

## **AP® United States History, Form III**

### **Course Description**

AP® U.S. History is a challenging course that is meant to be the equivalent of a freshman college course and can earn students college credit. It is a two-semester survey of American history from the age of exploration and discovery to the present. Solid reading and writing skills, along with a willingness to devote considerable time to homework and study, are necessary to succeed. Emphasis is placed on critical and evaluative thinking skills, essay writing, interpretation of original documents, and historiography.

First and foremost, students will learn U.S. history and government. The course is also intended to prepare students to take the AP® U.S. History Exam.

### **Course Objectives**

- Master a broad body of historical knowledge
- Demonstrate an understanding of historical chronology
- Use historical data to support an argument or position
- Differentiate between historiographical schools of thought
- Interpret and apply data from original documents, including cartoons, graphs, letters, etc.
- Effectively use analytical skills of evaluation, cause and effect, compare and contrast
- Work effectively with others to produce products and solve problems
- Prepare for and successfully pass the AP® U.S. History Exam