

# U.S. History A

## SCOPE OF COURSE

This course is divided into two semesters of study (A & B) comprised of five units each. The first half of the course (A) begins with the Reconstruction period following the Civil War and covers up through the government policies and business practices that brought high levels of American prosperity after WWI, but led to world-wide economic collapse by the end of the 1920s.

## SEQUENCE OF SKILLS

### **UNIT 1 – Reconstruction and Backlash**

- Lincoln’s and Johnson’s plans for Reconstruction
- Congressional Reconstruction
- Amendments 13, 14, and 15
- Ku Klux Klan and Jim Crow Laws
- Plessy v. Ferguson
- Booker T. Washington and W.E.B. DuBois

### **UNIT 2 – The Industrialization of the United States: 1876-1914**

- The United States becomes an industrial giant
- Andrew Carnegie and John Rockefeller
- Growth of unions
- Immigration
- Urbanization
- Laissez-faire capitalism
- Theodore Roosevelt, trustbuster

### **UNIT 3 – United States Expansion**

- Settlers move west
- Battle of Little Big Horn
- Cowboy kingdom
- Agriculture in the West
- Spanish American War
- American influence grows in Asia and Latin America
- The Panama Canal

### **UNIT 4 – Theodore Roosevelt to Woodrow Wilson: The Progressive Era**

- Populists and Progressives
- Muckrakers
- The Wisconsin Idea
- The presidency of Theodore Roosevelt
- Amendments 16, 17, 18, and 19
- Regulating and reforming big business
- The presidency of Woodrow Wilson

### **UNIT 5 – Boom to Bust: World War I to the Great Depression**

- World War I
- The Fourteen Points
- Postwar isolationism
- The Roaring Twenties
- The Jazz Age