years War, Global Warfare
How did European wars of the era differ from those fought on the American continent?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analyze tactics employed by colonial, British, French, and native forces in the French & Indian War. • Study the experiences of ordinary soldiers from Maj. Robert Rodgers' first-hand accounts. • Differentiate the French objective of winning in continental Europe vs. the British objective of gaining overseas possessions. 	8.1.12. C 8.3.12. B 8.3.12.D	Flintlock, Guerilla Warfare, Tomahawk, Artillery, Rangers
Who were the major leaders of the French & Indian War?	Explain the military contributions of Maj. Robert Rodgers, Conte de Montcalm, Col. George Washington, Gen. Wolfe, and Gen. Braddock.	8.3.12.A	
What battles shaped the outcome of the French & Indian War?	Explain the significance of the battles of the Monongahela, Ticonderoga, Quebec, and Fort William Henry.	8.3.12.D	
What was the outcome of the French and Indian War?	Explain the significance of the outcome of the French and Indian War in the eyes of the American colonies.	8.1.12. C 8.3.12. C	Treaty of Paris

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**Course Name: US Military History
Unit: American Revolution**

Time Line: 2 Cycles

Essential Content/ Essential Questions	Performance Objectives	Standards/Anchors	Vocabulary
Why did the American colonies seek independence from Britain?	Analyze factors of how the French and Indian War and British domestic policies fueled war with England.	8.3.12.D	Olive Branch Petition, Embargo, Stamp Act, Intolerable Acts
How did the Continental Army compare to their British counterpart?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analyze the makeup of the Continental Army vs. that of the British/Loyalist forces. • Study the experiences of ordinary soldiers from Pvt. Joseph Plumb Martin’s first-hand accounts. • Differentiate the overall strategy of both the Americans and the British. 	8.1.12. C 8.3.12. B 8.3.12.D	Militia, Privateering, Loyalists, Hessians
Who were the major leaders of the American Revolution?	Explain the military contributions of Gen. George Washington, Gen. Nathaniel Greene, Gen. Horatio Gates, Gen. Charles Lee, Gen. Benedict Arnold, Col, Daniel Morgan, Gen. Charles Cornwallis, Adm. Howe, Gen. Howe, Gen. Clinton, Gen. John Burgoyne, and Col. Banister Tarleton.	8.3.12. A	
What battles shaped the outcome of the American Revolution?	Explain the significance of the battles of Lexington & Concord, Bunker Hill, New York, the Philadelphia campaign, Saratoga, Charleston, Cowpens, Guilford Courthouse, and Yorktown.	8.3.12.D	

What was the outcome of the American Revolution?	Explain the significance of the outcome of the American Revolution and its effect on shaping the US military in post-war years.	8.1.12. C 8.3.12. C	Treaty of Paris
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Course Name: US Military History

Unit: The Emerging Republic: War of 1812 & Mexican-American War

Time Line: 1 Cycle

Essential Content/ Essential Questions	Performance Objectives	Standards/Anchors	Vocabulary
How did foreign affairs play a part in expanding the boundaries of the United States?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analyze the factors of how the emergence of Napoleon and British involvement in naval affairs prompted a declaration of war against England. • Analyze how the Texas War for Independence and “Manifest Destiny” influenced US intervention with Mexico 	8.3.12.C 8.3.12.D	Legion of the United States, Manifest Destiny, Wars of the Coalition
Who were the major leaders of the War of 1812 & the Mexican-American War?	Explain the military contributions of Gen. Andrew Jackson, Gen. William Henry Harrison, Commodore Oliver Perry, Gen. Winfield Scott, Gen. Zachary Taylor, and Col. John C. Fremont.	8.3.12. A	
What battles shaped the outcome of the War of 1812 & the Mexican-American War?	Explain the significance of the battles of Lake Erie, Fort McHenry, New Orleans, Vera Cruz, and Chapultepec.	8.3.12.D	Star Spangled Banner
What was the outcome of the War of 1812 & the Mexican-American War?	Explain the significance of the outcome of the War of 1812 & the Mexican-American War, and its effect on shaping the US boundaries in post-war years.	8.1.12. C 8.3.12. C	

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**Course Name: US Military History
Unit: American Civil War**

