

American History, Grade 11, University Preparation (CHA 3U1)

This course explores key aspects of the social, economic, and political development of the United States from precontact to the present. Students will examine the contributions of groups and individuals to the country's evolution and will explore the historical context of key issues, trends, and events that have had an impact on the United States, its identity and culture, and its role in the global community. Students will extend their ability to apply the concepts of historical thinking and the historical inquiry process, including the interpretation and analysis of evidence, when investigating various forces that helped shape American history.

Prerequisite: Canadian History since World War I, Grade 10, Academic or Applied

First Contact and Early Settlement

Establishing the American Nation

- Precontact & the First Americans
- Contact, Columbus & Conquest

Colonial America

- Southern Colonies and Slavery
- The Middle Colonies and its people
- New England and the Witch Trials

Pre and Post Revolution

Establishing America

- The Road to Revolution and the Revolutionary War
- Articles of Confederation and the Constitution
- Jefferson to Jackson

Fracturing and Rebuilding the Nation

- Civil War and Reconstruction
- Manifest Destiny and the Great West
- Modern America: Acquiring and Exercising Power

Concepts of Historical Thinking & the Inquiry Process

Historical Thinking

- Historical Significance
- Cause & Consequence
- Continuity & Change
- Historical Perspective

The Inquiry Process

- Analysis of primary sources
- Investigation and communication of events, developments, issues and ideas