

U.S. History



Grade Level: Elementary (1st-4th grades)

Prerequisites: None

Text: *Our Star-Spangled Story* by Charlene Notgrass, Bethany Poore, and Mary Evelyn McCurdy

Curriculum Publisher: Notgrass History

Course Description:

This course is a one-year American history survey for students in grades one through four. The course discusses topics from the time of native peoples in North America at the time of European exploration and settlement into the 21st century. The curriculum features simple lessons with easy-to-follow instructions, full-color photographs and illustrations, and engaging supplemental activities. *Star-Spangled Rhythms and Rhymes*, a collection of poems, songs, and dances from throughout American history that students read as assignments, includes an MP3 CD that enables students to hear all of the works included. Students also complete other assignments, including those involving a timeline and a student workbook.

Course Content/Goals/Outline:

- Native peoples in North America
- European exploration
- Settlement of the thirteen British colonies
- American Revolution and Constitution
- Westward expansion
- Slavery and the Underground Railroad
- Civil War and Reconstruction
- Homesteading
- Immigration to the United States
- World War I
- Great Depression and New Deal
- World War II
- Civil Rights
- Conservation
- Space exploration
- Vietnam War
- Cold War
- Computers and the Internet
- Persian Gulf War
- September 11, 2001
- Modern homeschooling movement
- Many lessons highlight individuals who participated in American history in various ways (e.g., Thomas Gallaudet and education for the deaf; John Ross, a Cherokee chief; Clara Barton and the Red Cross; Liliuokalani, last Queen of Hawaii; and Ozzie and Harriet Nelson, radio and TV entertainers)

Types of Assessment Used:

- Creative writing/drawing assignments
- Map assignments
- Projects
- Review quizzes