

## Minnesota History

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** This Minnesota History course is designed to provide a broad overview of Minnesota History from its early geographic formation to the present day. In this course students will learn about early indigenous peoples who settled the region as well as how European settlers integrated into the area. Students will discover the significance of Minnesota's role in Civil War, World War I, and World War II. The major industries of Minnesota will be discussed, including agriculture and manufacturing. Finally, students will learn how major historical events impacted the people of Minnesota and how Minnesota made an impact on the world.

### COURSE OBJECTIVES:

After completing this course, students will be able to:

1. Describe the method of migration to Minnesota.
2. Identify cultural characteristics of the Paleo-Indians and Woodland people.
3. Compare and contrast the social and cultural characteristics of the Dakota and Ojibwe.
4. Describe the conflicts between the Dakota and the Ojibwe and its impact on the region.
5. Identify the major participants of the fur trade.
6. Compare and contrast the motivations and impact of explorers of fur trade.
7. Identify the relationship between the fur trade and the Native cultures.
8. Analyze the interdependence of the Native Americans and European Fur Traders.
9. Analyze the impact of the wars and treaties on the region of Minnesota.
10. Identify the early settlers that came to Minnesota and their reasons for settling there.
11. Evaluate the impact of economic, military, transportation, and governmental factors in the growth of the region of Minnesota.
12. Compare and contrast treaties made with the natives of Minnesota.
13. Analyze the issues surrounding Minnesota's quest for statehood.
14. Describe the impact of industry on the development of the cities.
15. Describe the sentiments of Minnesotans towards race and slavery.
16. Identify the regiments mustered by Minnesota for the Civil War and their various roles in the war.
17. Describe the role of Minnesota citizens in supporting the Civil War efforts.
18. Describe the key elements, causes and effects of the Dakota uprising.
19. Explain the social, political, and technological effects of the development of the lumber, mining, and agricultural industries.
20. Identify reasons for mass movement to Minnesota during and after the Civil War.
21. Examine the impact the Homestead Act had upon the growth of Minnesota.
22. Analyze the impact of railroads on the people and industries of Minnesota.
23. Describe the impact of industrialization on the people, politics, immigration, urbanization, and changes in the physical landscape.
24. Identify the key aspects of the Granger Movement and its political impact.
25. Identify key individuals and their impact on the industrial growth of Minnesota.
26. Describe the lives of the lumberjack, pioneer farmer and Bonanza labor farmer.
27. Describe the various goals, strategies, and accomplishments of social reform movements in Minnesota.
28. Describe the key components and individuals of the Progressive era.
29. Identify the military contribution of Minnesota to the war effort.
30. Analyze the impact and role of the Minnesota Commission on Public Safety.
31. Identify key figures and events of the women's suffrage movement.
32. Describe the impact of the rise of third parties to the political system.
33. Describe how Minnesotans lived and worked during the Great Depression.
34. Examine the lives and contributions of various Minnesotans during World War II.

35. Analyze the life of Minnesotans when they returned home from World War II.
36. Describe the creation of the DFL and the key figures of the party after WWII.
37. Identify the key figures of the Civil Rights movement in Minnesota after WWII.
38. Describe suburban development and growth surrounding the cities of Minnesota.
39. Identify popular and famous Minnesotans and their impact on modern American culture.
40. Analyze the significant changes during specific periods of time in Minnesota that define the state and its people, industries, and culture.

**PREREQUISITES:** None

**COURSE LENGTH:** One semester

**REQUIRED TEXT:** No text required

**COURSE OUTLINE:**

**LESSON 1 – SHAPING MINNESOTA – INTRODUCTION TO MINNESOTA HISTORY**

**LESSON 2 – THE DAKOTA AND THE OJIBWE**

**LESSON 3 – EXPLORING THE UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER**

**LESSON 4 – DEVELOPING THE FUR TRADE IN MINNESOTA**

**LESSON 5 – FRONTIER MINNESOTA AND WESTWARD MIGRATION**

**LESSON 6 – THE FORMATION OF MINNESOTA TERRITORY**

**LESSON 7 – THE NATIVE TREATIES AND MINNESOTA STATEHOOD**

**LESSON 8 - ANTEBELLUM MINNESOTA**

**LESSON 9 – MINNESOTA AND THE CIVIL WAR**

**LESSON 10 – THE DAKOTA WAR**

**LESSON 11 – INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN MINNESOTA**

**LESSON 12 – INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND ITS IMPACT ON MINNESOTA**

**LESSON 13 – SOCIAL REFORM IN MINNESOTA**

**LESSON 14 – MINNESOTA AND WORLD WAR I**

**LESSON 15 – THE ROARING 20S TO THE GREAT DEPRESSION**

**LESSON 16 – MINNESOTA’S GREATEST GENERATION: DEPRESSION TO WORLD WAR II**

**LESSON 17 – POST-WAR MINNESOTA: POLITICS, CULTURE AND DEVELOPMENT**

**LESSON 18 – MINNESOTA INTO THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY**