



Alignment Document
State of Nebraska and Aventa Learning American History

American History
2005-2007 Benchmark Blueprint

Strand	Standards	Benchmarks	Unit Name	Course Topic Description
12.1 United States History	12.1.1 Students will analyze and explain the causes and effects of the Age of Discovery, contacts between Native Americans and European settlers, and the creation of the American colonies.	12.1.1.1 Explain the economic and cultural characteristics of the groups.	An American Beginning	Colonization
			An American Beginning	North and South
		12.1.1.2 Summarize the motives and strategies of the explorers and settlers.	An American Beginning	Colonization
			An American Beginning	North and South
			Shaping A New Nation	Early Republic
		12.1.1.3 Explain the impact of European settlement on the Native Americans.	A Changing Nation	Native American Policies and Farming
The Civil War	Jacksonian Democracy			
12.1.1.4 Relate the legacies of contact, cooperation, and conflict from that period.	An American Beginning	Colonization		
	An American Beginning	North and South		
12.1.1.5 Explain the motivation of ethnic and religious groups, and how immigrants influenced the settlement of colonies.	An American Beginning	North and South		



			An American Beginning	Discontent with England
			An American Beginning	Colonization
		12.1.1.6 Summarize the economic activity.	An American Beginning	North and South
			An American Beginning	Colonization
			An American Beginning	Discontent with England
		12.1.1.7 Describe the political developments.	An American Beginning	Colonization
			An American Beginning	Discontent with England
			An American Beginning	North and South
		12.1.1.8 Compare the social customs, the arts, and religious beliefs.	An American Beginning	Colonization
			An American Beginning	Discontent with England
			An American Beginning	North and South
	12.1.2 Students will analyze and explain the events and ideas of the Early National Period.	12.1.2.1 Relate changes in British policies that provoked the American colonists.	An American Beginning	Discontent with England
			Shaping A New Nation	Early Republic
			Shaping A New	First Government

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		12.1.2.2 Discuss the debate within America concerning separation from Britain.	An American Beginning	Revolution
			An American Beginning	Discontent with England
		12.1.2.3 Compare the Declaration of Independence and "Common Sense."	An American Beginning	Revolution
			A New Nation	Constitution
		12.1.2.4 Describe the roles played by the individual leaders.	An American Beginning	Revolution
			Shaping A New Nation	Early Republic
			Shaping A New Nation	1 st Government
			Shaping A New Nation	Constitution
			Shaping A New Nation	Political Parties
		12.1.2.5 Summarize key battles, military turning points, and key strategic decisions.	An American Beginning	Revolution
		12.1.2.6 Compare The Articles of Confederation and the Declaration of Independence.	Shaping A New Nation	First Government
		12.1.2.7 Discuss the issues and policies affecting relations among existing and future states, e.g., the Northwest Ordinance.	Shaping A New Nation	Early Republic
			Shaping A New Nation	1 st Government



			Shaping A New Nation	Political Parties
		12.1.2.8 Explain the Constitutional Convention, e.g., the leadership of James Madison and George Washington.	Shaping A New Nation	Constitution
		12.1.2.9 Compare and contrast the struggle for ratification of the Constitution, the Federalist Papers, and Anti-Federalists arguments.	Shaping A New Nation Shaping A New Nation	Constitution Political Parties
		12.1.2.10 Explain the addition of the Bill of Rights to the Constitution.	Shaping A New Nation	Constitution
		12.1.2.11 Relate the organization of the national government under the new Constitution.	Shaping A New Nation	Constitution
		12.1.2.12 Explain the major domestic and foreign affairs issues facing the first presidents and Congress.	Shaping A New Nation Shaping A New Nation Shaping A New Nation The Civil War The Civil War The Civil War	Early Republic 1 st Government Political Parties Early Foreign Policy Jacksonian Democracy Slavery and Sectionalism
		12.1.2.13 Summarize the development of political parties.	Shaping A New Nation Shaping A New Nation Shaping A New	Early Republic 1 st Government Political Parties

