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## AP U.S. History

Grade 11/12

Advanced Placement United States History is a survey course that offers students a college level experience that is both demanding and rigorous. The coursework will prepare students to be successful on the AP Exam. The course will cover the spectrum of American history spanning from the Pre-Columbian era to the present. Over this time period, students are introduced to political institutions, social and cultural developments, diplomacy, and economic trends in the United States. Students will develop skills to analyze primary and secondary sources in addition to the textbook in order to comprehend the multiple perspectives of history. The course is designed in chronological order while placing an emphasis on a variety of historical themes mandated by the College Board. Sitting the AP United States History Exam is a prerequisite for the successful completion of this course.