

# *Norwood Public Schools*

## **US History II-Grade 11 Curriculum Overview**

### **Description (including primary objectives and outcomes):**

United States History II for eleventh graders will teach the significant events and themes of the 20th century. Students will study the cause and course of the Progressive Era and its impact on the United States. Students will analyze the causes and consequences of the First World War and America's growing role in diplomatic relations around the world. Students will study the causes of the Great Depression and goals and accomplishments of the New Deal. Students will also learn about the various factors that led to America's entry into World War II as well as the consequences of World War II on American society. Students will study the causes and effects of the Cold War, important economic and political changes during the Cold War, including the Civil Rights movement, Great Society and the Vietnam War. Students will learn about the changing political atmosphere of the 1970's and how that led to the rise of Conservatism of the 1980's. The students will learn how the economic policies of the 1980's led to the prosperous 1990's and the success of the Clinton administration. The students will learn about the major world events that affected the United States in the 1990's, including the first Iraq War, Bosnian War, and the Israeli-Palestinian conflicts. Students will also study the 2000 presidential election, the background of the September 11th terrorist attacks on the United States and the preceding Afghanistan/Iraq War.

### **Learning Experiences:**

The course assignments are organized by chapters within units. Each chapter(s) contains the following assignments:

- 1) Readings – Required readings for the week from the primary textbook, the “Americans,” as well as a list of additional readings from supplemental texts and primary source materials. Reading assignments cover all topics in the course outline.
- 2) Lessons – Classroom discussion, lecture, and activities will cover all topics in the course outline aligning with Massachusetts Frameworks.
- 3) Writing Assignments – Summaries, Essays, Reflections, and Reports.
- 4) Assessments – Reports, Projects, Lesson Quizzes, and Multiple Choice and Chapter Tests based on materials studied
- 5) Other-Other assignments such as Current Events articles, debates, or written reactions may be assigned as well.

### **Content Outline:**

#### **Unit 1: Modern America Emerges 1890-1920**

Chapter 9: The Progressive Era, 1890-1920  
Chapter 10: America Claims an Empire, 1890-1920  
Chapter 11: The First World War, 1914-1920

#### **Unit 2: The Twenties and the Great Depression, 1919-1938**

Chapter 12: Politics of the Roaring Twenties, 1920-1929  
Chapter 14: Crash and Depression, 1929-1933  
Chapter 15: The New Deal, 1933-1938

### **Unit 3: World War II and Its Aftermath 1939-1960**

Chapter 16: World War Loom, 1931-1941

Chapter 17: The United States in WWII, 1941-1945

Chapter 18: The Cold War, 1945-1960

### **Unit 4: Living in Great Turmoil, 1954-1975**

Chapter 20: The New Frontier and Great Society, 1960-1968

Chapter 21: The Civil Rights Movement, 1954-1968

Chapter 22: The Vietnam War and American Society 1954-1975

### **Unit 5: Passage to a New Century, 1968-Present**

Chapter 24: An Age of Limits, 1969-1980

Chapter 25: The Conservative Tide, 1980-1992

Chapter 26: The United States in Today's World, 1992-Present

## **Resources Used:**

### **Textbook:**

Danzer, Gerald A, J.J. Klor de Alva, et al. *The Americans: Reconstruction Through The 20<sup>th</sup> Century*. Evanston, Illinois: McDougal Little. 1999.

### **Other Readings:**

- Theodore Roosevelt's "The New Nationalism" speech (1910)
- Woodrow Wilson's "Peace Without Victory" speech (1917)
- Younghill Kang, *East Goes West* (1937)
- Franklin Roosevelt's "Four Freedoms" speech (1941)
- Justice Robert M. Jackson's opinion for the Supreme Court in *West Virginia State Board of Education v. Barnette* (1943)
- Learned Hand, "The Spirit of Liberty" (1944)
- The Truman Doctrine (1947)
- George Kennan, "The Sources of Soviet Conduct" (1947)
- John F. Kennedy's Inaugural Address (1961)
- Reverend Martin Luther King's *Letter from Birmingham City Jail* (1963) and "I Have A Dream" speech (1963)
- Lyndon Johnson's speech to Congress on voting rights (March 15, 1965)
- Ronald Reagan's speech at Moscow State University (1988)

### **Web Resources:**

United Streaming [www.unitedstreaming.com](http://www.unitedstreaming.com)

National Archives [www.archives.gov](http://www.archives.gov)

Library of Congress [www.loc.gov](http://www.loc.gov)

History Channel [www.history.com](http://www.history.com)

National Museum of American History [www.americanhistory.si.edu](http://www.americanhistory.si.edu)