

United States History

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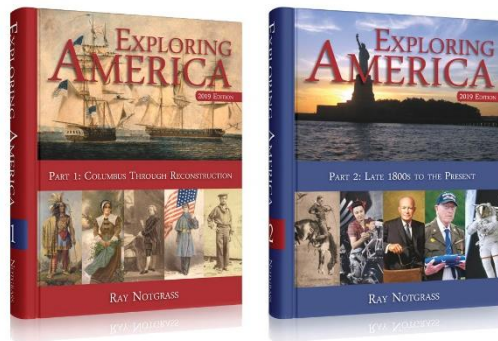
Grades: 10-12

This is a 1 credit course.

Prerequisites: Students should complete Basic Composition before beginning this course. They should be able to write short paragraphs to answer homework and exam questions and to complete an essay with a works cited page for each semester project.

Tuition: \$160 (1/2 due at registration, 1/2 due at first day of classes).

Text: We will use *Exploring America* by Ray Notgrass. Students will need Parts 1 and 2 but will **NOT** be required to have the additional *American Voices* book. Any primary source materials will be provided in links or handouts as necessary. These books are admittedly expensive, but they can often be obtained used and have good resale value.



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Description: Any history course can teach names, dates and important events; this course aims to teach more. My hope is that students in this course learn to analyze and think critically about past events. Some questions that will be addressed in this class include:

- What ideas were our country founded upon?
- What did our historical forebears believe about God, themselves, and the world around them?
- What consequences did those ideas have?
- How has that perspective altered since our founding?
- What lessons can we learn from the past that will help us understand where we are today and help us find our way forward?

Homework time: Students can expect to spend at least 3-4 hours a week completing homework for this course. Short quizzes will be held periodically. Exams will be short answer and given as take-home tests. Each semester, students will complete a project on an approved U.S. history topic, which will include an essay and a presentation.