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Curriculum Guide

American History 2A - Unit 1
A Nation Growing: 1865-1914

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Grade Level: High School

Instruction with assessment, writing activities, and projects to develop critical-thinking skills.

Contents

Beginning with the expansion into the West and continuing through the George W. Bush presidency, this interactive program provides easy-to-use, comprehensive coverage of modern American History.

Study questions with explanations
Glossary terms with definitions
Time Line and annotated chronology: 1862 - present
Outlining and writing activities with sample essays
Colorful maps, graphs, charts, and art images
Source documents, each with an introduction and document-based questions
Biographies
Projects
Internet Research Project

Scope and Sequence

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Chapter 1: The Western Frontier Is Settled

Narrative and Extended overviews, factual questions, conceptual questions, map/graph questions, chronology questions; glossary and notable people

Additional material related to the chapter:
Documents: "The Significance of the Frontier in American History", Chief Joseph vs. the U.S. Government, Dawes Severalty Act
Art: Grand Canyon of Yellowstone, Painting: The Fall of the Cowboy
Maps: United States, U.S. Outline
Essay: Challenges to White Settlers
Project: Deconstructing the Mythic West

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Chapter 2: Industrializing America

Narrative and Extended overviews, factual questions, conceptual questions, map/graph questions, chronology questions; glossary and notable people
Additional material related to the chapter:

Art: Corliss Steam Engine
Graphs/Charts: Model T's, Dow Jones Average, Urban vs. Rural Areas
Map: United States
Essay: Late 19th-Century U.S. Industrialization
Project: Technology

Internet Research Project: Impact of Mass Production
Components

Overviews

1. The Western Frontier Is Settled (1865-1890)
   a. America’s Expansion
   b. Western Settlement
   c. Law and Order in the West
   d. Political Organization of the West
   e. The Mining Frontier and Gold Rushes
   f. Native Americans
   g. The “Trail of Tears”
   h. Development of Reservations
   i. Broken Agreements and Armed Conflict
   j. The Ghost Dance
   k. The American Bison
   l. The Dawes Severalty Act
   m. Transportation and Communication in the West
   n. The Growth of the Railroad
   o. The Pony Express and the Telegraph
   p. The Growth of Farming in the West
   q. Western Farmers and Railroad Expansion
   r. Western Farmers and Favorable Government Policies
   s. The Growth of the Cattle Industry
   t. Farm Life
   u. The Granger Movement
   v. Populism
   w. The Last Frontier

2. Industrializing America (1865-1914)
   a. Factors that Contributed to Economic Transformation
   b. Natural Resources and Labor
   c. The Role of Ideology - Republicanism and Liberalism
   d. Social Darwinism and the Self-Made American
   e. Patents
   f. Inventions
   g. Manufacturing Innovations
   h. The Role of Government Policy - Government Subsidies and Tariffs
   i. The Public Corporation
   j. Pools, Trusts, and Holding Companies
   k. Vertically and Horizontally Integrated Combinations
   l. The Growth of the Labor Movement
   m. National Labor Union
   n. Knights of Labor
   o. American Federation of Labor
p. The Beginning of Government Regulation of Business  
q. Federal Laws  
r. Conflicts between Labor and Management  
s. Important Labor Strikes  
t. The Pullman Strike (1894)  
u. Anti-Union Tactics  
v. Effects of Industrialization  

3. The Politics of the Gilded Age (1870 – 1900)  
a. Political Participation and Party Politics  
b. Political Parties  
c. National Political Tactics  
d. Differences between the Republican and Democratic Parties  
e. Overlap between the Republican and Democratic Parties  
f. Internal Differences within the Republican Party  
g. Internal Differences within the Democratic Party  
h. Sectional Influence on Major Political Issues  
i. Corruption, Scandals, and Civil Service Reform  
j. Corruption  
k. Scandals  
l. The Pendleton Civil Service Act  
m. Economic Issues  
n. Tariffs  
o. The Democratic-Republican Debate over Tariffs  
p. Higher Tariffs Win Out  
q. Monetary Policy  
r. "Sound" versus "Soft" Money  
s. Silver Coinage  
t. Rise of Populism  
u. Formation of the National Populist Party  
v. Results of the Election of 1892  
w. Silver and the Election of 1896  
x. Enduring Influence of the Populist Party  

