

7th Grade American History

Curriculum Syllabus

Chapter 1: The First Americans

- *Migration to the Americas*
- *Cities and Empires*
- *North American Peoples*

Chapter 2: Exploring the Americas

- *A Changing World*
- *Early Exploration*
- *Spain in America*
- *Competing for Colonies*

Chapter 3: Colonial America

- *Roanoke and Jamestown*
- *The New England Colonies*
- *The Middle Colonies*
- *The Southern Colonies*

Chapter 4: Life in the American Colonies

- *Colonial Economy*
- *Colonial Government*
- *Culture and Society*
- *Rivalry in North America*

Chapter 5: The Spirit of Independence

- *No Taxation without Representation*
- *Uniting the Colonists*
- *A Call to Arms*

Chapter 6: The American Revolution

- *The War for Independence*
- *The War Continues*
- *Battlegrounds Shift*
- *The Final Years*

Chapter 7: A More Perfect Union

- *The Articles of Confederation*
- *Forging a New Constitution*
- *A New Plan of Government*

Chapter 8: The Constitution

- *Principles of the Constitution*
- *Government and the People*

The Constitution of the United States

- *Executive Branch*
- *Legislative Branch*
- *Judicial Branch*

Chapter 9: The Federalist Era

- *The First President*
- *Early Challenges*
- *The First Political Party*

Chapter 10: The Jefferson Era

- *A New Party in Power*
- *The Louisiana Purchase*
- *A Time of Conflict*
- *The War of 1812*

Chapter 11: Growth and Expansion

- *A Growing Economy*
- *Moving West*
- *Unity and Sectionalism*

Chapter 12: The Jackson Era

- *Jacksonian Democracy*
- *Conflicts Over Land*
- *Jackson and the Bank*

Chapter 13: Manifest Destiny

- *The Oregon Country*
- *Statehood for Florida and Texas*
- *War with Mexico*
- *California and Utah*

Chapter 14: North and South

- *The Industrial North*
- *People of the North*
- *Southern Cotton Kingdom*
- *People of the South*

Chapter 16: Toward Civil War

- *The Search for Compromise*
- *Challenges to Slavery*
- *Secession and War*

Chapter 17: The Civil War

- *The Two Sides*
- *Early Years of the War*
- *Life During the Civil War*
- *The Strain of the War*
- *The War's Final Stages*