

**AP US History
Course Guide 2008-09**



The following course guide should be used as a planning tool and a topic guide for the year. The assignments listed are the major readings, tests, essays and DBQs, but note that not all assignments have been included. Additional course work such as vocabulary quizzes, in-class assignments, and handouts will be a component of this course. More in-depth explanation of all assignments will be discussed in class and posted on the course website.

Dates are subject to change. Ample notice will be given for all changes.

Unit 1: Colonial America

September 2/3-22/23

- Skim Bailey Ch. 1-2
- Read Bailey Ch. 3-5: take notes and do vocabulary for each chapter.
- Due 9.02/03: Summer Assignment
- Due 9.08/09: Reading Response, “Puritans and Sex” (handout)
- Due 9.11/12: Reading Response POA, “The Transformation of European Society”
- Test 9.18/19: Multiple Choice (Unit 1)
- Due 9.22/23: Unit 1 Essay

Unit 2: The Road to Revolution

September 22/23-September 28/29

- Read Bailey Ch.6-8; take notes and do vocabulary for each chapter.
- Due 9.25/26: Reading Response, “A Kind of Revolution” (Zinn handout)
- Test 09.28/29: Multiple Choice, in-class essay

Unit 3: Early America, the Constitution, and the Republican Era

September 28/29-October 14/15

- Read Bailey Ch. 9-12: take notes and do vocabulary for each chapter.
- Due 10.02/03: Reading Response, POA “Sunrise at Philadelphia”
- Due 10.06/07: Reading Response, POA “Personal Side of a Developing People”
- Due 10.14/15: Unit 3 essay-take home

Unit 4: Growth of the United States

October 14/15-October 22/23

- Read Bailey Ch. 13-14; take notes and do vocabulary for each chapter.
- Due 10.16/17: Reading Response, POA “The Great Justice”
- Due 10.20/21: Unit 4 essay-take home
- Test 10.22/23: Multiple Choice (units 3 and 4)

Unit 5: Antebellum Society-New Economy, Reform Movements, and Manifest Destiny

October 22/23-November 5/6

- Read Bailey Ch. 15-18: take notes and do vocabulary for each chapter
- Due 10.27/28: Reading Response, POA “The Lords and the Mill Girls”
- Due 10.30/31: Year Long Project: Summit #1
- Due 11.03/04: Reading Response, POA “Life in a Totalitarian System”
- Test 11.05/06: Multiple Choice (unit 5), DBQ practice

Unit 6: Sectionalism, Civil War, and Reconstruction

November 5/6-November 24/25

- Read Bailey Ch. 19-23: take notes and do vocabulary for each chapter
- Due 11.10: Reading Response, POA “Why the War Came”
- Test 11.17/18: Multiple Choice (chapters 19-22)
- Due 11.20/21: Reading Response, POA “A New View of Reconstruction”
- Due 12.01/02: DBQ-Civil War and Reconstruction

Unit 7: The West and the New South

November 24/25-December 4/5

- Read Bailey Ch. 26: take notes and do vocabulary
- Due: 11.24/25, Reading Response, POA “Sitting Bull and the Sioux Resistance”

Unit 8: Industrialization and Urbanization

December 4/5-December 17/18

- Read Bailey Ch. 24, 25, 27; take notes and do vocabulary for each chapter
- Due 12.08/09: Reading Response, POA(choose 1): “Andrew Carnegie: Master of Steel” “How the Other Side Lived”
- Due 12.15/16: Year Long Project Summit #2
- Test 12.17/18: Units 7 & 8 multiple choice and in-class essay

Winter Break

Unit 9: Reform at Home and Abroad: Populism and Imperialism

January 5-January 20 (Exam week)

- Read Bailey Ch. 28, 29, 30: take notes and do vocabulary for each chapter
- Due 1.08/09: Reading Response, POA “The Populist Protest:
- Due 1.12/13: DBQ (in class)

Exam Week-January 20-22

Cumulative Semester Exam: Units 1-9

Unit 10: A Progressive Era

January 26/27-January 31

- Read Bailey Ch. 31-32: take notes and do vocabulary for each chapter
- Due 1.26/27: Reading Response, POA “African-Americans and the Quest for

Civil Rights”

- Due 1.29/30: DBQ (in class)

Unit 11: A War to End All Wars

February 2/3-February 9/10

- Read Bailey Ch. 33: take notes and do vocabulary for each chapter
- Due 2.5/6: Reading Response, POA “Woodrow Wilson Wouldn’t Yield”
- Test 2.9/10: Multiple Choice on Unit 10-11; in class essay

Unit 12: 1920s and a New Deal

February 10-February 23/24

- Read Bailey Ch.34, 35, 36: take notes and do vocabulary for each chapter
- Due 2.17/18: Reading Response-Handout “The Myth of the New Deal”
- Test 2.23/24: Multiple Choice (unit 12)

Unit 13: World War II

February 23/24-March 5/6

- Read Bailey Ch. 37-38: take notes and do vocabulary for each chapter
- Due 3.3/4: Reading Response, POA “The Biggest Decision...” & “Hiroshima: The Victims”
- Test 3.5/6: Multiple Choice

Unit 14: The Beginning of the Cold War

March 5/6-March 23/24

- Read Bailey Ch. 39-40; take notes and do vocabulary for each chapter
- Due 3. 12/13: Reading Response-Handout “Origins of the Cold War”
- Due 3.16/17: Reading Response, POA “Betty Friedan Destroys the Myth of the Happy Housewife”
- Test 3.23/24: Multiple Choice & Essay

Unit 15: The Stormy 60s and 70s

March 30/31-April 20/21

- Read Bailey Ch. 41-42; take notes and do vocabulary for each chapter
- Due 3.30/31: Reading Response, POA “LBJ and the Nightmare of Vietnam”
- Due 4.16/17: Reading Response, POA “How the 1970s Changed America”
- Test 4.20/21: Multiple Choice

Unit 16: The 1980s and the Resurgence of Conservatism (and the new millennium)

April 20/21-April 23/24

- Read Bailey Ch. 43; take notes and do vocabulary for each chapter
- Due 4.23/24: Reading Response, “The New Right” and “The Evil Empire”

Unit 17: AP Review Crunch

April 24-May 8

- Review sessions
- In-class essays, DBQs, and multiple-choice tests

Unit 18: Popular Culture

- On-site and off-site research
- Analyze a topic of choice in American popular culture to draw upon many disciplines to understand the development of American culture. Investigate

- popular media to illustrate the effects and scope of year-long study.
- Students will develop a written proposal, working thesis, working bibliography, preliminary outline, an annotated bibliography, finalized thesis, finalized outline, and final paper of their research.
 - Students will defend the research as a legitimate topic of social science interest in a formal, yet creative, presentation.
 - Presentations in June.

Unit 19: US Constitution Unit

- Various exercises and projects, state-mandated Constitution Test (US and Illinois)