

# AP US History

## Course Description:

In AP U.S. History, students investigate significant events, individuals, developments, and processes in nine historical periods from approximately 1491 to the present. Students develop and use the same skills and methods employed by historians: analyzing primary and secondary sources; developing historical arguments; making historical connections; and utilizing reasoning about comparison, causation, and continuity and change. The course also provides eight themes that students explore throughout the course in order to make connections among historical developments in different times and places: American and national identity; work, exchange, and technology; geography and the environment; migration and settlement; politics and power; America in the world; American and regional culture; and social structures.

## Academic Suitability:

Students should be able to read a college-level textbook and write grammatically correct, complete sentences. Analysis skills are also key in this course.

## Out of Class Commitment:

Students should expect to spend 5-8 hours per week outside of class working on this course.

## Summer Suggested Preparation:

Students can purchase the AMSCO and begin to work their way through the text.

## School Issued Text Name:

*Fabric of a Nation*

## Additional Resources:

AMSCO Advanced Placement United States History

