

# 2026/2027 – ANGLICKÝ JAZYK

## American History and Culture (3AM)

volitelný předmět

### Délka trvání a hodinová dotace:

Volitelný předmět je koncipován jako dvouletý, s dvouhodinovou dotací ve všech ročnících.

Předmět je určen studentům **septim** osmiletého studia programu English for the Future a studentům **3. ročníků** čtyřletého gymnázia.

### Zaměření a obsah:

This course offers a deep introduction to US history and culture from pre-European times to the present through original documents and popular culture.

Special emphasis will be placed on how history and popular culture interact and how films, music and other media create national myths.

Special focus will also be placed on academic research, writing, debate, and oral presentation skills. Students should leave the course with improved ability to participate in scholarly debates in English regarding US culture, as well as an enhanced ability understand and work with/against Americans in various situations.

Students with any level of English may participate in the class. Extra effort will be made to develop students' English skills throughout the class with progressively more complicated texts over the course of the two years.

Students will be evaluated (graded) according to class participation, short reviews (spoken or written) of subjects covered, and an independent year-long research project of the student's own choosing (5-10 pages). Emphasis in evaluation of the research project will be on developing students' research and writing skills.

**Content:** (open to change according to the interests of the class)

- North America before European settlement (Native cultures)
- Geography of the USA
- Early colonization and conflict between European powers
- Movement towards a separate Anglo-American culture
- The American Revolution
- Foundational documents and the establishment of government
- Westward expansion
- Slavery and the Civil War
- The Industrial Revolution and immigration
- The American Empire
- Involvement in European wars
- The Cold War
- Civil rights
- The "War on Terror"
- Film and the understanding of the American past

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