Students in both courses will be expected to:

- Attend class regularly.
- Bring all necessary materials to class.
- Complete homework assignments punctually.
- Share knowledge and engage in class discussions.
- Complete make-up work punctually, when needed.
- Respect each other and the teacher.
- Seek help when needed.

Additionally, AP students are expected to:

- Prepare diligently for the AP Exam in May.

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A Guide to 11th Grade Social Studies:

US History or AP US History

Courses	**United States History (**Course #210)	**AP United States History** (Course # 211)
Graduation Requirement	• Full year, 1 credit course • Fulfills 11th grade Social Studies requirement	• Full year, 1 credit AP level course • Fulfills 11th Grade Social Studies requirement • Self-motivated students only
Homework	• Multiple assignments weekly	• Rigorous and assigned daily • Approximately one hour per night
College Preparatory Course	• Yes	• Yes • Possible College Credits with passing AP Exam Score
Independent Work	• Essays, papers, and projects	• Essays, papers and projects • Example AP Exam essay questions
Course Description	By exploring the years from Civil War to the present day, students in US history will understand the major wars, economic developments, social movements, and important figures of the last 150 years. Students will focus on analyzing the effects of historical events on contemporary American society. Continued development of organizational skills, cooperative and independent learning, and reading comprehension will all be emphasized in this course through research projects, presentations, simulations, and both informational and persuasive writing assignments.	This course encompasses the study of US history from colonization to the present day and focuses on the political, economic, social and intellectual developments through primary and secondary source readings. Students read historical material analytically and critically to understand the great issues in America's past. At the conclusion of the course, students are expected to take a test prepared by the College Entrance Examination Board. The results will be certified by the testing agency to college admissions offices for a possible advanced standing and/or credit in the freshman year of college.
Course Content	• Reconstruction/Westward Movement • Immigration/Industrialization/Progressive Era • Imperialism/U.S. Expansion • World War I • The Roaring 20s • Great Depression and New Deal • World War II • Cold War • Current U.S. History	• Colonial Period • Jeffersonian and Jacksonian Democracies • Manifest Destiny and an Expanding Nation • Civil War and Reconstruction • Gilded Age • Imperialism • WWI and Postwar Society • The Road to War and WWII • America and the World: 1945-1975 • The Modern Age
Textbook Publisher & Title	• Holt: *The American Nation: A History of the United States*	• Wadsworth: *The American Pageant* • Supplemental Primary Readings