

AP® U.S. History

Your Course at a Glance

Plan

The Course at a Glance provides a useful visual organization of the AP U.S. History curricular components, including:

- Sequence of units, along with approximate weighting and suggested pacing. Please note: Pacing is based on 45-minute class periods, meeting five days each week for a full academic year.
- Progression of topics within each unit.
- Spiraling of the themes and historical thinking skills across units.

Teach

HISTORICAL THINKING SKILLS

Historical thinking skills spiral across units.

- 1

Developments and Processes
- 2

Sourcing and Situation
- 3

Claims and Evidence in Sources
- 4

Contextualization
- 5

Making Connections
- 6

Argumentation

THEMES

Themes spiral across units.

- NAT

American and National Identity
- WXT

Work, Exchange, and Technology
- GEO

Geography and the Environment
- MIG

Migration and Settlement
- PCE

Politics and Power
- WOR

America in the World
- ARC

American and Regional Culture
- SOC

Social Structures

Assess

Assign the Personal Progress Checks—either as homework or in class—for each unit. Each Personal Progress Check contains formative multiple-choice and free-response questions. The feedback from the Personal Progress Checks shows students the areas where they need to focus.

UNIT 1	UNIT 2	UNIT 3	UNIT 4	UNIT 5	UNIT 6	UNIT 7	UNIT 8	UNIT 9
Period 1: 1491–1607	Period 2: 1607–1754	Period 3: 1754–1800	Period 4: 1800–1848	Period 5: 1844–1877	Period 6: 1865–1898	Period 7: 1890–1945	Period 8: 1945–1980	Period 9: 1980–Present
~8 Class Periods4–6% AP Exam Weighting	~14 Class Periods6–8% AP Exam Weighting	~17 Class Periods10–17% AP Exam Weighting	~17 Class Periods10–17% AP Exam Weighting	~17 Class Periods10–17% AP Exam Weighting	~18 Class Periods10–17% AP Exam Weighting	~21 Class Periods10–17% AP Exam Weighting	~20 Class Periods10–17% AP Exam Weighting	~8 Class Periods4–6% AP Exam Weighting
<div>41.1 Contextualizing Period 1</div> <div>GEO11.2 Native American Societies Before European Contact</div> <div>WOR11.3 European Exploration in the Americas</div> <div>GEO31.4 Columbian Exchange, Spanish Exploration, and Conquest</div> <div>SOC51.5 Labor, Slavery, and Caste in the Spanish Colonial System</div> <div>WOR31.6 Cultural Interactions Between Europeans, Native Americans, and Africans</div> <div>61.7 Causation in Period 1</div>	<div>42.1 Contextualizing Period 2</div> <div>MIG12.2 European Colonization</div> <div>GEO32.3 The Regions of British Colonies</div> <div>WXT52.4 Transatlantic Trade</div> <div>WOR22.5 Interactions Between American Indians and Europeans</div> <div>WXTSOC52.6 Slavery in the British Colonies</div> <div>ARC12.7 Colonial Society and Culture</div> <div>62.8 Comparison in Period 2</div>	<div>43.1 Contextualizing Period 3</div> <div>WOR13.2 The Seven Years’ War (The French and Indian War)</div> <div>WOR23.3 Taxation Without Representation</div> <div>NAT23.4 Philosophical Foundations of the American Revolution</div> <div>WOR63.5 The American Revolution</div> <div>SOCWOR33.6 The Influence of Revolutionary Ideals</div> <div>PCE33.7 The Articles of Confederation</div> <div>33.8 The Constitutional Convention and Debates over Ratification</div> <div>PCE53.9 The Constitution</div> <div>WORPCE23.10 Shaping a New Republic</div> <div>ARC13.11 Developing an American Identity</div> <div>MIGSOC53.12 Movement in the Early Republic</div> <div>63.13 Continuity and Change in Period 3</div>	<div>44.1 Contextualizing Period 4</div> <div>PCE24.2 The Rise of Political Parties and the Era of Jefferson</div> <div>PCE24.3 Politics and Regional Interests</div> <div>WOR24.4 America on the World Stage</div> <div>WXT64.5 Market Revolution: Industrialization</div> <div>SOC54.6 Market Revolution: Society and Culture</div> <div>PCE14.7 Expanding Democracy</div> <div>PCE34.8 Jackson and Federal Power</div> <div>ARC44.9 The Development of an American Culture</div> <div>ARC54.10 The Second Great Awakening</div> <div>ARC34.11 An Age of Reform</div> <div>SOC34.12 African Americans in the Early Republic</div> <div>GEO14.13 The Society of the South in the Early Republic</div> <div>64.14 Causation in Period 4</div>	<div>45.1 Contextualizing Period 5</div> <div>GEO15.2 Manifest Destiny</div> <div>WOR35.3 The Mexican–American War</div> <div>NAT45.4 The Compromise of 1850</div> <div>ARCWOR25.5 Sectional Conflict: Regional Differences</div> <div>PCE55.6 Failure of Compromise</div> <div>PCE45.7 