

**CARTERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL**  
**UNITED STATES HISTORY AND ADVANCED UNITED STATES**  
**HISTORY CURRICULUM**  
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**FIRST GRADING PERIOD**

- Understand why the Americas attracted Europeans, why the Europeans introduced slavery to the Americas and ultimately struggled for power in the hemisphere.
- Understand the emergence of political, religious and social institutions in the English colonies.
- Explain how the values and institution of European economic life took root in the colonies and how slavery reshaped life in the Americas.
- Analyze the causes of the American Revolution, the revolutionary movement, and the reasons for the American victory.
- Evaluate the impact of the American Revolution on politics, the economy, and society.
- Understand the institution and practice of government created during the Revolution and how these elements were revised between 1787-1815 to create the foundation of the American political system based upon the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.
- Understand U.S. territorial expansion between 1801-1861 and how it affected relations between external powers and Native Americans.
- Analyze how the Industrial Revolution, increasing immigration, the rapid expansion of slavery, and the westward movement changed American lives and led to regional tensions.

**SECOND GRADING PERIOD**

- Understand the extension, restriction, and reorganization of political democracy after 1800.
- Explain the sources and character of cultural, religious, and social reform movements in the antebellum period.
- Understand the causes of the Civil War.
- Analyze the course and character of the Civil War and its effects on the American people.
- Explain how the various reconstruction plans succeeded or failed.
- Understand the rise of corporations, heavy industry, and mechanical farming changed American society.
- Understand massive immigration after 1870 and how new social patterns, conflicts and ideas of national unity developed amid growing cultural diversity.

### **THIRD GRADING PERIOD**

- Explain the rise of the American labor movement and how political issues reflected social and economic changes.
- Analyze Federal Indian policy and U.S. foreign policy after the Civil War.
- Understand the Progressive Movement and how Progressives and others addressed problems of industrial capitalism, urbanization, and political corruption.
- Explain the changing role of the U.S. in world affairs through WWI.
- Analyze how the U.S. changed between the post WWI years and the eve of the Great Depression.
- Understand the causes of the Great Depression and how it affected American society.
- Explain how the New Deal addressed the Great Depression, transformed American federalism, and initiated the welfare state.

### **FOURTH GRADING PERIOD**

- Understand the causes and course of WWII, the character of the war at home and abroad, and its reshaping of the U.S. role in world affairs.
- Analyze the economic boom and social transformation of post WWII United States.
- Explain how the Cold War and conflicts in Korea and Vietnam influenced domestic and international politics.
- Understand domestic policies in the post WWII period.
- Understand the struggle for racial and gender equity and for the extension of civil liberties.
- Analyze developments in foreign policy and domestic politics between the Nixon and Clinton presidencies.
- Understand economic, social, and cultural developments in the contemporary United States.