4. The Making of Urban America (1877 – 1920)  
a. Internal Migration  
b. Rural Migration  
c. Black Rural-to-Urban Migration  
d. The Tide of Immigrants  
e. The Old and the New Immigration  
f. Entering America  
g. Immigrant Culture  
h. Assimilation  
i. Nativism  
j. Anti-Immigration Groups  
k. Anti-Asian Sentiment and the Chinese Exclusion Act
1. Other Significant Immigration Laws and Measures
   m. City Life
   n. Inner Cities and Suburbs
   o. Increasingly Crowded Cities
   p. Other Urban Problems
   q. Urban Leisure
   r. Commercialized Leisure
   s. Modern Cities for a Modern Nation

5. Progressive Era (1890-1920)
   a. Who Was a Progressive?
   b. Muckrakers
   c. Social Reform
   d. Social Gospel Movement
   e. Purity Crusades
   f. The Temperance Movement
   g. Other Purity Campaigns
   h. Women and the Vote
   i. The Status of African-Americans
   j. Economic and Political Reform
   k. Reform at the Local Level
   l. Reform at the State Level
   m. Reform at the Federal Level
   n. Theodore Roosevelt
   o. Roosevelt and the Trusts
   p. Roosevelt and Labor
   q. Roosevelt and Conservation
   r. William Howard Taft
   s. Election of 1912
   t. Woodrow Wilson
   u. Tariffs and Income Taxes
   v. The Legacy of Progressivism

6. U.S. Involvement in the Pacific/Latin America (mid-1800s-1914)
   a. The First American Overseas Ventures
   b. China
   c. Japan
   d. Other Pacific Areas
   e. The Spanish-American War
   f. Significance of the Spanish-American War
   g. Supporters of U.S. Expansion
   h. Opponents of U.S. Expansion
   i. The U.S. Pursues an Expansionist Policy
   j. Effects of the Treaty: Puerto Rico, Cuba, and Guam
   k. Effects of the Treaty: the Philippines
   l. The Panama Canal
m. The Roosevelt Corollary to the Monroe Doctrine
n. Events in Asia
o. Japan
p. China
q. Anti-Asian Sentiment in the U.S.
r. The Mexican Revolution
s. An Imperial Power

7. America Becomes Involved in World War I (1914-1918)
   a. The Roots of World War I
   b. War Erupts
   c. The U.S. Tries to Remain Neutral
   d. America’s Neutrality Is Difficult
   e. Wilson Is Re-Elected
   f. World War I
   g. Stalemate on the Western Front
   h. The U.S. Enters the War
   i. Problems on the Eastern Front
   j. The Allies Intervene in Russia
   k. American Troops in Europe
   l. The Home Front
   m. The Fourteen Points
   n. The Armistice
   o. The Treaty of Versailles
   p. Negotiations
   q. Terms
   r. The Fate of the Treaty in the U.S. Senate
   s. The Consequences of World War I

8. America Changes during the Roaring 20s (1920-1929)
   a. Unrest in 1919
   b. Racial Conflict
   c. Labor Strikes
   d. Red Scare
   e. Politics of the 1920s
   f. Civil Rights Are Expanded
   g. Labor, Industry, and Agriculture in the 1920s
   h. Recession and Followed by Economic Boom
   i. Industrial Expansion
   j. Favorable Government Policies
   k. Labor, Welfare Capitalism, and the American Plan
   l. Farming in the 1920s
   m. America Changed in the 1920s
   n. Mass Culture
   o. Consumerism
   p. The New Morality
q. The Lost Generation and the Harlem Renaissance
r. Reactions to the Changes
s. The Scopes Trial
t. Prohibition
u. Intolerant America
v. Immigration Restrictions
w. The New Ku Klux Klan
x. The "Whispering Campaign" of 1928
y. Sacco-Vanzetti Trial

