U.S. History - Course Syllabus

Description:
This course presents a cohesive and comprehensive overview of the history of the United States, surveying the major events and turning points of U.S. history as it moves from the Era of Exploration through modern times. As students examine each era of history, they will analyze primary sources and carefully research events to gain a clearer understanding of the factors that have shaped U.S. history.

Textbook: United States History (Boundless CC 4.0)

Course objectives:
Throughout the course, you will meet the following goals:
- Assess the political development of the United States, including the influence of democratic ideals, the changing role of government, and the modern two-party system.
- Explore the evolution of American culture and society, including the role of reform movements, from the colonial era to the present.
- Investigate and understand the reasons behind American involvement in wars and conflicts throughout U.S. history.
- Trace the economic development of the U.S. from an agrarian to an industrial economy.

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Grading Scale
A = 90-100%
B = 80-89%
C = 70-79%
D = 60-69%
F = under 59%

Grade Weighting
Chapter Quizzes ............ 70%
Cumulative Exam ........... 30%

100%