

United States/Arizona History Resources

COURSE CONSIDERATIONS FOR HIGH SCHOOL UNITED STATES/ARIZONA HISTORY

Using inquiry in history, high school students explore a variety of peoples, events, and movements in United States history with a focus on inquiry into the evolution of American democratic principles, changes in society, economic and geographical development, and the emergence of the United States as a global power. A United States history course can be organized in a variety of ways including thematic, chronological, regional, or through case studies. Special attention should be paid to how Arizona and its diverse cultures and individuals contribute to United States history. It is expected that students in elementary and middle school will have analyzed events, documents, movements, and people in Arizona and United States history from the colonial period through the Cold War. It is recommended that this course maximize time in a manner to allow for depth of content and connection to current issues and events. The course should include but is not limited to content from the following historical eras:

- Revolution and a New Nation including but not limited to causes of the American Revolution, reasons for American victory, impact of the Revolution on politics, economy, and society, and the creation of the American political system looking at origins, and key political and social figures
- Nation Building and Sectionalism including but not limited to territorial expansion and its impacts on external powers and Native Americans, regional tensions due to industrialism, immigration, and the expansion of slavery, changes in the political democracy after 1800, and cultural, religious, and reform movements in the Antebellum period
- Civil War and Reconstruction including but not limited to causes, course, and impact of the Civil War on various groups in the United States, the impacts of different reconstruction plans, and the emergence of Jim Crow and segregation
- Emergence of Modern America including but not limited to industrialization, immigration and migration, progressivism, Federal Indian Policy, suffrage movements, racial, religious and class conflict, the growth of the United States as a global power and World War I and its aftermath
- Great Depression and World War II including but not limited to social, political, and economic changes during the 1920's, the role of government, impact of the depression on diverse groups of Americans, the New Deal, and the cause and course of World War II, the character of the war at home, and the impacts of the war on the United States
- Postwar United States including the economic boom and social transformation of the United States, the Cold War, the impact of conflicts in Korea and Vietnam, domestic and international policies, and the struggle for civil rights and equality
- Contemporary United States including but not limited to domestic politics and policies, economic, social and cultural developments, growing international conflict and tension, 9-11 and responses to terrorism, environmental issues, poverty, globalization, nuclear proliferation, and human rights

There are many topics to pursue in an United States/Arizona History course. LEAs should identify topical emphases to allow for depth of study needed to effectively engage student/learners in the inquiry process.

Resource	Website	Description
New Visions Social Studies Curriculum	https://curriculum.newvisions.org/social-studies	Use the Global History tabs to find resources, compelling questions, and lessons for course considerations.
Stanford History Education Group	https://sheg.stanford.edu/history-lessons	Document-based resources for U.S. History. Lessons include documents, PowerPoints, and handouts all available to edit.
History Assessments – Beyond the Bubble	https://sheg.stanford.edu/history-assessments	History assessments for U.S. that use disciplinary skills and processes standards to assess students.
Arizona Geographic Alliance	https://geoalliance.asu.edu/	Lessons and resources with a geography focus. Lessons are searchable by topic and grade level.

C3 Inquiry	http://www.c3teachers.org/inquiries/	Search by topic to find inquiries that cover the course considerations. Use all or part of the inquiries in your classes.
Newsela	https://newsela.com/	Current events searchable by topic, and grade level. Manipulate the lexile of the article to suit your students' needs.
Digital Public Library of America	https://dp.la/primary-source-sets/	Primary source documents and lessons on U.S. History.
Project Look Smart	https://www.projectlooksharp.org/?action=main	Sources and lessons organized by topic or by grade level and contains a media literacy focus. Many come with teacher and student guides.
Facing History and Ourselves	https://www.facinghistory.org/resource-library	Collection of primary sources and teacher resources on a variety of topics.
CommonLit	https://www.commonlit.org	Search the library for texts on a variety of subjects. Sources and lessons searchable by lexile and include reading guides.
Read Works	https://www.readworks.org/	Similar to Newsela. Searchable sources for social studies with adaptable lexile levels. Great resource for many topics.
Primary Source Nexus	http://primarysourcenus.org/psn-resources/themed-link-sets/cps-social-studies/	Resource partnered with the Library of Congress. Searchable topics and grade levels and includes lessons.
Teaching Tolerance	https://www.tolerance.org/	Great K-12 lessons, posters, and film on civics, history, geography, and economics with a focus on tolerance and community.
PBS Media Learning	https://az.pbslearningmedia.org/subjects/social-studies/	Interactives, videos, lessons, galleries, audio, images, and documents all for K-12. Search by topics in addition to grade level.
EDSITEment	https://edsitement.neh.gov/	Lessons from the National Endowment for the Humanities. All lessons are searchable by grade level or subject/topic.
Actively Learn	https://read.activelylearn.com/#teacher/catalog	Primary and secondary materials that can be used in inquiry-based instruction.
Docs Teach	https://www.docsteach.org/	Primary and secondary documents all curated from the National Archives
The Smithsonian Museum	http://smithsonianeducation.org/	Huge number of resources for many topics, not just social studies. Resources include lessons, video clips, and interactives. Read or watch the getting started guide to narrow your searches.
Teaching History.org	https://teachinghistory.org/teaching-materials	Searchable lessons and resources for K-12 as well as teacher methodologies.
Teaching History with Technology	http://thwt.org/	Lessons, activities, multimedia and more for grades 6-12 on all social studies content areas.
National Geographic History Site	https://video.nationalgeographic.com/video/history-civilization	Quality National Geographic video clips for world history. Other content areas are available to search for as well.
Annenberg Learner	https://www.learner.org/	Annenberg Media's K-12 site for videos, lessons, and interactives. Other content areas are available as well.
The Choices Program	https://www.choices.edu/teaching-with-the-news/	Brown University's program of free lessons connected to current headlines.

Zoom In	http://zoomin.edc.org/	Lessons and resources for U.S. History that focus on inquiry and historical thinking.
Constitutional Rights Foundation	https://www.crf-usa.org/	Simulations, resources, lessons, and a mailer with articles all geared toward U.S. History.
Gilder Lehrman	https://www.gilderlehrman.org/	Great site for U.S. primary sources and also will mail out free books and posters.
Bill of Rights Institute	https://billofrightsinstitute.org/educate/	Primary sources, webinars, and student resources geared towards the Bill of Rights.
Smithsonian Learning Lab	https://learninglab.si.edu/	Documents, artifacts, resources, and images for many different subjects.
National Geographic Education	https://www.nationalgeographic.org/education/	National Geographic resources, lessons, geotools, and videos for U.S. History.
Foreign Policy Research Institute	https://www.fpri.org/education/lesson-plans-teachers/	Lesson plans developed by teachers focusing on modern issues combining multiple disciplines.
Historical Scene Investigation	https://hsi.wm.edu/cases.html	Simulations that recreate different events in U.S. History done in a crime scene manner using primary source documents.
GeoInquiries U.S. History	https://www.esri.com/en-us/industries/education/schools/geoinquiries-us-history	Great 15 minute inquiries that lead students through an investigation of U.S. History using geotools.