9. Great Depression and New Deal (1929-1941)
a. The Impact of the Great Crash
b. The Impact on the U.S. Economy
c. The Impact on Personal Life
d. Herbert Hoover’s Actions
e. The New Deal
f. The Three "R"s
g. Relief
h. Recovery
i. Reform
j. Native Americans and African-Americans under the New Deal
k. Reviving Global Trade
l. Roosevelt and His Critics
m. The Economy Turns Sour Again
n. The Effects and Heritage of the New Deal

10. U.S. Foreign Policy between the Two World Wars (1919-1941)
a. Introduction
b. The Debt Problem
c. U.S. Economic Expansion
d. U.S. Tariff Policy
e. The Washington Naval Conference and the Kellogg-Briand Pact
f. Beyond the "Big Stick": U.S.-Latin American Relations
g. Germany and Italy: The Quest for Control of Europe
h. The U.S. Response to Hitler: Isolationism and Neutrality
i. Japan: The Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere
j. The Sleeping Giant: Awakens

11. World War II and the Post-War Peace (1939-1945)
a. The Fighting in Europe Begins
b. Bombing of Great Britain
c. U.S. Lend-Lease Act
d. Invasion of the Soviet Union
e. Pearl Harbor
f. The United States Enters World War II
g. The American Economy
h. Rationing
i. Revenue Act and War Bonds
j. End of the Great Depression
k. Labor Management Issues
l. New Patterns of Employment
m. Mexican Workers
n. Women in the Workforce
o. Population Movements
p. African-Americans Move from South to North
q. Defeating Germany
r. Fighting in the Soviet Union
s. Invasion of North Africa and Italy
t. A Second Front in Western Europe, D-Day
u. Germany Surrenders
v. The Holocaust
w. Midway: The Tide of War Turns in the Pacific
x. Island Hopping
y. The War in China
z. The War in Asia Comes to an End
aa. The Japanese Islands Are Bombed
bb. U.S. Demands Unconditional Surrender
c. The Potsdam Declaration
dd. Dropping of the Atomic Bombs
e. The Japanese Surrender
ff. Planning for the Post-War World
g. The Atlantic Charter
hh. Bretton Woods and Dumbarton Oaks Conferences
ii. Yalta Conference
jj. Costs of the War

12. Cold War and the Truman Years (1945-1953)
   a. Transition to a Peacetime Economy
   b. Fair Deal
c. Taft-Hartley Act
d. Changing Lifestyles
e. Truman and the 1948 Election
f. Cold War Politics
g. Cold War Economics
h. Containment and the Truman Doctrine
i. The Berlin Blockade and the Formation of NATO
j. The “Loss” of China
k. Occupation of Japan
l. The Korean War
m. Implications of the Korean War
n. Fighting Communism at Home
13. The Eisenhower Years (1953-1961)
   a. American Voters Seek Change
   b. Modern Republicanism and Eisenhower’s Economic Policies
   c. American Culture in the 1950s
   d. The Civil Rights Movement
   e. Eisenhower’s Foreign Policy and the Cold War
   f. U.S. Concerns about the Soviet Union
   g. The Election of 1960

   a. Kennedy and Domestic Liberalism
   b. Kennedy’s Economic Policies
   c. Kennedy and Civil Rights
   d. Kennedy and "Flexible Response"
   e. Kennedy and Cuba
   f. Kennedy and the Berlin Crisis
   g. Kennedy and South Vietnam
   h. Kennedy and the Space Program
   i. Lyndon Johnson and Civil Rights
   j. The Election of 1964
   k. Lyndon Johnson and the Great Society
   l. Cultural Upheaval in the 1960s
   m. A Divided America
   n. Lyndon Johnson and Vietnam
   o. The Election of 1968

