

Phoenix Christian High School

SST300R U.S. History

Course Scope & Sequence (2010)

COURSE DESCRIPTION

American history is an opportunity for us to examine the development of who the American people are through an analysis of intellectual developments, the rise and fall of American achievements, the interaction of religion in the macro and micro, the cause and affect of war, and other social or environmental currents. Our examination of history is entirely relevant to us and will be treated as such. More specifically, this course is also an opportunity to examine perspectives of a Christian worldview pertaining to America's unfolding history. And in particular we will take a dedicated consideration of modern American history after a foundational period of review of earlier American history.

BIBLICAL INTEGRATION

1. Introduce students to a Biblical perspective of history.
2. Examine the development of American spirituality and its expressions/applications.

REQUIRED TEXTS AND *KEY SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

Davidson, James West and Michael B. Stoff (2011). *America: History of Our Nation*. Pearson (Boston, Massachusetts)

Holy Bible

Heffner, Richard D. (2009). *A Documentary History of the United States*. New American Library, New York

COURSE SCOPE AND SEQUENCE

First Semester: 1492-1915

European Colonization, Colonial Independence, Constitution and Political Organizations 1492-1820 5 Weeks

Key Concepts: Spanish Exploration, Jamestown, New England Colonies, Colonial Life, African Americans in the Colonies, Emerging Tensions

French & Indian War, Declaration of Independence, American Revolution, Government by the States, U.S. Constitution, New Government, Election of 1800, Jefferson Administration, Native American Resistance, War of 1812.

Assessments: Homework, Quizzes, Unit Test

Biblical Integration: Working of world missions concept and concept of Godly resistance to tyrannical rule

The Emerging New Nation 1783-1855 4 Weeks

Key Concepts: Cultural-Social- Religious Life, Trails West, Great Plains, The Republic of Texas, Industrial Revolution, Age of Jackson, Anti-Slavery & Women's Rights Movements, Northern / Southern Polarity.

Assessments: Homework, Quizzes, Unit Test.

Biblical Integration: Manifest Destiny - God's ordering of world powers and setting of national boundaries

Division and Reunion 1846-1877 4 Weeks

Key Concepts: Two Nations, Mexican – American War, Failure of the Compromise System, Southern Succession, The Civil War, Gettysburg, Abraham Lincoln, Jefferson Davis, Robert E. Lee, Ulysses S. Grant, General Sherman, Reconstruction, The New South.

Assessments: Homework, Quizzes, 2 Unit Tests.

Biblical Integration: One God-Two Countries-how to be loyal to God and Country.

Rewards and Costs of Expansion 1850-1915 4 Weeks

Key Concepts: Technological Revolution, Industrialization, Moving Westward, Mining – Ranching – Farming, Immigration, Expansion of Education, New Entertainment, Jim Crow, Changing roles of Women.

Assessments: Homework, Quizzes, Unit Test

Biblical Integration: Science and Scripture- Are they mutually exclusive-Is there a place for fundamentalism in the modern world.

Second Semester: 1890-The Present

United States on the Brink of Change

Key Concepts: Spanish American War, New Foreign Policy, Progressivism, Taft and Wilson, Women's Suffrage, World War I.

Roaring 20's, Great Depression and New Deal 1920-1941

Key Concepts: Society in the 1920's, Mass Media and the Jazz Age, Business Boom, Stock Market and Crash, The Great Depression, Election of 1932, The New Deal

Road to World War II, 1931-1941

Key Concepts: Rise of Dictators, War in Europe, The Japanese Empire, American Isolationism,

Assessments: Homework, Quizzes, Unit Test.

Biblical Integration: Changing culture, changing morals, the sufficiency of scripture and the timelessness of the Word of God

World War II 1941-1945 2 Weeks

Key Concepts: Pearl Harbor, Mobilization, War in Europe, War in the Pacific, V.E., V.J., The Holocaust.

Assessments: Homework, Quizzes.

Biblical Integration: Is there such a thing as evil and are we to fight and die if necessary to preserve the good?

The Cold War 1946-1960

Key Concepts: Origins of the Cold War, Korean War, Life in the 1950's, Domestic Policy.

Assessments: Homework, Quizzes, WWII & Cold War Unit Test.

Civil Rights Movement 1950-1975

Key Concepts: Leaders and Strategies, Political Struggles, Kennedy and Johnson Years, Malcolm X, Martin Luther King Jr., The Women's Movements, Environmental and Consumer Movements.

Assessments: Homework, Quizzes.

Bible Integration: Red and Yellow Black and White, they are equal in His sight.

Vietnam War, 1954-1975

Key Concepts: Origins of Conflict, Fighting the War, Political Divisions, Domestic Attitude Toward the War.

Assessments: Homework, Quizzes, Vietnam & Civil Rights Unit Test.

Biblical Integration: My country right or wrong-Loyal to what or whom?

Continuing Change, 1969-Present

2 Weeks

Key Concepts: Nixon, Ford, Carter, Reagan, Bush, Clinton, Bush, Watergate Scandal

Assessments: Homework, Quizzes, Unit Test.

Biblical Integration: Is America under judgment of God?