

## *Norwood Public Schools*

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

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

Advanced Placement United States History II is designed for highly motivated Junior students with exceptional ability and follows completion of Advanced Placement United States History I in the Sophomore year. The course is taught at a collegiate level, emphasizing the social, political, economic, and cultural development of America from the late nineteenth century era of Industrialization to the present. The course strongly emphasizes preparation for the Advanced Placement examination, a culminating activity of the two-year AP sequence..

### **Learning Experiences:**

- 1) Primary Source Analysis: Strong emphasis is placed on reading and analyzing a variety of primary source documents and using this type of analysis to write “Document Based Question” essays. “DBQs” are assigned on topics such as Industrialization, World War II, the Civil Rights Movement, and other major themes.
- 2) Lecture/Discussion: The primary learning activity for the duration of the course is slideshow-based lecture with associated discussion.
- 3) Debate: Students learn to defend opinions of historical themes through in-class debates on topics such as Imperialism, the Atomic Bomb, the Vietnam War, and other major themes.
- 4) Assessments: Students complete matching quizzes for each chapter, and multiple-choice and essay tests for every two chapters..

### **Content Outline:**

- Unit 1: The Rise of Big Business  
*The American Pageant* chapters 24-25
- Unit 2: Progressivism  
*The American Pageant* chapters 28-29
- Unit 3: American Imperialism and World War I  
*The American Pageant* chapters 27 and 30
- Unit 4: The “Roaring” Twenties  
*The American Pageant* chapters 21-32
- Unit 5: The Great Depression and New Deal Era  
*The American Pageant* chapter 33
- Unit 6: World War II  
*The American Pageant* chapters 34-35

Unit 7: The Cold War

*The American Pageant* chapters 36-37

Unit 8: The 1960s and Civil Rights

*The American Pageant* chapters 37-38

Unit 9: The 1970s and 1980s

*The American Pageant* chapters 39-40

Unit 10: Entering a New Millennium

*The American Pageant* chapters 41-42

Review Activities, Exploration and Colonization to the New Millennium

In preparation for the Advanced Placement exam

## Resources Used:

### Textbook:

Kennedy, David M., Lizabeth Cohen, and Thomas A. Bailey. *The American Pageant: A History of the Republic*. Thirteenth Edition. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company, 2006.

### Other Readings:

- Selections from:  
Bailey, Thomas A. and David M. Kennedy. *The American Spirit*. Seventh Edition. Two Vols. Lexington, MA: D.C. Heath and Company, 1991.
- Selections from Upton Sinclair's *The Jungle* (1906)
- Theodore Roosevelt's "The New Nationalism" speech (1910)
- Woodrow Wilson's "Peace Without Victory" speech (1917)
- Franklin Roosevelt's First Inaugural Address (1933)
- Franklin Roosevelt's "Four Freedoms" speech (1941)
- 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)
- Richard Nixon's Resignation Address (1974)

### 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)