Time Line: 2 Cycles

Essential Content/ Essential Questions	Performance Objectives	Standards/Anchors	Vocabulary
What were contributing factors that led to Southern secession from the Union?	Analyze the contributing factors that led to Southern secession from the Union (e.g., slavery, economic disparity).	8.3.12.C 8.3.12. D	Secession, economic disparity
How were battlefield tactics employed by commanders of the Civil War?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Differentiate the overall strategy of both the Confederates and the Federals. • Study the experiences of commanding officers through Gen. U.S. Grant’s memoirs. • Analyze how Napoleonic tactics were still used despite modern technology. 	8.1.12. C 8.3.12. B 8.3.12.D	Anaconda Plan, Napoleonic Tactics
Who were the major leaders of the American Civil War?	Explain the military contributions of Gen. U.S. Grant, Gen. George McClellan, Gen. George Meade, Gen. William Sherman, Gen. Robert E. Lee, Gen. James Longstreet, Gen. J.E.B. Stuart, Gen. Thomas Jackson, Gen. John B. Hood, President Abraham Lincoln, and President Jefferson Davis.	8.3.12. A	
What battles shaped the outcome of the American Civil War?	Explain the significance of the battles of First Bull Run, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Gettysburg, Vicksburg, Petersburg/Richmond, Sherman’s March to the Sea, and Hampton Roads.	8.3.12.D	
How did technology become a factor in the American Civil War?	Describe the technological advancement of military technology through weapon systems such as, the Colt revolver, ironclad ships, military railroads, rifled cannons, land mines, and breach loading rifles.	8.3.12.C 8.3.12.D	Rifled Musket and Cannons, Revolver, Ironclad
What was the outcome of the American Civil War?	Explain the significance of the outcome of the American Civil War and its effect on shaping civil rights, segregation, and reconstruction in post-war years.	8.1.12. C 8.3.12. C	Reconstruction

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Unit: Indian Wars & Spanish American War

Time Line: 1 Cycle

Essential Content/ Essential Questions	Performance Objectives	Standards/Anchors	Vocabulary
How did American expansionist thought affect Indian and foreign policy?	Analyze how westward expansion and the Monroe Doctrine influenced US intervention within the Western Hemisphere.	8.3.12.C 8.3.12.D	Monroe Doctrine, Manifest Destiny
Who were the major leaders of the Indian & Spanish-American War?	Explain the military contributions of Gen. Phillip Sheridan, Lt. Col. George Custer, Gen. William Sherman, Sitting Bull, Crazy Horse, Geronimo, Admiral George Dewey, Col. Teddy Roosevelt.	8.3.12. A	
What battles shaped the outcome of the Indian & Spanish-American War?	Explain the significance of the battles of the Little Bighorn, Apache Wars, San Juan Hill, and Manila Bay.	8.3.12.D	Battle of the Little Big Horn, San Juan/Kettle Hill, Manila Bay
What was the outcome of the Indian & Spanish-American War?	Explain the significance of the conquest of new territory, both in the Continental US and around the world.	8.1.12. C 8.3.12. C	Imperialism

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**Course Name: US Military History
Unit: World War I**

Time Line: 2 Cycles

Essential Content/ Essential Questions	Performance Objectives	Standards/Anchors	Vocabulary
What were contributing factors that led to US involvement in World War I?	Analyze the contributing factors that led to US involvement in World War I (e.g., sinking of the Lusitania, close diplomatic ties to UK & France, Zimmerman Note).	8.3.12.C 8.3.12. D	Zimmerman Note
How were battlefield tactics employed by commanders of World War I?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Differentiate the overall strategy of both the Central and Allied Powers • Study the experiences of ordinary soldiers from Sgt. York’s first-hand accounts. • Analyze how trench warfare shaped the tactics of the conflict. 	8.1.12. C 8.3.12. B 8.3.12.D	Trench Warfare, No Man’s Land
Who were the major American leaders of World War I?	Explain the military contributions of Gen. Jack Pershing, and President Woodrow Wilson, Edward Rickenbacker, Gen. William Mitchell.	8.3.12. A	
What battles shaped the outcome of World War I?	Explain the significance of the battles of the Marne, Belleau Wood, and Meuse-Argonne Offensive.	8.3.12.D	
How did technology become a factor in World War I?	Describe the technological advancement of military technology through weapon systems such as, the biplane, Maxim machine gun, submarine, and chemical weapons.	8.3.12.C 8.3.12.D	Machine Gun, Mustard Gas, Tank, Biplane
What was the outcome of World War I?	Explain the significance of the outcome of World War I and its impact on Europe and the Middle East.	8.1.12. C 8.3.12. C 8.3.12. D	Treaty of Versailles

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Unit: World War II**

Time Line: 3 Cycles

Essential Content/ Essential Questions	Performance Objectives	Standards/Anchors	Vocabulary
What were contributing factors that led to US involvement in World War II?	Analyze the contributing factors that led to US involvement in World War II (e.g., Lend-Lease, Pearl Harbor attack).	8.3.12.C 8.3.12. D	Lend-Lease, RAINBOW Plans
How were battlefield tactics employed by commanders of World War II?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Differentiate the overall strategy of both the Axis and Allied Powers • Study the experiences of ordinary soldiers from Lt. Audie Murphy’s first-hand accounts. • Analyze how blitzkrieg and air power shaped the tactics of the conflict. 	8.1.12. C 8.3.12. B 8.3.12.D	Blitzkrieg, Strategic Bombing
Who were the major American leaders of World War II?	Explain the military contributions of Gens. Dwight Eisenhower, George Patton, Omar Bradley, Douglas MacArthur, John Marshall, Adm. Chester Nimitz, & Adm. “Bull” Halsey.	8.3.12. A	
What battles shaped the outcome of World War II?	Explain the significance of the battles of Kasserine Pass, Normandy Invasion, Midway, Monte Casino, Okinawa, Iwo Jima, Battle of the Bulge.	8.3.12.D	D-Day, Battle of the Bulge
How did technology become a factor in World War II?	Describe the technological advancement of military technology through weapon systems such as, the aircraft carrier, modern radio communications, atomic bomb, strategic bombers, jet aircraft, & radar.	8.3.12.C 8.3.12.D	Radar, Atomic Bomb
What was the outcome of World War II?	Explain the significance of the outcome of World War II and its impact on western and communist relations.	8.1.12. C 8.3.12. C 8.3.12. D	Berlin Wall, Occupied Zones, Berlin Airlift

