

# **AMERICAN HISTORY**

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**A MULTIMEDIA TEXTBOOK: TEACHER'S RESOURCE**  
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## **INTRODUCTION: TEACHING HISTORY WITH MULTIMEDIA**

Multimedia history CD Roms can be used in numerous different way. The optimal use for the CD is as a replacement for, or in conjunction with a textbook. The CD Rom’s ability to combine text, photographs, video clips and first hand documents, enable the multimedia history format to exceed the capabilities of the best of the textbooks.

There are a number of additional uses for multimedia history CDs. CD ROMs can be used for independent study by individual and/or small group of students, or in a computer lab. The CD Rom’s resources can also be used by a teacher with an overhead projector to make presentations. History CDs can be placed in the library to be used as a student resource. **Finally, since all of the resources of our programs are exportable, teachers can use our programs to prepare presentation for classroom use.**

## **THE CORE CHRONOLOGY**

### **I. EXPLORERS**

The period of explorers chronicles the era when North America was first discovered by European explorers. It recalls what these adventurers were seeking out when they first began.

#### **A. Objective:**

To learn about the early explorers, who they were and the countries from which they came.

#### **B. History Makers**

1. Columbus
2. Verrazano
3. Balboa
4. Cabot
5. Cortex
6. Magellan
7. Drake

#### **C. Major Events and Questions For Discussion:**

... **Indians Live Peaceful Lives**

**1004... Vikings Land North America**

**1492... Columbus Sails To North America**

- ◀ Where did Columbus think he was when he landed in North America?  
EXERCISE: Have students present a description of the land as if they were Columbus

**1498... Cabot Claims North America For Great Britain**

- ◀ What gave Cabot the right to claim North America for Britain?

**1512... Ponce De Leon Explores Florida**

- ◀ What was Ponce de Leon looking for when he explored Florida?

**1513... Balboa Discovers Pacific**

**1517... Hudson Bay Discovered**

**1521... Cortez Completes Conquest Of Mexico**

- ◀ Why did Cortez conquer Mexico instead of just explore the land?

**1522... Magellan Completes Circle Of Globe**

**1524... Verazzano Discovers New York Bay**

**1533... Pizarro Kills Inca Chief**

**1534... Cartier Claims Canada For France**

**1542... Desoto Discovers The Mississippi**

... **Coronado Explores Southwest**

**1562... French Settle Florida**

**1579... Drake Circles Globe**

- ◀ Have students read about Drakes voyage and create a log of where he visited.

**D. Source Documents From The Period of the Explorers:**

- 1492– Columbus Discovers America
- 1497– Cabot Discovers The Mainland
- 1513– Balboa Discovers Pacific
- 1524– Verrazano Discovers NY Harbor
- 1534– Cartier's Exploration Of Canada
- 1540– Coronado's Expedition To The Southwest
- 1542– The Death Of DeSoto
- 1579– Drake's Voyage

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## II. THE FIRST COLONIES

The Colonial Section of the American History Program covers the founding of each of the 13 original colonies. It also deals with some of the other major issues that governed the development of the colonies such as the defeat to the Spanish Armada. Events that effected the eventual development of the colonies, and in some cases continued to effect American History such as the arrival of the first slaves, or the hanging of religious dissenter, Quakers are covered in this section.

**A. Objective:** To Learn about the first North American settlements to be colonized.

**B. Important Terms:**

1. Virginia Company
2. Spanish Armada
3. James River
4. Charter
5. Indentured Servant
6. Dutch East India Company
7. Plymouth Rock
8. Puritans

**C. Major Events, Questions For Discussion and Selected Exercises:**

**1587... Roanoke Colony Founded**

◀ Why do we know so little about the Roanoke Colony?

EXERCISE: The fate of the Roanoke colony is not known to this day. Try to have students attempt to solve this mystery that has remained unsolved to this day. Have students write a play or short story hypothesizing the history of this colony and its settlers– the one clue we have being Croaten.

**1588...Spanish Armada Defeated**

◀ What was the importance of the defeat of the Spanish Armada?

**1607...Jamestown Founded**

*EXERCISE: DOCUMENT REVIEW:* Read the document presenting the charter of Jamestown.

- ◀ What rights are given to the residents of the Jamestown colony?
- ◀ What governing body was established?
- ◀ What is the enduring importance of the Jamestown settlement.
- ◀ What is meant by King James, assuring that settlers would have the same rights as other Englishmen?

### **1610...Spanish Found Santa Fe**

### **1614...Pocahontas Wed John Rolfe**

- ◀ What importance, if any, was there to the wedding of Pocahontas?
- ◀ Has the story of Pocahontas' conversion and wedding been used to replace the true story of what became of the Indians who lived near Jamestown?

EXERCISE: Have the students read the entry in the Native American chronology on the conflict between the Indians and the Jamestown colony.

- ◀ What patterns were set for future interactions between the Indians and the White settlers?

