



## History and Social Studies Department

### Curricula Grades 9-12



Norwell Public Schools' grades 9-12 history and social studies curricula follow the Massachusetts History and Social Science Framework (2018):

- Social studies prepares the nation's young people for college, careers, and civic life.
- Inquiry is at the heart of social studies.
- Social studies involves interdisciplinary applications and welcomes the integration of the arts and humanities.
- Social studies comprises deep and enduring understanding, concepts, and skills from varied disciplines.
- Social studies contains the knowledge and skills to become thoughtful and active participants in a democratic society.
- Social studies education directly connects to the Standards for English Language Arts.

The **History and Social Studies Department** at Norwell High School believes that all proficient students should develop expertise in the following History and Social Studies Standards for Literacy:

- It is critical that students, when reading a primary or secondary source, identify how an author uses words and structure to convey his/her point of view.
- It is critical that students, when reading a primary or secondary source, identify the main idea, supporting details, and examine evidence.
- It is critical that students utilize multiple formats of both primary and secondary sources to distinguish between fact, opinion, and reasoned judgment.
- It is critical that students find and use multiple sources to conduct research, gather relevant information, and draw evidence from informational texts to answer a research question.
- It is critical that students write, refine, and publish persuasive, informative, and explanatory texts.

**Grade 9  
Required**  
World History II CP  
World History II H

**Electives**  
Economics H

**Grade 10  
Required**  
U.S. History I CP  
U.S. History I H

**Electives**  
AP European History  
Economics H

**Grade 11  
Required**  
U.S. History II CP  
U.S. History II H  
AP U.S. History

**Electives**  
Economics H  
Psychology CP/H  
Introduction to Law H, CP  
Sociology through World Events H, CP  
Sports & Society H, CP  
International Relations H, CP

**Grade 12  
Electives  
Full Year**  
AP European History  
AP Psychology  
AP US Government and Politics  
AP United States History

**Electives**  
Psychology H, CP  
Introduction to Law H, CP  
Sociology through World Events H, CP  
Sports & Society H, CP  
International Relations H, CP  
Pathways to Internship & Senior Internship

Massachusetts [2018 History and Social Science Framework](#)  
[Norwell High School Program of Studies](#) provides more detailed information about courses, expectations, and opportunities.