

Reavis High School Curriculum Snapshot/Cover Page for U.S. History Essentials



Unit 1: The American Revolution

23 Days Students will learn how the American Revolution started, was won, and the impact that this victory had on the development of democracy. Other topics will include the Declaration of Independence, strengths and weaknesses of the Americans and British, battle tactics, and the Treaty of Paris.

Unit 2: The Political Development of the U.S.

13 Days Students will learn how early events and decisions in the late 1700's and early 1800's impacted our country. Students will understand how America evolved from a Confederation to a Republic and how early precedents shaped our country. Topics such as the Articles of Confederation, the Constitution, the presidencies of Washington through Jackson, and the development of political parties will be discussed.

Unit 3: The Physical Development of the U.S.

13 Days Students will learn how the physical and cultural growth of America created changes in the country in the first half of the 1800's. Students will understand how America was changing in this period and how these changes led to the Civil War. Topics such as Manifest Destiny, Westward Migration, and Nationalism will be addressed in this unit.

Unit 4: The Civil War

20 Days Students will learn how the Civil War dramatically changed America forever. Students will understand the causes of the war, military tactics, and social changes related to the Civil War. President Lincoln, emancipation, states' rights, and Reconstruction will be discussed.



Unit 5: America at the Turn of the 20th Century

10 Days Students will learn how the industrialization of America led to the Progressive Era. Topics such as the urbanization of America, how immigration affected the country, and how technology impacted Americans' lives will be addressed.



Unit 6: World Affairs in the Early 1900's

10 Days Students will learn about America's involvement in world affairs in the first quater of the 20th Century. Topics including American Imperialism, neutrality, and American involvement in World War I will be discussed.

Unit 7: America Boom to Bust

10 Days Students will learn about America's economic, political, and social growth; the changes of the 1920's; and the subsequent changes brought on in the 1930's. The Roaring Twenties, Prohibition, the Great Depression, and the New Deal will all be addressed.



Unit 8: World War II

20 Days Students will learn about American involvement in the Second World War and its impact on American society. The attack on Pearl Harbor through the dropping of the Atomic Bombs will be discussed.



Unit 9: Post World War II Foreign Affairs

20 Days Students will learn about the causes and effects of the Cold War and other international developments that America played a role in during the post World War II era. Cold war topics will include the Korean War, Vietnam War, containment of Communism, and the fall of Communism. Other topics will include America's role in regional conflicts and the War on Terror.

Unit 10: Post World War II Domestic Issues

20 Days Students will learn about the social changes that took place throughout post World War II decades. Topics will include Pop culture, technological changes, political developments, social issues, and seeking equal rights for all Americans