

Course Expectations Planning Guide

Social Studies

511 United States History and Geography

Please Note: All listed information is intended to provide a general guideline for students in planning their course load. All information provided will vary according to the individual study needs and academic motivation. Events and responsibilities may vary year-to-year.

Time Commitment

1-2 hours per week

Standard Responsibilities

In this course, students will increase their understanding of United States history. Students will be exposed to various historic facts, theories, and perspectives. Students will gain a deeper understanding of major historic events as well as cultural trends and life in the United States. The time period of study begins after the Civil War and continues through contemporary times. In addition, study of current events will be utilized to further student's understanding of past events and relate material to the world today.

Significant Events

Methods of instruction will include teacher lead note-taking, interactive student discussions and debates, text-book inquiry, supplemental videos, as well as individual and group research projects and presentations. The methods of evaluation and assessment will include Multiple Choice Tests, written response (short answer and essays) and research projects, and various alternative assessments.