



2024-2025

Rapid City
Alternative Academy

US History 3

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:

This course will investigate the history of the United States from World War II to the present. Students will be able to identify significant people and events. Students will analyze primary and secondary source documents that have shaped America's modern era.

In United States History 3, you will understand: the causes and effects of World War II, the Cold War domestic and foreign policies, the Civil Rights Movement, the challenges of the 1970s, the successes and failures of the economic policies of the 1980s and 1990s, and the challenges and benefits of living in a globalized 21st Century.

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. When is war justified?
2. What is America's role in the world?
3. How can we ensure equality for all?
4. What should be America's role in the world?
5. What are the challenges of diversity?
6. What makes a government successful?
7. What are the benefits and costs of technology?

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.