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		12.1.2.14 Explain how the impact of Supreme Court cases, e.g., Marbury v. Madison and McCulloch v. Maryland, affected the interpretation of the Constitution.	Shaping A New Nation Shaping A new Nation	Constitution Political Parties
		12.1.2.15 Explain foreign relations and conflicts, e.g., the War of 1812 and the Monroe Doctrine.	Shaping A New Nation	Political Parties
		12.1.2.16 Discuss the Louisiana Purchase and the acquisition of Florida.	Shaping A New Nation	Political Parties
		12.1.2.17 Summarize the economic development, trade, tariffs, taxation, and trends in the national debt.	Shaping A New Nation Shaping A New Nation Shaping A New Nation Shaping A New Nation	Early Republic 1 st Government Constitution Political Parties
	12.1.3 Students will analyze the causes and effects of major events of the Civil War and Reconstruction.	12.1.3.1 Discuss the causes and effects of slavery.	The Civil War	Slavery and Sectionalism
		12.1.3.2 Explain the States' Rights Doctrine.	The Civil War	Jacksonian Democracy
		12.1.3.3 Discuss tariffs and trade.	The Civil War	Early Foreign Policy
			The Civil War	Jacksonian Democracy
			The Civil War	Slavery and Sectionalism
			The Civil War	The Civil War
	12.1.3.4 Describe the settlement of the Western United States.	The Civil War	The Civil War	
	12.1.3.5 Explain Secession.	The Civil War	The Civil War	

		12.1.3.6 Compare and contrast the military advantages of the Union and the Confederacy.	The Civil War	The Civil War
		12.1.3.7 Explain the threat of foreign intervention.	The Civil War	The Civil War
		12.1.3.8 Discuss the economic and political impact of the war.	The Civil War	The Civil War
		12.1.3.9 Explain the roles played by the individual leaders.	The Civil War	The Civil War
		12.1.3.10 Relate the impact of Reconstruction policies on the South.	The Civil War	Reconstruction
	12.1.4 Students will analyze the impact of immigration on American life, identifying factors.	12.1.4.1 Contributions of Native Americans, Hispanic Americans, African Americans, European Americans, Asian Americans, and immigrant groups and individuals.	Covered throughout the course	
		12.1.4.2 Ethnic conflict and discrimination.	Covered throughout the course	
		12.1.4.3 The United States domestic policies.	Covered throughout the course	
	12.1.5 Students will summarize causes and effects of the Industrial Revolution.	12.1.5.1 Describe new inventions and industrial production methods.	A Changing Nation	American Industry and Labor Movement
		12.1.5.2 Summarize new technologies in transportation and communication.	A Changing Nation	American Industry and Labor Movement
		12.1.5.3 Explain incentives for capitalism and free enterprise.	A Changing Nation	American Industry and Labor Movement
		12.1.5.4 Describe the impact of immigration on labor supply and the movement to organize workers.	A Changing Nation	American Industry and Labor Movement
		12.1.5.5 Describe improvements in standards of living, life expectancy, and living conditions.	A Changing Nation	American Industry and Labor Movement
			A Changing Nation	Urban Life
			A Changing Nation	Progressive Movement

		12.1.5.6 Explain child labor, working conditions, and the rise of organized labor.	A Changing Nation	American Industry and Labor Movement
		12.1.5.7 Summarize government policies affecting trade, monopolies, taxation, and money supply.	A Changing Nation	American Industry and Labor Movement
		12.1.5.8 Summarize muckraking literature and the rise of the Progressive Movement.	A Changing Nation	Progressive Movement
		12.1.5.9 Describe women's suffrage and temperance movements, describing their impact on society.	A Changing Nation Prosperity to Depression	Progressive Movement American Life
		12.1.5.10 Summarize political changes at the local, state, and national levels.	A Changing Nation	Native American Policies and Farming
			A Changing Nation	American Industry and Labor Movement
			A Changing Nation	Urban Life
			A Changing Nation	Progressive Movement
12.1.6 Students will analyze the origins and effects of World War I.	12.1.6.1 Describe the end of the Ottoman Empire and the creation of new states in the Middle East.	U.S. Rise onto World Stage and WWI	WWI and the League of Nations	
	12.1.6.2 Relate the declining role of Great Britain and the expanding role of the United States in world affairs.	U.S. Rise onto World Stage and WWI	WWI and the League of Nations	
	12.1.6.3 Summarize the political, social, and economic change in Europe and the United States.	U.S. Rise onto World Stage and WWI	WWI and the League of Nations	
	12.1.6.4 Explain the causes of World War I.	U.S. Rise onto World Stage and WWI	WWI and the League of Nations	
12.1.7 Students will analyze and explain the Great Depression.	12.1.7.1 Explain the causes and effects of changes in business cycles.	Prosperity to Depression	The Disaster Waiting to Happen	

		12.1.7.2 Describe the weaknesses in key sectors of the economy in the late 1920's.	Prosperity to Depression Prosperity to Depression	American Life Harding and Coolidge
		12.1.7.3 Summarize United States government's economic policies in the late 1920's.	Prosperity to Depression Prosperity to Depression	Harding and Coolidge American Life
		12.1.7.4 Explain the causes and effects of the Stock Market Crash.	Prosperity to Depression	A Disaster Waiting to Happen
		12.1.7.5 Describe the impact of the Depression on the American people.	Prosperity to Depression	The Generation that Lived Through the Depression
		12.1.7.6 Explain the impact of New Deal economic policies.	Prosperity to Depression	Roosevelt's "New Deal"
		12.1.7.7 Explain the impact of the expanded role of government in the economy since the 1930's.	Covered throughout the course	
	12.1.8 Students will recognize and explain the origins and effects of World War II.	12.1.8.1 Describe the rise of and aggression of totalitarian regimes in Germany, Italy, and Japan.	World War II - Costs and Benefits	Causes of WWII
	12.1.8.2 Summarize the rise of Fascism, Nazism, and Communism in the 1930's and 1940's and the response of Europe and the United States.	World War II - Costs and Benefits	Causes of World War II	
	12.1.8.3 Explain the role of the Soviet Union.	World War II - Costs and Benefits	Causes of WWII	
	12.1.8.4 Explain appeasement, isolationism, and the war debates in Europe and the United States prior to the outbreak of war.	World War II - Costs and Benefits World War II - Costs and Benefits	Causes of WWII Japanese Internment	
	12.1.8.5 Relate the impact of mobilization for war, at home and abroad.	World War II - Costs and Benefits	Causes of WWII	

			World War II - Costs and Benefits	Americans at War
		12.1.8.6 Summarize the major battles, military turning points, and key strategic decisions.	World War II - Costs and Benefits	Americans at War
		12.1.8.7 Explain the Holocaust and its impact.	World War II - Costs and Benefits	Outcome of War
		12.1.8.8 Describe the reshaping of the United States' role in world affairs after the war.	World War II - Costs and Benefits	Outcome of War
		12.1.8.9 Summarize the major changes in Eastern Europe, China, Southeast Asia, and Africa following the war.	World War II - Costs and Benefits	Life in the 1950s
			World War II - Costs and Benefits	Outcome of War
	12.1.9 Students will analyze and explain United States foreign policy since World War II.	12.1.9.1 Summarize the origins of the Cold War and the foreign and domestic consequences.	World War II - Costs and Benefits	Outcome of War
			World War II - Costs and Benefits	Cold War
		12.1.9.2 Describe Communist containment policies in Europe, Latin America, and Asia.	World War II - Costs and Benefits	Cold War
		12.1.9.3 Describe McCarthyism and the fear of communist influence within the United States.	World War II - Costs and Benefits	Cold War
		12.1.9.4 Explain Strategic and economic factors in Middle East policy.	World War II - Costs and Benefits	Cold War
		12.1.9.5 Describe the relations with South Africa and other African nations.	World War II - Costs and Benefits	Cold War
		12.1.9.6 Describe the collapse of communism and the end of the Cold War.	World War II - Costs and Benefits	Cold War
		12.1.9.7 Explain the new challenges to America's leadership role in the world.	World War II - Costs and Benefits	Outcome of War
			World War II - Costs	Life in the 1950's

