

## **HONORS US HISTORY 2**

This course looks at the development of our nation from the period of Westward expansion through both World Wars and into the modern age. Recurring political and social issues and trends are identified and looked at through a variety of audio-visual, computer technology and map, chart and graph interpretation. Current events add to the ability to make connections between the present and our nation's past.

Grade 11

5 credits

Textbook: Modern American History  
Prentice Hall

Supplementary: A Cartoon History of U.S. Foreign Policy  
Random House  
Newsweek Magazine (student copies)

## **HONORS U.S. HISTORY II Syllabus**

### **SEMESTER ONE**

1. Changes on the Western Frontier
  - a. Cultures Class on the Prairie
  - b. Settling on the Great Plains
  - c. Farmers and the Populist Movement
2. New Industrial Age
  - a. The Expansion of Industry
  - b. The Age of the Railroads
  - c. Big Business and Labor
3. Immigrants and Urbanization
  - a. The New Immigrants
  - b. The Challenges of Urbanization
  - c. Politics in the Gilded Age
4. Life at the Turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century
  - a. Science and Urban Life
  - b. Education and Culture
  - c. Segregation and Discrimination
  - d. The Dawn of Mass Culture
5. The Progressive Era
  - a. The Origins of Progressivism
  - b. Women in Public Life
  - c. Teddy Roosevelt's Square Deal
  - d. Progressivism Under Taft

- e. Wilson's New Freedom
- 6. America Claims an Empire
  - a. Imperialism and America
  - b. The Spanish-American War
  - c. Acquiring New Lands
  - d. America as a World Power
- 7. The First World War
  - a. World War I Begins
  - b. American Power Tips the Balance
  - c. The War at Home
  - d. Wilson Fights for Peace
- 8. Politics of the Roaring Twenties
  - a. Americans Struggle with Postwar Issues
  - b. The Harding Presidency
  - c. The Business of America
- 9. The Roaring Life of the 1920's
  - a. Changing Ways of Life
  - b. The Twenties Woman
  - c. Education and Popular Culture
  - d. The Harlem Renaissance
- 10. The Great Depression Begins
  - a. The Nation's Sick Economy
  - b. Hardship and Suffering During the Depression
  - c. Hoover Struggles with the Depression
- 11. The New Deal
  - a. A New Deal Fights the Depression
  - b. The Second New Deal Takes Hold
  - c. The New Deal Affects Many Groups
  - d. Culture in the 1930's
  - e. The Impact of the New Deal

## **SEMESTER TWO**

- 12. World War Looms
  - a. Dictators Threaten World Peace
  - b. War in Europe
  - c. The Holocaust
  - d. America Moves Toward War
- 13. The United States in World War II
  - a. Mobilizing for Defense
  - b. The War for Europe and North Africa
  - c. The War in the Pacific
  - d. The Home Front
- 14. Cold War Conflicts

- a. Origins of the Cold War
  - b. The Cold War Heats Up
  - c. The Cold War at Home
  - d. Two Nations Live on the Edge
15. The Postwar Boom
- a. Postwar America
  - b. The American Dream in the Fifties
  - c. Popular Culture
  - d. The Other America
16. The New Frontier and the Great Society
- a. Kennedy and the Cold War
  - b. The New Frontier
  - c. The Great Society
17. Civil Rights
- a. Taking on Segregation
  - b. The Triumphs of a Crusade
  - c. Challenges and Changes in the Movement
18. The Vietnam War Years
- a. Moving Toward Conflict
  - b. U.S. Involvement and Escalation
  - c. A Nation Divided
  - d. 1968: A Tumultuous Year
  - e. The End of the War and Its Legacy
19. An Era of Social Change
- a. Latinos and Native Americans Seek Equality
  - b. Women Fight for Equality
  - c. Culture and Counterculture
20. An Age of Limits
- a. The Nixon Administration
  - b. Watergate: Nixon's Downfall
  - c. The Ford and Carter Years
  - d. Environmental Activism
21. The Conservative Ride
- a. A Conservative Movement Emerges
  - b. Conservative Policies Under Reagan and Bush
  - c. Social concerns in the 1980's
  - d. Foreign Policy After the Cold War
22. The United States in Today's World
- a. The 1990s and the New Millennium
  - b. The New Global Economy
  - c. Technology and Modern Life
  - d. The Changing Face of America