



Course Syllabus

Course Title: US History AB

School Year: 2024-2025

Semester(s): 1 and 2

Grade Level(s): 9, 10, 11, 12

Course Day(s) and Times: Mondays and Wednesdays, 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm PST

Teacher Information

- **Name:** Keith Faulkner
- **Email:** keith.faulkner@brancheslearning.org
- **Office Hours:** By appointment only
- **Branches Learning Main Office Number:** (323) 955-0114

Class Materials - <https://brancheslearning.org/product/us-history/#Materials>

Course Description: Students in the United States History course will engage in study of the historical, political, cultural and social development of the United States of America. Student's will build a knowledge and appreciation of American history from its inception to today. Students will have the opportunity to develop the skills and concepts necessary for understanding, appreciating, and analyzing the country's past, present and future using a vast variety of educationally stimulating assignments.

Course Units:

1. A New Nation
2. Civil War & Reconstruction
3. A Modernizing Nation
4. World War I
5. The Roaring 20's
6. The Great Depression & the New Deal
7. World War II
8. Post War America (1945-1960)
9. Civil Rights & Reform in the 1960's
10. The Vietnam War (1954-1975)
11. The Era of Change (1960-1980)
12. America in the 80's & 90's
13. America in the 21st Century



Course Expectations: Be prepared, attend from a quiet place, have your materials ready, have your camera on, be on time, participate, submit work in a timely fashion, treat others with respect, and ask for help when needed.

Grading Scale

High School, Grades 9-12

- A = 90% -100%
- B = 80%-89%
- C = 70%-79%
- D = 60%-69%
- F = 0%-59%

Final grades are determined by the quality and completion of assignments, attendance, and participation.

Important Branches Learning Policy Information

Camera Policy

Branches Learning requires students to keep their cameras on during live classes unless otherwise instructed by the teacher. Exceptions can be made in rare circumstances if the course teacher, supervising teacher (HST), and the parent all approve a camera waiver.

Headset Policy

Students attending live classes from a shared space must have a headset with a microphone to ensure the class is not disrupted by background noise.

Attendance Policy

Absences must be reported to the course instructor via email or sent to info@brancheslearning.org. Class recordings are available upon requests.

Attendance and participation are part of the final grade. Students who miss more than 40% of live classes may fail the course. Exceptions may be made if a pre-approved plan is in place.

Late Work

Assignments turned in after the due date will result in a lower grade unless pre-approved by the instructor.