			and Benefits World War II - Costs and Benefits	Cold War
		12.1.9.8 Analyze the confrontations with the Soviet Union in Berlin and Cuba.	World War II - Costs and Benefits	Cold War
		12.1.9.9 Explain NATO and other alliances and the United States role in the United Nations.	World War II - Costs and Benefits	Cold War
		12.1.9.10 Describe nuclear weapons and the arms race.	World War II - Costs and Benefits	Cold War
		12.1.9.11 Summarize the military conflicts in Korea, Vietnam, and the Middle East.	Vietnam War	How It Began
			Vietnam War	How it Ended
	12.1.10 Students will evaluate developments in federal civil rights and voting rights since the 1950's.	12.1.10.1 The Brown v. Board of Education decision and its impact on education.	World War II - Costs and Benefits	Life in the 1950s
		12.1.10.2 Civil rights demonstrations and related activity leading to desegregation of public accommodations, transportation, housing, and employment.	The Legacy of John F. Kennedy	Civil Rights
			The Legacy of John F. Kennedy	The 1960's
		12.1.10.3 The impact of reapportionment cases and voting rights legislation on political participation and representation.	The Legacy of John F. Kennedy	Civil Rights
			The Legacy of John F. Kennedy	The 1960's
		12.1.10.4 Affirmative action.	The Legacy of John F. Kennedy	Civil Rights
			The Legacy of John F. Kennedy	The 1960's
	12.1.11 Students will demonstrate an understanding of domestic policy issues in contemporary American society.	12.1.11.1 Compare conservative and liberal economic strategies.	Four Presidents	Richard Nixon
			Four Presidents	Jimmy Carter

			Four Presidents	Ronald Reagan
			Four Presidents	George Bush, Sr.
		12.1.11.2 Compare the positions of political parties and interest groups on major issues.	Four Presidents	Richard Nixon
			Four Presidents	Jimmy Carter
			Four Presidents	Ronald Reagan
			Four Presidents	George Bush, Sr.
	12.1.12 Students will explain and demonstrate relationships between the geographical and the historical development of the United States by using maps, pictures, and computer databases.	12.1.12.1 Locate and explain the location and expansion of the original colonies.	An American Beginning	Discontent with England
			An American Beginning	North and South
			An American Beginning	Colonization
		12.1.12.2 Trace the territorial expansion of the United States, explaining how the physical environment influenced it.	Covered throughout the course	
		12.1.12.3 Locate new states as they were added to the Union.	An American Beginning	Colonization
			An American Beginning	North and South
			Shaping a New Nation	Early Republic
			The Civil War	Jacksonian Democracy
			A Changing Nation	Native American Policies and Farming
			U.S. Rise onto	Imperialism and Latin America

			World Stage and WWI	
		12.1.12.4 Demonstrate an understanding of the settlement patterns, migration routes, and cultural influence of various racial, ethnic, and religious groups.	Covered throughout the course	
		12.1.12.5 Compare patterns of agricultural and industrial development in different regions as they relate to natural resources, markets, and trade.	Covered throughout the course	
		12.1.12.6 Analyze the political, social, and economic implications of demographic changes in the nation over time.	Covered throughout the course	
	12.1.13 Students will develop skills for historical analysis.	12.1.13.1 Analyze documents, records, and data, e.g., artifacts, diaries, letters, photographs, journals, newspapers, and historical accounts.	Covered throughout the course	
		12.1.13.2 Evaluate the authenticity, authority, and credibility of sources.	Covered throughout the course	
		12.1.13.3 Formulate historical questions and defend findings based on inquiry and interpretation.	Covered throughout the course	
		12.1.13.4 Develop perspectives of time and place, such as the construction of various time lines of events, periods, and personalities in American history.	Covered throughout the course	
		12.1.13.5 Communicate findings orally, in brief analytical essays, and in a comprehensive paper.	Covered throughout the course	
	12.1.14 Students will demonstrate verbal and written skills that focus on enduring issues, divergent viewpoints, and excerpts from famous speeches and documents in United States history.	12.1.14.1 Discuss civil disobedience v. the rule of law.	Covered throughout the course	
		12.1.14.2 Analyze the role of government to the individual in economic planning and social programs.	Covered throughout the course	
		12.1.14.3 Debate freedom of the press v. the right to a fair trial.	Covered throughout the course	



		12.1.14.4 Analyze the tension between majority rule and minority rights.	Covered throughout the course	
		12.1.14.5 Debate problems of intolerance toward racial, ethnic, and religious groups in American society.	Covered throughout the course	
		12.1.14.6 Discuss the evolution of rights, freedoms, and protections through political and social movements.	Covered throughout the course	
		12.1.14.7 Interpret aspects of "United States Constitution", "Bill of Rights", "Letter from Birmingham", "Speak softly and carry a big stick...", "Gettysburg Address", etc.	Covered throughout the course	