



2024-2025

Rapid City  
Alternative Academy

## US History 2

### **RCAS Policies/Procedures:**

Students will be required to follow all RCAS policies and procedures. To view the RCAS High School Student Handbook, click [handbook](#).

### **Course Description:**

In United States History 2, you will understand: the impact of the Industrial Revolution and Immigration during the late 1800s, the challenges of Western Expansion after the Civil War, attempts by men and women to improve American society, the impact at home and abroad of American Imperialism, the causes and effects of World War I at home and abroad, the roaring 1920s, and the causes and impact of the Great Depression.

### **Textbook:**

United States History (Pearson/Savvas)

### **Required Resources:**

**“Limited Choice” Resources:** (students will be asked to choose at least one title from this list)

### **Student Choice:**

Will student be asked to choose additional reading material from the classroom or school library?

No

### **Essential Questions:**

1. What are the challenges of Western Expansion?
2. How do science and technology affect society?
3. What can individuals do to affect society?
4. How should we handle conflict and societal changes?
5. What role should the government play when a massive economic recession or depression happens?

**Essential Learning Intentions:**

1. I can research historical events and understand how those events impact my life today.
2. I can analyze both sides of a historical event and how analyzing current events is important for figuring out the truth.
3. I can explain verbally and/or through writing important historical concepts and insights and how it applies to my life today.