
IB History of the Americas Syllabus

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Unit 2: Independence Movements

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- CW/HW 2:3 The Declaration of Independence
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Unit 5: The Development of the United States, 1865-1929

- Lesson 5:1 The Trans-Mississippi West
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- Lesson 5:3 The Segregation and Disfranchisement of Blacks
- HW 5:3 The Views of Washington and Du Bois
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- Lesson 5:5 The Impact of Industrialization
- Lesson 5:6 The Reaction to Increased Immigration in the U.S.
- CW 5:6..... Changing Views on the Immorality of Alcohol
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Unit 6: The Development of Modern Nations, 1865-1929

- Lesson 6:1 Canada's Westward Movement
- Lesson 6:2 Canada's Economy and Society from 1867 to 1914
- Lesson 6:3.....Canada in the 1920s
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Unit 7: The Emergence of the Americas in Global Affairs, 1880-1929

- Lesson 7:1 U.S. Overseas Expansion
- Lesson 7:2 From the Big Stick to Wilsonian Democracy

Unit 8: The Mexican Revolution, 1910-1940

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- Lesson 8:2 Mexico under Francisco Madero
- Lesson 8:3 The Mexican Revolution and Venustiano Carranza
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- Lesson 9:2 The War, 1914-1917
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- Lesson 9:4 The Russian Revolution and Civil War
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- CW 9:5..... Discussion on World War I Posters
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Unit 10: Peacemaking, Peacekeeping—International Relations, 1918-1936

- Lesson 10:1 The Versailles Peace Treaty
- Lesson 10:2 The Rejection of the Versailles Peace Treaty by the U.S. Senate
- Lesson 10:3.....The Treaties of Saint-Germain, Neuilly, Trianon, Sèvres, and Lausanne
- Lesson 10.4.....Europe Between the Wars, the Quest for Stability
- Lesson 10.5.....The Rise of Fascism

Unit 11: The Great Depression and the Americas, 1929-1939

- Lesson 11:1 The Causes of the Great Depression
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Unit 12: Vargas of Brazil and Perón of Argentina

- Lesson 12:1 Latin America, 1900-1950
- Lesson 12:2 Brazil during the First Republic (1839-1930)
- Lesson 12:3 Brazil under Getúlio Vargas
- Lesson 12:4 Argentina under Juan Perón

Unit 13: World War II

- Lesson 13:1 The European Causes of World War II
- Lesson 13:2 The War in Europe, 1939-1941
- Lesson 13:3 Japan in the Pacific
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- CW 13:7..... Class Discussion, Wartime Propaganda and Women
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- Lesson 14:6 The U.S. 1988-2000

Unit 15: Political Developments in the Americas After World War II

- Lesson 15:1.....Canada 1945-2000
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- Lesson 15:3 The Cuba of Fidel Castro
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Unit 16: The Arab-Israeli Conflict, 1945-1979

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Unit 18: Civil Rights and Social Movements in the Americas

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- Lesson 18:4.....Youth Culture and Protests of the 1960s and 1970s

Unit 19: Communism in Crisis, 1976-1991

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Lesson 19:2 Reagan, Bush and Gorbachev and the End of the Cold War

Lesson 19:3.....China from the Death of Mao to 1990