Election of 1860 and Secession</div> <div>WOR55.8 Military Conflict in the Civil War</div> <div>NAT25.9 Government Policies During the Civil War</div> <div>PCE35.10 Reconstruction</div> <div>NAT35.11 Failure of Reconstruction</div> <div>65.12 Comparison in Period 5</div>	<div>46.1 Contextualizing Period 6</div> <div>MIG16.2 Westward Expansion: Economic Development</div> <div>MIG36.3 Westward Expansion: Social and Cultural Development</div> <div>NAT26.4 The “New South”</div> <div>WXT56.5 Technological Innovation</div> <div>WXT46.6 The Rise of Industrial Capitalism</div> <div>WXT66.7 Labor in the Gilded Age</div> <div>MIG36.8 Immigration and Migration in the Gilded Age</div> <div>MIG56.9 Responses to Immigration in the Gilded Age</div> <div>SOC46.10 Development of the Middle Class</div> <div>SOC26.11 Reform in the Gilded Age</div> <div>PCE46.12 Controversies over the Role of Government in the Gilded Age</div> <div>PCE36.13 Politics in the Gilded Age</div> <div>66.14 Continuity and Change in Period 6</div>	<div>47.1 Contextualizing Period 7</div> <div>WOR27.2 Imperialism: Debates</div> <div>WOR27.3 The Spanish–American War</div> <div>PCEGEO27.4 The Progressives</div> <div>WOR27.5 World War I: Military and Diplomacy</div> <div>MIG37.6 World War I: Home Front</div> <div>WXT57.7 1920s: Innovations in Communication and Technology</div> <div>MIGARC47.8 1920s: Cultural and Political Controversies</div> <div>WXT57.9 The Great Depression</div> <div>PCE57.10 The New Deal</div> <div>WOR17.11 Interwar Foreign Policy</div> <div>SOC17.12 World War II: Mobilization</div> <div>WOR67.13 World War II: Military</div> <div>WOR27.14 Postwar Diplomacy</div> <div>67.15 Comparison in Period 7</div>	<div>48.1 Contextualizing Period 8</div> <div>WOR28.2 The Cold War from 1945 to 1980</div> <div>NAT28.3 The Red Scare</div> <div>WXTMIG28.4 Economy after 1945</div> <div>ARC48.5 Culture after 1945</div> <div>SOC58.6 Early Steps in the Civil Rights Movement (1940s and 1950s)</div> <div>WOR38.7 America as a World Power</div> <div>WOR18.8 The Vietnam War</div> <div>PCEMIG58.9 The Great Society</div> <div>SOCPCE58.10 The African American Civil Rights Movement (1960s)</div> <div>SOC58.11 The Civil Rights Movement Expands</div> <div>ARC58.12 Youth Culture of the 1960s</div> <div>GEO58.13 The Environment and Natural Resources from 1968 to 1980</div> <div>PCEARC48.14 Society in Transition</div> <div>68.15 Continuity and Change in Period 8</div>	<div>49.1 Contextualizing Period 9</div> <div>PCE39.2 Reagan and Conservatism</div> <div>WOR19.3 The End of the Cold War</div> <div>WXT19.4 A Changing Economy</div> <div>MIG29.5 Migration and Immigration in the 1990s and 2000s</div> <div>WOR29.6 Challenges of the 21st Century</div> <div>69.7 Causation in Period 9</div>
Personal Progress Check 1 Multiple-choice: ~15 questions Short-answer: 2 questions • Primary source (partial) • Primary source (partial) Free-response: 1 question • Long essay (partial)	Personal Progress Check 2 Multiple-choice: ~20 questions Short-answer: 2 questions • Primary source • Primary source Free-response: 1 question • Long essay (partial)	Personal Progress Check 3 Multiple-choice: ~30 questions Short-answer: 2 questions • Primary source • Primary source Free-response: 1 question • Long essay (partial)	Personal Progress Check 4 Multiple-choice: ~35 questions Short-answer: 2 questions • Secondary source • Secondary source Free-response: 1 question • Long essay (partial)	Personal Progress Check 5 Multiple-choice: ~30 questions Short-answer: 2 questions • No stimulus • No stimulus Free-response: 2 questions • Long essay (partial) • Document-based (partial)	Personal Progress Check 6 Multiple-choice: ~35 questions Short-answer: 2 questions • No stimulus • Primary source Free-response: 1 question • Document-based (partial)	Personal Progress Check 7 Multiple-choice: ~40 questions Short-answer: 2 questions • Secondary source • No stimulus Free-response: 1 question • Document-based	Personal Progress Check 8 Multiple-choice: ~40 questions Short-answer: 2 questions • No stimulus • Primary source Free-response: 1 question • Long essay	Personal Progress Check 9 Multiple-choice: ~20 questions Short-answer: 2 questions • Secondary source • No stimulus Free-response: 1 question • Document-based

NOTE: Partial versions of the free-response questions are provided to prepare students for more complex, full questions that they will encounter on the AP Exam.