   a. Richard Nixon and the Search for Peace Abroad and at Home
   b. The War Abroad and Chaos at Home Both Continue
   c. Richard Nixon Seeks to Reshape U.S. Global Strategies
   d. Domestic Policies in the Nixon Years
   e. Nixon and Civil Rights
   f. Nixon and the Economy
   g. Nixon and the Election of 1972
   h. Nixon and the Watergate Scandal
   i. The White House Horrors
   j. Nixon Is Forced from Office
   k. Gerald Ford Assumes the Presidency
   l. Ford and the Economy
   m. Ford and Foreign Affairs
   n. The Election of 1976
   o. Jimmy Carter Assumes the Presidency
   p. Carter, the Energy Crisis, and the Economy
   q. Carter and Human Rights
r. Carter and the Middle East  
s. Carter, the Soviet Union, and China  
t. Carter and Latin America  
u. Carter and Iran  
v. The Election of 1980  

   a. Reagan Takes Office  
   b. Reagan’s Economic Policies  
   c. Results of "Reaganomics"  
   d. Continuing Economic Problems  
   e. Reagan’s Domestic Policies  
   f. Reagan’s Foreign Policy  
   g. The Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI)  
   h. Overtures to the Soviet Union  
   i. Reagan, Latin America, and the Middle East  
   j. The Election of 1984  
   k. Reagan and the Iran-Contra Scandal  
   l. The Election of 1988  
   m. Bush and Domestic Policy  
   n. Bush and Latin America  
   o. The End of the Cold War  
   p. George Bush and the Gulf War  
   q. The Election of 1992  

17. Prosperity, then Terrorism in the Clinton-Bush Years (1993–  )  
   a. The 1992 Election  
   b. William J. Clinton Becomes the 42nd President  
   c. Clinton’s Domestic Policy  
   d. Republicans Gain Control of Congress in the 1994 Elections  
   e. Clinton and the Republican Congress  
   f. Clinton’s Foreign Policy  
   g. The Election of 1996  
   h. Clinton’s Second Term  
      i. Scandals, Impeachment, and the Congressional Elections of 1998  
      j. Foreign Policy in Clinton’s Second Term  
   k. The 2000 Election  
   l. George W. Bush Becomes the 43rd President  
   m. Bush’s Initial Policies  
   n. Terrorism in America  
   o. America’s Military Response to September 11th  
   p. Domestic Reactions to Terrorism  
   q. Reassessing American Foreign Policy  
   r. Bush’s Remaining First Term  
   s. Foreign Policy and Events  
   t. The Iraqi War and Its Aftermath
u. Constructing a New Iraqi Government  
v. Other Foreign Policy Developments  
w. Domestic Policy and Events  
x. Congressional Actions  
y. The 2004 Election

**Study Questions**

Complete coverage of the curriculum is provided by study questions with explanations indicating the correct answer and providing additional information.

**Essays**

A *writing activities section* teaches essay outlining and writing skills. These activities include sample essays on the following topics:

1. Challenges to White Settlers  
2. Late 19th-Century U.S. Industrialization

**Maps**

The *WorldView* maps were specifically designed for high school students. Reference maps come with an explanation and questions.

I. Reference maps:  
   1. United States  
   2. U.S. Outline  
   3. Presidential Election: 1896  
   4. U.S. in the Caribbean  
   5. Europe: 1915  
   6. U.S. Population Changes  
   7. U.S. Welfare: 1933  
   8. Europe: 1920-1937  
   9. Naval Commitments: 1939-1941  
   10. Europe: World War II  
   11. East Asia: 1942  
   12. Partition of Germany  
   13. Korean War  
   14. East and South Asia Today  
   15. Europe Today  
   16. Middle East Today  
   17. World Today  
   18. World Outline

II. Map that goes along with study questions:  
   1. United States
Graphs/Charts

Interpreting graphs and charts is an important skill. *American History 2A* contains reference charts, line, and bar graphs. Each comes with an explanation and questions.

I. Reference graphs:
   1. Model T’s
   2. New York Stock Exchange
   3. Dow Jones Average
   4. Trading Partners
   5. U.S. Immigration
   6. Japanese Living in the U.S.
   7. Urban vs. Rural Areas
   8. World War I Military Casualties
   9. World War II: African-Americans
   10. World War II Casualties
   11. Babe Ruth
   12. Wheat Acreage
   13. Prisoners on Death Row
   14. Voter Turnout
   15. Congress vs. Eisenhower
   16. U.S. Budget Deficit
   17. U.S. Cabinet

II. Graph that goes along with study questions:
   1. Model T’s

Chronology

*Time period: 1862 to the present.* The chronology summarizes important events, and develops the students' sense of time. There are more than 400 entries.

