



American History II (Foundations)

Course Description

The American History II Foundations curriculum is a continuation of the 9th grade curriculum. It begins with a review of American History I and goes from the 1920's to the 1980's. This curriculum differs from CP because the focus is on reading, writing, and study skills. The history curriculum is used as the vehicle to develop and remediate skills students will need after graduation. The pace of the class is slower and it allows for more review and repetition of the information. Using direct instruction as well as primary sources and visual aids the purpose is to provide an overview of the major events that shaped our country during the period. It also provides and understanding of how past events affect our country today.

Units of Study

1. Roaring 20's
2. The Great Depression
3. World War II
4. Cold War
5. Kennedy and Johnson
6. Civil Rights Movement
7. Vietnam War

Activities

Guided written assignments
Various organizer development
Study skill development

Assessments

Quizzes and tests
Varied formative assessments
Homework

Speaking and Listening

- Listen critically and respond to others in small and large group situations
- Presentations of information reviewed in class
- Students will be required to watch video clips and videos and be able to paraphrase the major ideas of each

Writing Skills

- Use of organizers and foldable review activities to reinforce major concepts
- Development of five-paragraph essays
- Creation of newspaper articles