AMERICAN HISTORY COURSE

Course Summary

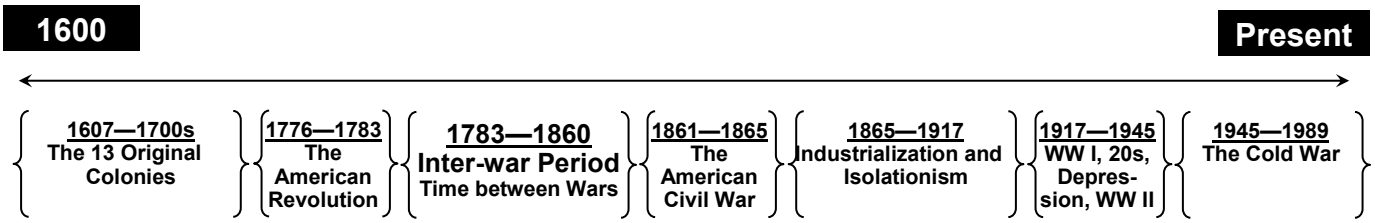
Course Goal Summary

This course will explore the development of the United States as a nation from colonial times to the present. This story includes the courage showed by the early explorers and the colonists who persevered through extreme hardship with hard work and faith in their God. As the American nation grew, more immigrants were drawn to the promise of the American Dream. Although many were able to benefit from the fruits of their labors, others people groups, like African slaves and Native Americans, struggled under hardship. A new national identity began to be formed, ultimately, coming into conflict with the British hierarchy. Following independence, the new American nation would expand from sea to sea, but also divide from North to South culminating in the Civil War. New freedoms were ensured, but the wounds of the nation would take time to heal. The new century would be one in which America emerged from its isolationist shell to play a large role in world affairs. Throughout each of these events Christianity has played an integral role in the development of the nation and will continue to influence the future course of the United States.

Course Overview

#	Unit Title	Time (hrs)
1	Establishing the American Nation (1608-1791)	24
2	The Consolidation of the Republic (1792-1849)	13
3	Fracturing of the American Nation (1850-1876)	20
4	America Rebuilds	10
5	America Acquires Power (1900-1941)	23
6	America Exercises Power (1941-Present)	16

Timeline Overview



Assessment & Evaluation Considerations

A variety of assessment and evaluation tools will be used over the course of the semester. Throughout each unit, you will be provided with more detailed assignment descriptions, and evaluation summaries (rubrics) for most assignments. The following mark breakdown is a tentative approximation of how your course mark will be determined:

Summative Evaluation	**(70%)**
Tests	(50%)
Projects, Observation, Conversation and Discussions	(50%)
Final Evaluation	**(30%)**
Exam	(100%)

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