



History and Social Sciences

American History Since 1865 □

The second half of a detailed two-year survey of the history of the United States, this course takes students from the westward movement of the late 1800s to the present. Lessons integrate topics in geography, civics, and economics. The course guides students through critical episodes in the story of America. Students examine the impact of the settlement of the American West; investigate the social, political, and economic changes that resulted from industrialization; explore the changing role of the U.S. in international affairs from the late nineteenth century through the end of the Cold War; and trace major events and trends in the United States from the Cold War through the first decade of the 21st century.

Available on Online School platform only.

Social Studies 6

In this sixth-grade course, students expand their understanding of history, civics and government, geography, economics, society, and culture by studying the people and events that ushered in the dawn of the major Western and non-Western ancient civilizations. The two-semester course presents content in the following themes: Early Civilizations of Mesopotamia, Egypt, and Kush; Ancient Hebrews; Ancient Greece; the Persian Empire; Ancient Asia: Civilizations of India, China, and Japan; and Ancient Rome. Among other skills, Social Studies 6 equips students to sequence, categorize, and identify cause-and-effect relationships of important events of ancient times; understand, describe, and analyze similarities and differences within and among cultures; and describe how citizenship varies among different societies.

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Social Studies 7 ⊕

Seventh-grade students study world history; landforms and geography; money and economics; the powers and parallels of political science; sociology; and anthropology in this two-semester course. Social Studies 7 begins with the mysteries of the ancient empires of the Americas; moves on to the fall of the Roman Empire and the rise of the Franks in Europe; and covers revolutionary Europe, the Industrial Revolution, nationalism and imperialism, World Wars I and II, colonial India, the United Nations, the Vietnam War, past and current issues in the Middle East, and ancient and modern Africa. The course concludes with an introduction to the Information and Space Ages.

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Social Studies 8

This course builds on the concepts of geography, civics, and political societies, beginning with the world as it was in the 1500s. Periods and events covered in Social Studies 8 include the exploration of the New World, the establishment of the American colonies, the colonial era leading up the French and Indian War, the Revolutionary War, the development of American government, the War of 1812, the Louisiana Purchase, the Lewis and Clark exploration, Manifest Destiny, and the Mexican War. Students also explore immigration and abolition issues, the Civil War and Reconstruction, westward expansion, the development of the United States as a world power, World War I, the 1920s, the Great Depression, and World War II.

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World History I

In this first part of a survey of world history from prehistoric to modern times, online lessons and assessments complement *The Human Odyssey*. This course focuses on the development of civilization across a 12,000-year span: from the Ice Age to the Middle Ages, from cave paintings to stained glass windows, from crude huts to Gothic cathedrals. The course introduces geography concepts and skills as they appear in the context of the historical narrative.

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World History II

Continuing a survey of world history from prehistoric to modern times, K12 online lessons and assessments complement the second volume of *The Human Odyssey*. This course focuses on the story of the past, from the fifteenth century to 1914 and the beginning of World War I. The course is organized chronologically and, within broad eras, regionally. Lessons explore developments in religion, philosophy, the arts, and science and technology. The course introduces geography concepts and skills as they appear in the context of the historical narrative.

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