



## Course details

### Course title

History: American History from Roosevelt to Reagan

### Course code

Q00009440

### Course date

Start: 27/09/24

End: 20/12/24

### Number of classes

6 sessions

### Timetable

Fri 27th Sep, 10:30 to 12:30

Fri 4th Oct, 10:30 to 12:30

Fri 11th Oct, 10:30 to 12:30

Fri 18th Oct, 10:30 to 12:30

Fri 13th Dec, 10:30 to 12:30

Fri 20th Dec, 10:30 to 12:30

### Branch

Epsom and Ewell

### Tutor

Julian Roberts

### Fee range

Free to £50.40

### How you'll learn

You'll join a small group of fellow learners for classes at the venue indicated. Some materials may be provided in our virtual learning environment.

Got it!

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## **Venue**

Bourne Hall (Epsom)

Spring Street

Ewell

Epsom

KT17 1UF

## **Level of study**

Beginners

## **Course overview**

During and after WW2 America left the troubled 1930s behind to become one of two Super Powers and a military and economic behemoth. How did this happen? What compromises were made en route? We will examine the period from 1930 to 1980 with particular emphasis on America's place in the world. In doing so we will ask to what extent America is an Empire in denial. No previous knowledge is required though the latter decades are ones most of us will have lived through. How do our memories of that period compare with the longer perspective that the passage of time now allows.

## **Course description**

This course continues our introduction to American history. Our starting point is the Presidency of Franklin Roosevelt, one of the great American leaders. We will complete our look at his domestic policy during a troubled second term in office. We will then examine American foreign policy between the two world wars. Why did America retreat into isolation and how did FDR respond to the increasingly troubled world of the 1930s? We will skip the details of American military involvement in WW2 but examine the early causes and progress of the Cold War. After the affluent if staid 1950s, we will see how America lost direction in the 1960s and 70s becoming embroiled in Vietnam and further troubles at home and abroad. In 1980 Ronald Reagan was elected President, determined to put a smile back on the face of America. We will conclude with a thematic look at the difficult legacy of race relations in the USA and consideration of where America now stands include a quick look at the outcome of the November 2024 Presidential Election outcome and its implications for America and the world.

## **What financial support is available?**

We don't want anything to stand in your way when it comes to bringing Adult learning within reach so if you need anything to support you to achieve your goals then speak to one of our education experts during your enrolment journey. Most of our courses are government funded but if you don't qualify or need

alternative financial help to access them then let us know.

## **What other support is available?**

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