

Trinity Christian School

7th Grade History

U.S. History 1850 to Present

A. Course Goals

1. To obtain a fundamental understanding of the period of U.S History between 1850 and the present time.
2. To obtain a fundamental understanding of the relationship between the U.S and other nations of the world between 1850 and the present time.
3. To initiate a strong push towards the logic stage of learning.
4. To introduce a basic understanding of governmental policies and their effect on the citizens of their respective nations.

B. Course Topics

1. Opening the Oregon Territory c. 1850
2. Lincoln, the 16th President 1861-1865
3. War Between the States 1861-1865
4. The Battle of Gettysburg 1863
5. Great Generals of the War Between the States 1861-1865
6. Across Five Aprils – Novel
7. Completion of the Transcontinental Railroad c. 1865 - 1870
8. Reconstructing the South c. 1870
9. Black Leadership Emerges in the South
10. The Age of Industry c. 1870-1900
11. The Battle of Little Big Horn 1876
12. Cowboys and the West 1870-1890
13. The Spanish-American War 1898
14. A President Named Teddy 1901-1909
15. Immigration to America c. 1900
16. Wright Brothers and Other Inventors 1903
17. The Great World War (WWI) 191-1918
18. Roaring Twenties 1920-1929
19. The Great Depression 1933-1945
20. World War II 1939-1945
21. The Cold War, Korean Conflict, and the Vietnam War 1945-1989
22. The Space Race 1957-1969
23. Modern America

Student Materials

Veritas Press History Cards

Accumulated Notes

Across Five Aprils

Teacher Materials

Veritas Press History Cards

Accumulated Notebooks

Kingfisher Encyclopedia of History

Across Five Aprils – Irene Hunt, Berkley Books, New York

Classical Methodology

Introduction to logos, pathos, and ethos

Formal debate on topics related to history and government policy.

Disputatio for test reviews

Measurement Tools

Student progress is measured through class participation, disputatio, quizzes, tests, and evaluation of homework assignments.