

# United States History and Geography

10<sup>th</sup> Grade Intl. *[4 periods per week]*

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## Course Description

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The aims of this class are to develop analytical and critical thinking skills by means of the study of US History from the Civil War to 2005. Skills include: analytical reading, organized note taking, analysis of primary sources, and research of the kind necessary to succeed in writing the IA. The class will also begin to develop some specific IB paper 1 and paper 2 skills.

## Timeline

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Semester 1: Civil War, Reconstruction, Gilded Age, Industrialization, WWI and US cultural change

Semester 2: WWII, post-WWII development, Korea, Vietnam era, 70s, environmentalism, anti-war protests, feminism, 80s, politics, end of the cold war, 90s, politics, Operation Desert Storm, 2000 election, 9-11, Wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, Katrina