United States History and Geography

2nde (10th Grade) *[1 period per week]*

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Course Description

The aim of this class is to develop analytical and critical thinking skills by means of the study of US Government and US History & Geography. Skills include: analytical reading, organized note taking, analysis of primary sources, and group collaboration and presentation. In Government, current events will be addressed, and some reorganization of the timeline may occur to introduce concepts when they help reinforce current events.

Timeline

Semester 1 – US Government

Democracy, the Constitution, the Executive, Judicial, and Legislative Branches, Political parties, the Electoral College, States, Territories, and local government

Semester 2 – US History

Trails & Travelers, The Lone Star Republic, the Mexican American War, the Gold Rush, the Transcontinental Railroad, 9-11, Wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, Katrina