MS US History is a two-semester course aligned to the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Social Studies, Grade 6. The course builds students' knowledge of U.S. history from the peopling of North America to Reconstruction through interactive instruction, practice, and review. Students develop analytical and higher-order thinking skills by examining the physical, social, and political forces that have shaped American history. The course is organized into themed units with three to five lessons each, making complex ideas accessible through focused content, guided analysis, and robust feedback. Each lesson includes direct instruction, skill application, performance tasks, and assessments in a feedback-rich environment where students demonstrate learning through both computer- and teacher-scored assignments.

There are no required materials for this course.

Length: Two Semesters

### Unit 1: Introduction to U.S. History

- Reading Historical Evidence
- Understanding Context and Bias in U.S. History
- Understanding Causation and Argumentation in History
- The First Peoples of North America
- Colonizing North America
- Wrap-Up: Introduction to U.S. History

### Unit 2: From Colonies to Independence

- The New England, Middle, and Southern Colonies
- Life in the British Colonies
- The Buildup to Independence
- The Declaration of Independence
- The Revolutionary War
- Wrap-Up: From Colonies to Independence

### Unit 3: Building the Federal Government

- The Articles of Confederation
- The Constitutional Convention
- The U.S. Constitution
- Ratifying and Amending the Constitution
- Wrap-Up: Building the Federal Government

### Unit 4: Early U.S. Governments

- The Federalist Era
- The Age of Jefferson
- Westward Expansion
- The Era of Good Feelings
- The Age of Jackson


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- Conflicts with American Indians
- Wrap-Up: Early U.S. Governments

### Unit 5: Semester Wrap-Up

- Semester Wrap-Up

### Unit 6: Early U.S. Culture and Expansion

- Thinking Geographically
- The Geography of the United States
- Cultural Developments Through the Early 1800s
- African American Life Through the Early 1800s
- The Early American Economy
- Settling the West
- Wrap-Up: Early U.S. Culture and Expansion

### Unit 7: Industrialization and Reform

- Industrial Developments
- Immigration and Urbanization in America
- Cultural Developments in the Mid-1800s
- The Abolition Movement
- The Fight for Women's Rights
- Wrap-Up: Industrialization and Reform

### Unit 8: Regional Conflicts

- Regional Economies of the United States
- Compromises for Free and Slave States
- Conflicts with Mexico
- Wrap-Up: Regional Conflicts

### Unit 9: The Civil War and Reconstruction

- The Path to Civil War
- The Divided Nation at War
- The Union Victory
- Reconstructing the South
- The Effects of Reconstruction
- Celebrate Freedom Week
- Wrap-Up: The Civil War and Reconstruction

### Unit 10: Semester Wrap-Up

- Semester Wrap-Up


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