

Basic Overview of the APUSH Course

APUSH is divided into nine time periods—you will be learning the content for Period 1 over the summer.

Period	Timespan	Description
1	Pre-1491-1607	Pre-Columbian Era and Age of Exploration
2	1607-1754	Colonialism
3	1754-1800	American Revolution
4	1800-1848	Early Republic
5	1848-1877	Civil War and Reconstruction
6	1865-1898	Industrialization, Urbanization, Immigration, Westward Expansion, & Gilded Age
7	1898-1945	Progressivism, Imperialism, WWI, Twenties, Great Depression, New Deal, & WWII
8	1945-1980	Postwar World: Cold War, Fifties, Sixties, and Seventies
9	1980-Present	Reagan Era, Nineties, and 2000s

APUSH also emphasizes the following themes:

Themes	Concept Questions
American and National Identity	How and why definitions of American/national identity and values developed. Includes: citizenship, constitutionalism, foreign policy, assimilation, and exceptionalism.
Politics & Power	How different social/political groups have influenced society and government in the U.S. AND how political beliefs and institutions have changed over time.
Work, Exchange, & Technology	The factors behind the development of systems of economic exchange, particularly the role of technology, economic markets, and government.
Culture & Society	The roles that ideas, beliefs, social mores, and creative expression have played in shaping the U.S., as well as how various identities and values have been preserved or changed in different contexts of U.S. history.
Migration & Settlement	Why and how the various people who moved to and within the U.S. both adapted to and transformed their new social and physical environments.
Geography & Environment	The role of geography and both the natural and human-made environment on social and political developments in what would become the U.S.
America in the World	The interactions between nations that affected North American history in the colonial period, and on the influence of the U.S. on world affairs.