**United States History**

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**Calloway Co. High School**

This course is designed to provide a college-level experience and preparation for the **End of Course Exam**. An emphasis is placed on interpreting documents, mastering a significant body of factual information, and writing critical essays. Topics include life and thought in colonial America, revolutionary ideology, constitutional development, Jeffersonian and Jacksonian democracy, nineteenth-century reform movements, and Manifest Destiny. Other topics include the Civil War and Reconstruction, immigration, industrialism, Populism, Progressivism, World War I, the Jazz Age, the Great Depression, the New Deal, World War II, the Cold War, the post-Cold War era, and the United States at the beginning of the twenty-first century. This course will fulfill the United States history graduation requirement.

In addition to the topics listed above, the course will emphasize a series of key themes throughout the year. These themes have been determined by the ***ACT Quality Core*** selected by the KDE as essential to a comprehensive study of the United States history. The themes will include discussions of American diversity, the development of a unique American identity, the evolution of American culture, demographic changes over the course of America’s history, economic trends and transformations, environmental issues, the development of political institutions and the components of citizenship, social reform movements, the role of religion in the making of the United States and its impact in multicultural society, the history of slavery and its legacies in the hemisphere, war and diplomacy, and finally the place of the United States in an increasingly global arena. The course will trace these themes throughout the year, emphasizing the ways in which they are interconnected an examining the ways in which each helps to shape the changes over time that are so important to understanding United States history.

**Textbooks**

***American Anthem: Modern American History*** Holt, Reinhart, and Winston

**Study Guide that accompanies the textbook and America-The Story of Us** **DVD series.**

**Grading**

**Weekly Tests – 40%, Unit Test Constructed Responses – 30%, Notebook – 15%, Blog Requirement – 5%, and final exam 10%**

* The Kentucky Department of Education will be requiring that **ALL U.S. HISTORY** students take an End of Course exam.
* U.S. History is a comprehensive course beginning with the “discovery” of a New World and ending with present day events.

**U.S. History Course Schedule/Pacing Guide**

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| **Week** | **Themes** | **Chapters** |
| 1 | Introductions, Discovery of America | 1 |
| 2 | Discovery of America, colonial empires, causes of American Revolution | 1 |
| 3 | American Revolution, New Government, Constitution | 2 |
| 4 (Unit Test) | Nationalism, Sectionalism, Expansion of Slavery | 3 |
| 5 | Civil War, Reconstruction, and the American West | 4 |
| 6 | Industrial Revolution and Progressivism | 5, 6 |
| 7 (Unit Test) | Imperialism, Spanish American War, Roosevelt and Taft | 6 |
| 8 | Wilson, WWI, Peace Without Victory | 7, 8 |
| 9 | Red Scare, Owner/Labor Conflicts, Immigration | 9 |
| 10 (Unit Test) | Roaring 20s, Harlem Renaissance, New Pop Culture | 10 |
| 11 | Great Depression, Hoover, FDR and the New Deal | 11, 12 |
| 12 | WW2 Europe and Holocaust | 13, 14 |
| 13 (Unit Test) | WW2 Pacific, Atomic Age, and the Cold War Begins | 14, 15 |
| 14 | Arms Race, Korea, and Eisenhower | 15, 16 |
| 15 | Kennedy, Johnson, Vietnam | 17, 19 |
| 16 (Unit Test) | Civil Rights, Watergate, and a New World Order | 18, 21 |
| 17 | Into the 21st Century | 22 |
| 18 | Review/Practice Tests & End of Course Exam |  |