

Torrey Pines High School: United States History

Level of Difficulty	Estimated Homework	Prerequisites
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Difficult <input type="checkbox"/> Very Difficult	30-60 minutes It is important to note that this serves as an estimate of the nightly average homework load. It is not intended to be a concrete value, and homework completion time will depend upon the nature of the assignment and the abilities and work habits of the student	<u>District</u> 11 th Grade Only <u>Department</u> <i>f</i> The department recommends CP World History for students: <i>f</i> with reading and writing abilities at or below grade level. <i>f</i> with strong academic interests in other high school disciplines (Science, Math) <i>f</i> needing guidance with abstract and complex reasoning and thought, or with non-routine critical thinking assessments.

Course Description

College Preparatory (CP) United States History fulfills both state and district requirements for high school graduation. The course examines the nation's history from approximately the time of the American Revolution, with an emphasis on the Twentieth Century. Instruction is centered not on merely memorizing the events of American history, but on teaching students to critically analyze history in order to determine how the nation's past has influenced the present. Special attention is placed on analysis of cultural, political, and economic history—including technological advancements—using the District's "Big Ideas in U.S. History" as a framework. Building from the foundations established in the CP World History course, students in CP U.S. History continue the process of historical document analysis, eventually completing a document-based essay. Occasionally, the study of current events in American society will be infused through the curriculum in order to highlight connections to standards.

Grading

Teachers employ variations of either the weighted or the cumulative method for determining grades. However, the following scale is used to determine the final grade:
 100% to 90% A; 89% to 80% B; 79% to 70% C; 69% to 60% D; 59% and below F

Syllabus Link

Refer to individual teacher websites.

Supplemental Information

Students should expect roughly 30-60 minutes of nightly homework. Homework consists mainly of textbook readings, recall, and analysis. Projects and periodic essays may require additional time. Additionally, students may complete a research projects during the term, which may result in an increase in the amount of time spent on homework.

- 10 credits
- Meets high school graduation requirement for Social Science
- Meets UC/CSU subject area "a" requirement