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**Course Name: US Military History
Unit: Cold War Conflicts**

Time Line: 2 Cycles

Essential Content/ Essential Questions	Performance Objectives	Standards/Anchors	Vocabulary
What were contributing factors that led to US involvement in Korea and Vietnam?	Analyze the contributing factors that led to US involvement in Korea & Vietnam (e.g., Truman Doctrine, Berlin Airlift, North Korean Invasion of South Korea, Viet Minh defeat French).	8.3.12.C 8.3.12. D	Truman Doctrine, Containment
How were battlefield tactics employed by commanders of the Korean War & Vietnam?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Differentiate the overall strategy of both the Communists and American forces. • Analyze how air power (close air support & air cavalry) shaped the tactics of the conflict. 	8.1.12. C 8.3.12. B 8.3.12.D	Air Cavalry, Close Air Support, Search and Destroy
Who were the major American leaders of the Korean War & Vietnam?	Explain the military contributions of Gens. Douglas MacArthur, Matthew Ridgeway, William Westmorland.	8.3.12. A	
What battles shaped the outcome of the Korean War & Vietnam?	Explain the significance of the battles of the Pusan Perimeter, Inchon, Seoul, Chosin Reservoir, L.Z. X-Ray, Tet Offensive, & Khe Sanh.	8.3.12.D	
How did technology become a factor in the Korean War & Vietnam?	Describe the technological advancement of military technology through weapon systems such as supersonic fighters, helicopters, automatic rifles, night vision systems.	8.3.12.C 8.3.12.D	Surface to Air Missiles, Napalm
What was the outcome of the Korean War & Vietnam?	Explain the military and political significance of the outcome of the Korean War & Vietnam and its impact on America as a superpower.	8.1.12. C 8.3.12. C 8.3.12. D	

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**Course Name: US Military History
Unit: Modern Conflicts**

Time Line: 3 Cycles

Essential Content/ Essential Questions	Performance Objectives	Standards/Anchors	Vocabulary
What were contributing factors that led to US involvement in the Persian Gulf war, Operation Enduring Freedom & Operation Iraqi Freedom?	Analyze the contributing factors that led to US involvement in the Persian Gulf, Operation Enduring Freedom & Operation Iraqi Freedom (e.g., Iraqi invasion of Kuwait, & 9/11 attacks).	8.3.12.C 8.3.12. D	9/11, Operation Desert Storm, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Insurgency
How were battlefield tactics employed by commanders of the Persian Gulf war, Operation Enduring Freedom & Operation Iraqi Freedom?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Differentiate the overall strategy of the Iraqi, Taliban and American forces. • Study the experiences of ordinary soldiers from Marines in Fallujah. • Analyze how close air support, air cavalry, Special Forces, & main battle tanks shaped the tactics of the conflict. 	8.1.12. C 8.3.12. B 8.3.12.D	Taliban, Al-Qaeda, Special Forces, Shock and Awe
Who were the major American leaders of the Persian Gulf war, Operation Enduring Freedom & Operation Iraqi Freedom?	Explain the military contributions of Gens. Norman Schwarzkopf, Colin Powell, Tommy Franks, & David Petraeus.	8.3.12. A	
What battles shaped the outcome of the Persian Gulf war, Operation Enduring Freedom & Operation Iraqi Freedom?	Explain the significance of the battles of Operation Desert Storm, Baghdad, Fallujah, Kandahar, and Tora Bora.	8.3.12.D	CIA Special Activities Division
How did technology become a factor in the Persian Gulf war, Operation Enduring Freedom & Operation Iraqi Freedom?	Describe the technological advancement of military technology through weapon systems such as stealth aircraft, cruise missiles, sniper systems, main battle tanks (MBT), infantry fighting vehicles (IFV) & night vision systems.	8.3.12.C 8.3.12.D	Infantry Fighting Vehicle, Night Vision Systems
What was the outcome of the Persian Gulf war, Operation Enduring Freedom & Operation Iraqi Freedom?	Explain the direction of the future American military. Synthesize how to conduct a U.S. military operation in a fictitious setting via essay.	8.1.12. C 8.3.12. C 8.3.12. D 8.1.U.C	