Documents

There are over 45 Source Documents in *American History 2A*. Included are original text selected from historic documents. These are organized into six categories: Foundation, Supreme Court, Domestic Policy, Foreign Policy, Speeches, and Publications. Each has an introduction and document-based questions.

**Foundation:**
1. U.S. Constitution
2. Amendments to Constitution
3. 25th Amendment
4. United Nations Charter
Supreme Court:
1. Plessy v. Ferguson
2. Muller v. Oregon
3. United States v. Schenck
4. Ozawa v. United States
5. Schechter Poultry Corp. v. United States

Domestic Policy:
1. Dawes Severalty Act
2. Sherman Antitrust Act
3. Populist Party's Platform of 1892
5. Social Security Act of 1935
6. Japanese-American Internment
7. McCarran Internal Security Act
8. 1964 Civil Rights Act
9. Kerner Commission
11. The Contract with America

Foreign Policy:
1. Platt Amendment/Roosevelt Corollary
2. First Open Door Note
3. Germany's 1917 Note to the U.S.
4. Relations between U.S. and U.S.S.R.
5. Lend Lease Act
6. Atlantic Charter
7. Japan's Surrender in World War II
Speeches:
1. Anthony and Stanton Speeches
2. Chief Joseph versus the U.S. Government
3. The Significance of the Frontier in American History
4. Washington and Du Bois Speeches
5. The Evolution of Mercantile Business
6. Wilson's Fourteen Points Address
7. Vanzetti's Last Statement before the Court
8. The Banking Crisis
9. Roosevelt's "Quarantine Speech"
10. The Truman Doctrine
11. The Domino Theory
12. Vote of Fannie Lou Hamer
13. President Carter's "Malaise" Speech
14. Meese and Brennan Speeches
15. President Clinton's Address, 1998

Publications:
1. Carnegie's "Wealth"
2. "The Influence of Sea Power on History"
3. "The West and the Railroads"
4. Spargo's "The Bitter Cry of the Children"
5. Upton Sinclair's "The Jungle"
6. Sanger's "Woman and the New Race"

Glossary

Each chapter comes with a glossary of terms with definitions written especially for high school social studies students.

Art

The art gallery contains several important works of art, as well as other images representing the time period. Each image comes with an explanation and questions.

1. Painting: The Fall of the Cowboy
2. Grand Canyon of Yellowstone
3. Corliss Steam Engine
4. Cartoon: Boss Ring
5. Historic American: Mary Lease
6. Historic American: Eugene Debs
7. Statue of Liberty
8. American Game of Baseball
9. Grand Canyon
10. Cartoon: Roosevelt's Nightmare
11. Cartoon: Professor Wilson
12. Cartoon: World War I
13. Cartoon: League of Nations
14. Hollywood Sign
15. Dempsey and Firpo
16. Hoover Dam
17. Depression-Era Migrants
18. Iwo Jima Memorial
19. Atomic Bomb Explosion
20. Jackson Pollock Painting
21. Televised Army-McCarthy Hearings
22. Black Panthers
23. Child Fleeing in Vietnam
24. The Tower Commission
25. Middle East Peace Talks
26. New York City Skyline
27. Aftermath of Terrorism

**Notable People**

*American History 2A* provides biographical sketches of over 100 notable people.

**Projects**

Projects teach map skills, research, and problem solving. Several projects span several chapters and integrate them. Most of the projects include an introduction, and instructions on how to complete the project. The skills the particular projects address are listed below each title.

1. Deconstructing the Mythic West
   a. Analyze the role of various entertainment media in creating aspects of American identity
2. Technology
   a. Analyze information by categorizing
   b. Create thematic charts representing various aspects of the United States

**Internet Research Project**

The Impact of Mass-Production Techniques on American Industry