Course Description: This course explores US History, as well as influential world history events, from 1840 to 1945. Core topics of study are sectionalism, the Civil War, Immigration, Industrial Revolution, the Progressive Era, WWI, the Great Depression, and WWII. Students will explore ethnic, racial, gender, and class struggles throughout this time period. Students will be exposed to introductory methods of historical inquiry and analyzing history from multiple perspectives. Writing will be emphasized as a means of demonstrating students' understanding of history.

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### Big Ideas

- Source and evidence are critical to understanding history
- Continuity and change analysis helps us understand history
- Examining different perspectives gives us a deeper appreciation of history

### Essential Questions

- What do primary sources tell us about history?
- What do secondary sources tell us about history?

### Content

- Primary and secondary sources
- Tools for analysis of sources

### Skills

- Analyze a primary and secondary source
- Draw conclusions about history from primary and secondary sources
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- Elements of culture as well as similarities and differences among cultural groups across place and time.
- Knowledge of the past enable us to analyze the causes and consequences of events and developments, and to place these in the context of the institutions, values and beliefs of the time and place in which they took place.
- The study of people, place, and environments enables us to understand the relationship between human populations and the physical world.
- The development of civic competence requires an understanding of the foundations of political thought, and the historical development of various structures of power, authority, and governance.

Essential Questions

- Did Andrew Jackson promote or impede the cause of democracy?
- Does the United States have a duty to expand democracy and freedom in the world?
- What lasting changes to American politics and history came as a result of Jackson’s presidency?
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- The development of civic competence requires an understanding of the foundations of the historical development of various structures of power, authority, and governance.

## Essential Questions

- How did the success of Manifest Destiny escalate sectional tensions between the North and the South?
- How did northern whites who supported slavery and southern whites who opposed slavery both think they were defending liberty?
- Would they (the students) support the federal or state government?

## Content

- Conflict with Mexico
- Mexican cession
- Completion of manifest destiny
- Compromise of 1850
- Birth of the Republican party
- Kansas-Nebraska Act
- Bleeding Kansas
- Lincoln-Douglas debates
- Election of 1860

## Skills

- Identify how the United States expanded as a result of manifest destiny
- Analyze primary sources
- Summarize the critical developments leading to the Civil War
- Using a map, identify states that were part of the Union and Confederacy
- Appreciate the perspectives northerners and southerners felt on the issue of slavery
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## Big Ideas

- The study of **people, places, and environments** enables us to understand the relationship between human population and the physical world.

## Essential Questions

- What impact did political and military leadership have on the conduct of war?
- How did the war affect minority groups (i.e. women & blacks)?
- **Personal identity** is shaped by an individual’s culture, by groups, by institutional influences, and by lived experiences shared with people inside and outside the individual’s own culture throughout his/her development.
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### Big Ideas

- Through experience, observation, and reflection, students will identify elements of **culture** as well as similarities and differences among groups across time and place.

### Essential Questions

- How did Reconstruction change life for African Americans?
- How did Reconstruction alter the U.S. Constitution and its interpretation?
- How **institutions** are formed, what controls them, how they control and influence individuals and culture, and how institutions can be maintained or changed.
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Essential Questions

- How might the country have developed differently if no gold or other precious minerals been discovered in the west?
- What was it like to walk in the shoes of a 19th century settler in the west?
- What economic problems confronted American farmers in the 1890s?

Content

- Culture of the Plains Native Americans
- Battle of Little Big Horn
- Sitting Bull & George Custer

Skills

- Contrast the cultures of Native Americans and white settlers
- Explain why white settlers moved west
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| • Battle of Wounded Knee | • Explain the rise and fall of the Populist Party |
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- How did the Industrial Revolution change the economic future of the United States?
- How can working conditions for children be improved in countries that still use child labor?
outside the individual's own culture throughout his/her development.

- **Science**, and its practical applications, **technology**, have had a major influence on social and cultural change, and on the ways people interact with the world.
- Learning how to apply **civic ideals** as a part of citizen action is essential to the exercise of democratic freedoms and the pursuit of the common good.

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- Knowledge and understanding of the past enables us to analyze the causes and consequences of events and developments, and to place in these the context of the institutions, values, and beliefs of the period of history in which they took place.

Essential Questions
- What changes to U.S. society have resulted from immigration?
- How does immigration relate to “E Pluribus Unum”?
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- **Personal identity** is shaped by an individual's culture, by groups, by institutional influences, and by lived experiences shared with people inside and outside the individual's own culture throughout his/her development.

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  - Nativism
  - "Melting pot”
  - Molly Maguires
  - Chinese Exclusion Act
  - Gentlemen’s Agreement
  - Tenement houses
  - Social Gospel movement & Jane Addams
  - Patronage & civil service
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## Big Ideas

- Knowledge of the past enable us to analyze the causes and consequences of events and developments, and to place these in the context of the institutions, values and beliefs of the time and place in which they took place.

## Essential Questions

- How did issues prominent during the Progressive Era and the changes that occurred affect the lives of immigrants, African Americans, and women?

- What impact did political leadership have on shaping Progressive reforms?

- What kinds of action can bring about social change?
- Personal identity is shaped by an individual’s culture, by groups, by institutional influences, and by lived experiences shared with people inside and outside the individual’s own culture throughout his or her development.
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- Settlement houses  
- Florence Kelley  
- Prohibition  
- WCTU  
- Muckrakers  
- Henry Ford/Assembly line  
- Robert La Follette  
- Keating-Owen Act  
- 17th Amendment  
- Initiative, referendum, & recall  
- Susan B. Anthony  
- Women’s suffrage  
- Theodore Roosevelt & Square Deal  
- Upton Sinclair & *The Jungle*  
- Trusts & trustbusting  
- 1902 Coal Strike in Pennsylvania  
- Meat Inspection Act  
- Hepburn Act  
- Pure Food & Drug Act  
- Environmental conservation  
- W.E.B. Du Bois  
- NAACP  
- William H. Taft  
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- American Expeditionary Force
- War Industries Board
- Committee on Public Information
- George Creel
- Eugene Debs
- Woodrow Wilson
- Georges Clemenceau
- David Lloyd George
- “Big Three”
- Henry Cabot Lodge
- Vladimir Lenin
- Sinking of the Lusitania
- 1916 Election
- Bolshevik Revolution
- Armistice
- Anti-Immigrant Hysteria
- Great Migration
- Flu Epidemic of 1918
- Alliances
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- Nationalism
- Trench Warfare
- stalemate
- No Man’s Land
- Neutrality
- German u-boats
- “Peace without victory”
- convoy system
- zeplins
- Propaganda
- League of Nations
- pandemic
- Reparations

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- War Guilt Clause
- Schlieffen Plan
- Zimmerman Note
- Selective Service Act
- Espionage & Sedition Acts
- *Schenck v. U.S.*
- Fourteen Points Speech
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