

## **APUSH Themes and Periods**

American and National Identity (NAT) – How and why definitions of American and national identity and values have developed, including related topics such as citizenship, constitutionalism, foreign policy, assimilation, and American exceptionalism.

Politics and Power (POL) – How different social and political groups have influenced society and government in the United States, as well as how political beliefs and institutions have changed over time.

Work, Exchange, and Technology (WXT) - Factors behind the development of systems of economic exchange, particularly the role of technology, economic markets, and government.

Culture and Society (CUL) – The role that ideas, social mores, and creative expression have played in shaping the United States, as well as how various identities, cultures, and values have been preserved or changed in different contexts of U.S. history.

Migration and Settlement (MIG) – Why and how the various people who moved to and within the United States adapted to and transformed their new social and physical environments.

Geography and the Environment (GEO) – The impact of geography (both the natural and human-made environments) on social and political developments in what would become the United States.

American in the World (WOR) – Interactions between nations that affected North American history in the colonial period and on the influence of the United States on world affairs.

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Period 1: 1491-1607 – Exploration

Period 2: 1607-1754 – The Colonial Era

Period 3: 1754-1800 – The Revolution and the New Republic

Period 4: 1800-1848 – Expansion and Settlement

Period 5: 1844-1877 – Civil War and Reconstruction

Period 6: 1865-1898 – Industrialization and the Closing of the Frontier

Period 7: 1890-1945 – The U.S. as a World Power

Period 8: 1945-1980 – The Cold War

Period 9: 1980-Present – Contemporary Society