

IB History

Topics:

Junior Year Syllabus

Unit 1: The Colonial Period – 2 weeks

- European Expansion
 - Spain's Empire
 - French colonization
 - English Settlements of New England, Middle Atlantic, and the South
- The Origins of slavery
- The British North American Colonies
- Labor in British North American Colonies
- Conflict with Native Americans in the Americas

Unit 2: Movements of Independence – 2 weeks

- The United States
 - The French and Indian War
 - Causes of the American Revolution
 - The Declaration of Independence
 - The U.S. War for Independence

Unit 3: Nation-Building and Challenges – HL Option 3 – 7 weeks

- **The Articles of Confederation / US Constitution**
- **Latin America – establishment of political systems and the rise of caudillo regime in**
- **War of 1812: causes and impact on British North America and the U.S.**
- **Mexican-American War 1846-1848: causes and impact on region**
- **Canada: 1837 rebellions, Durham Report, challenges to the Confederation, British North America Act of 1867**
- **Changes in the conditions of social groups: Native Americans, Mestizos, and immigrants**
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Unit 4: Jacksonian Age – 2 weeks

Unit 5: United States Civil War: causes, course and effects 1840 – 1877 – HL Option 3 – 7 weeks

- **Cotton Economy and Slavery**
- **Origins of the Civil War: political issues, states' rights, modernization, sectionalism, the nullification crisis, and economic difference between North and South**
- **Abolitionist debate: arguments for and against slavery and their impact**
- **Westward expansion and the sectional debates: the crisis of the 1850s, Kansas-Nebraska Act, Ostend Manifesto, Lincoln-Douglas Debates, Lincoln's Election, the Emancipation Proclamation, Jefferson Davis**
- **Union v. Confederate: strengths and weaknesses; economic resources; significance of leaders**
- **Major Battles and the role of foreign powers**
- **Reconstruction**
- **African-Americans in the Civil War and in the New South, legal issues; the Black Codes; Jim Crow Laws**

Unit 7: The Industrial Age in the U.S. – 2 weeks

Unit 8: Populists and the Progressive Era – 2 weeks

Unit 9: Emergence of the Americas in global affairs 1880 – 1929 – HL Option 3

- **U.S. Imperialism: policies and justifications**
- **Spanish-American War: causes and effects (1898)**
- **United States' foreign policy: the Big Stick; Dollar Diplomacy, Moral Diplomacy; applications and impact on region**
- **U.S. involvement in World War I**
- **Mexican involvement in World War I**
- **Impact of World War I on the U.S. and Canada**

Senior Year Syllabus

Unit 1: Origins and Development of authoritarian and single-party states: Europe and the Middle East: Hitler, Stalin, and Nasser – 10 weeks

- **Origins and Nature**
 - **Conditions**
 - **Emergence of Leaders**
 - **Totalitarianism**
- **Establishment**
 - **Methods**
 - **Form of Government**
 - **Opposition**
- **Domestic Policies**
 - **Structure and organization of government**
 - **Political, economic, social, and religious policies**

- Propaganda
- Status of women, minorities

Unit 2: World War II and Cold War origins – 2 weeks

Unit 3: The US from 1945 to 1968 – 2 weeks

Unit 4: Contemporary US: Nixon to Clinton – 2 weeks

Unit 5: The Cold War: Germany, Congo, Afghanistan, Korea, Cuba, Vietnam, and the Middle East – 20th Century Topics – 10 weeks

- **Origins of the Cold War**
 - Ideological Differences
 - Mutual suspicion and fear
 - Wartime alliances to post-war enemies
- **Nature of the Cold War**
 - Ideological Opposition
 - Superpowers and spheres of influence
 - Alliances and diplomacy in the Cold War
- **Development and Impact of the Cold War**
 - Global spread of the Cold War
 - Cold War policies: containment, brinkmanship, peaceful coexistence, détente
 - Role of the U.N. and the Non-Aligned Movement
 - Role and significance of leaders
 - Arms race, proliferation, and limitation
 - Social, cultural, and economic impact
- **End of the Cold War**
 - break-up of the Soviet Union
 - Breakdown of Soviet control over Central and Eastern Europe

Unit 6: Prescribed Subject: Communism in Crisis 1976 – 1989 – 9 weeks

- Power struggle in post-Mao China, Hua Guofeng, the re-emergence of Deng Xiaoping and the defeat of the Gang of Four
- China under Deng Xiaoping and the Four Modernizations
- Causes and impacts of Tiananmen Square
- Domestic and Foreign problems of the Brezhnev era
- Gorbachev era