

Subject:	<b>CIVILITZACIÓ NORD-AMERICANA</b>
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### **BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT**

This course is designed to be a comprehensive introduction to the social, cultural, political, economic and foreign relations history of the United States. Through the study of the major features of American history that have shaped the nation, students will be analyzing the many ways Americans have defined themselves.

### **OBJECTIVES**

The purpose of the course is to acquaint students with a wide range of aspects of America and its history and to encourage them to consider not just the events themselves but the way they have been narrated and the role of history in the formation of a common culture.

### **ASSESSMENT**

**Mid-Term Exam 40%**

**Final Exam 60%**

### **SYLLABUS**

Native Americans before Columbus  
 The founding of the thirteen colonies  
 The Declaration of Independence & the Constitution  
 Different waves of immigrants  
 The Move West  
 Slavery & the Civil War  
 Reconstruction & the Jim Crow Era  
 Isolationism. Manifest Destiny  
 FDR & the New Deal  
 Martin Luther King & the Civil Rights Movement  
 The Globalization of US culture

### **BIBLIOGRAPHY / MATERIALS**

#### **Compulsory Reading**

Mary Beth Norton et al., *A People and a Nation. A History of the United States*, Brief 6<sup>th</sup> edition, Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 2003.

### **Recommended Reading**

- Brogan, Hugh, *The Penguin History of the United States of America*, Harmondsworth: Penguin, 2001.
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