



American History Syllabus

This course begins with the first inhabitants of North America and Ends with the Civil War. Each video has a quiz/test and is accompanied by two “five minutes in history” videos about the American presidents. The books used in research for these videos are listed in the description below. We live in a world that is more interested in opinion than facts and through these videos I try to give all the historical facts allowing the student to use critical thinking to draw conclusions. I state it often but History is what it is, you do not have to like it or agree with it but you should never change it. My hope is that through this course you will better understand this wonderful country we call home.

Video 1 - Early Inhabitants of North and South America. Main focus is on Indians.

Watch This! – video on the Swamp People of Florida. Fascinating Prehistory to the American story.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mNro9x3B7K4>

Video 2 - Reasons for discovery, Christopher Columbus and other Early Explorers

Read This! Columbus, The Four Voyages by Laurence Bergreen

Video 3 - founding of St. Augustine and further exploration by Spain and France.

Read this! <https://www.americanjourneys.org/> This is a wonderful website of first hand, eyewitness accounts of North American history. This URL takes you to the landing page, from there, click on find a document. Search through and read everything from Viking stories to Journals. Pictures (engravings are also available to view.)

Video 4 - Cibola and the search for the golden city.

Read This! <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/history/article/seven-cities-of-cibola>

Video 5 - Exploration of Canada, the Great Lakes, and the Mississippi

Read This! Use the American Journeys website for more first hand accounts of the exploration of Canada, the Great Lakes and the Mississippi region.

Video 6 - Magna Carta, James I, England’s entry to the New World

Read This! <https://www.history.com/topics/british-history/magna-carta>



Video 7 - The Story of the Lost Colony

Watch This! <https://www.nps.gov/fora/index.htm>

Video 8 - Jamestown, Powhatan Indians and Pocahontas

Visit: www.historicjamestowne.org

Video 9 - Continued story of Pocahontas, Growth of Jamestown settlement, House of Burgesses and the inaccuracy of the 1619 project.

Watch This! <https://www.prageru.com/video/whats-wrong-with-the-1619-project/>

Video 10 - The Virginia Company and Charter Colonies

Read This! <https://historicjamestowne.org/history/virginia-company/>

Video 11 - The New England Colonies, Puritans, Separatists and Pilgrims

Read This! <https://content.wisconsinhistory.org/digital/collection/aj/id/3452> Look at page 2A (illustrated) this is a picture of William Bradford's journal. He was one of the original Pilgrims and a signer of the Mayflower Compact. The Image is hard to read but nice to see how he wrote. The following pages are a typed account of the Plymouth Colony.

For the outline of the American History series, I am using BJU press, "The American Republic" 4th Edition. This history textbook is used only as a guide for the progression of videos. Other materials used are listed below. There are hundreds of great history books. You do not need to purchase any of the books listed below unless you would like to gather more information about a topic discussed above. Remember, read firsthand accounts and eyewitnesses of history first before someone else's interpretation of that era.

1. Original Intent – David Barton
2. The Campaign That Won America, The Story of Yorktown – Burke Davis
3. A kingdom Strange – James Horn
4. Christopher Columbus: The Four Voyages – Christopher Columbus
5. The Glorious Cause – Robert Middlekauff
6. Histories and fallacies – Carl R. Trueman
7. The United States in World War II – Kurt Piehler
8. Did America Have a Christian Founding? – Mark David Hall
9. The Battle of Midway – Craig L. Symonds
10. The Atlantic World – Thomas Benjamin