M/J United States History delivers instruction, practice, and review designed to build middle school students' knowledge of U.S. history, from the peopling of North America through the era of Reconstruction. Students engage with the subject matter in an interactive, feedback-rich environment as they progress through standards-aligned content. By constantly honing their ability to analyze history, students build the depth of knowledge and higher-order thinking skills required to demonstrate their mastery when put to the test.

The two-semester course is arranged in themed units, each with three to five lessons. In each unit, activities make complex ideas about U.S. history accessible through focused content, guided analysis, multi-modal representations, and personalized feedback. Each lesson includes a variety of activities such as direct instruction, application of skills, performance tasks, and formative and summative assessments. Students engage with the subject matter in an interactive, feedback-rich environment as they progress through standards-aligned content and demonstrate their learning through computer- and teacher-scored assignments.

M/J United States History is built to state standards and informed by the College, Career, and Civic Life (C3) Framework for Social Studies State Standards.

Length: Two Semesters

Unit 1: Historical Thinking Skills

- Reading Historical Evidence
- Understanding Context and Bias in U.S. History
- Understanding Causation and Argumentation in History
- Using Historical Thinking Skills to Analyze the Holocaust
- Wrap-Up: Historical Thinking Skills

Unit 2: From Precolonization to Independence

- First Peoples of North America and European Colonization
- The British Colonies
- The Buildup to Independence
- The Revolutionary War
- Wrap Up: From Precolonization to Independence

Unit 3: Building the Federal Government

- The Articles of Confederation
- The U.S. Constitution
- Wrap-Up: Building the Federal Government

Unit 4: Early U.S. Governments

- The Federalist Era
- The Age of Jefferson

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- The Era of Good Feelings
- The Age of Jackson
- Wrap-Up: Early U.S. Governments

Unit 5: 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
- America Grows Westward
- Wrap-Up: Early U.S. Culture and Expansion

Unit 7: Industrialization and Reform

- Industrial Developments
- Cultural Developments in the Mid-1800s
- Social Movements of the 1800s
- Wrap-Up: Industrialization and Reform

Unit 8: Regional Conflicts

- Regional Economies of the United States
- Conflicts with Mexico
- Wrap-Up: Regional Conflicts

Unit 9: The Civil War and Reconstruction

- The Path to Civil War
- The Union Victory
- Reconstructing the South
- Active Citizenship
- Wrap-Up: The Civil War and Reconstruction

Unit 10: Semester Wrap-Up

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