### **1619...First Black Brought to America**

- ◀ In 1619 the first Blacks were brought to America. Were their circumstances any different than others brought to America against their will.

### **1620...Mayflower Lands at Plymouth Rock**

EXERCISE: DOCUMENT REVIEW: Have the students read the Mayflower Compact.

What did the colonist mean by the following: **"convenient for the general good of the Colony, unto which we promise all due submission and obedience"**.

### **1624...New Netherlands Founded**

- ◀ Why did the Dutch want to found a colony at New Netherlands?

EXERCISE: DOCUMENT REVIEW: Have the students read the Charter Of Privileges To Patrons. FREEDOMS AND EXEMPTIONS.

- ◀ How is it different from the Charter for Virginia.
- ◀ What is the difference between Patrons and regular colonists.

### **1630...Massachusetts Bay Colony**

- ◀ What was special about the Massachusetts Bay Colony?

EXERCISE: Read the Charter of the Massachusetts Bay Colony.

- ◀ How is it similar and how does it differ from the other charters?
- ◀ Roger Williams believed in protecting the rights of Indians, as well as absolute freedom of religion. Why was that a reason to banish him from the Massachusetts Bay colony?

### **1634...Catholics Found Maryland**

### **1635...Williams Finds Rhode Island**

- ◀ How was Roger Williams the father of the concept of separation of Church and State?
- ◀ The oldest synagogue in the United States is in Newport, Rhode Island. Was the first Synagogue located in Newport by accident?

### **1637... Settler Militias Kill 500 Indians**

◀ This was the largest single massacre of Indians to date.

**Access the history of Pequot War from the Native American section.**

◀ What started the Pequot War?

◀ Were the settler militias justified in declaring war on the Pequot?

### **1638... Connecticut Founded**

EXERCISE: After its founding, Connecticut's settlers soon signed the "Fundamental Orders of Connecticut". The "Orders" stated that they were the basis for the first true Constitution. Have students read the text of the "Orders" and explain how it is fundamentally different from all previous charters.

### **1638... New Sweden Founded**

### **1659... Quaker Executed**

◀ The Massachusetts Bay Colony persecuted Quakers and in effect hung them.  
Why were their actions considered so dangerous to the new society?

EXERCISE: Hold a Mock Trial for Quakers.

### **1664...Dutch Yield to British**

### **1665...New Jersey Founded**

◀ How were the colonies of New York and New Jersey similar?

### **1667...Bacon Rebellion**

◀ Bacon's revolution was the first of many in American history.  
What were the causes?

### **1681...Pennsylvania Founded by William Penn**

Pennsylvania was founded by William Penn as a haven for Quakers.

◀ How did Pennsylvania differ from other colonies?

◀ Why was Penn granted land for his colony?

◀ Was the charter issued to Pennsylvania any different from other charters?

### **1682...La Salle Claims Mississippi**

EXERCISE: DOCUMENT REVIEW: Examine the Navigation Acts in the document section. Their goal was to insure that goods transported to and from colonies were carried in British ships.

◀ Why did the British want to do this?

◀ How did the navigation acts change over time?

◀ What was the significance of La Salle claiming the Mississippi for France?

### **1690...Twenty Executed in Salem for Witchcraft**

EXERCISE: Hold a Town meeting to debate this issue.



**1733...Georgia Founded**

◀ How was James Olegelthorpe, the founder of Georgia, fundamentally different from the other earlier governors of the colonies.

**1739...Slave Revolt**

**D. SOURCE DOCUMENTS FROM THE PERIOD OF THE FIRST COLONIES:**

- 1620- First Charter Of Massachusetts
- 1620- Mayflower Compact
- 1621- Ordinance For Virginia
- 1629- Charter Of New Netherlands
- 1632- Charter Of Maryland
- 1638- Fundamental Orders Of Connecticut
- 1639- Articles Of New Haven
- 1643- New England Confederation
- 1643- Patent Of Providence Plantations
- 1649- Maryland Toleration Act
- 1660- Navigation Act
- 1662- Charter Of Connecticut
- 1662- First Charter Of Carolina
- 1663- Charter Of Rhode Island
- 1663- Grant To The Duke Of York
- 1663- Second Charter Of Carolina
- 1663- Second Navigation Act
- 1672- Third Navigation Act
- 1680- Charter Of Pennsylvania
- 1691- Second Charter Of Massachusetts
- 1696- Fourth Navigation Act
- 1713- Treaty Of Utrecht
- 1732- Charter Of Georgia
- 1733- Molasses Act Revolt



**II. THE REVOLT**

The Revolt section covers the period leading up to and including the Revolutionary War. It covers all of the major events that led to the war, as well as, some of the major battles in the war itself.

**A. Objective:** To make students aware of the causes of the Revolutionary War, as well as the major events in the war itself.

## **B. Important Terms:**

1. Sugar Act
2. Stamp Act Congress

## **C. History Makers:**

1. Thomas Paine
2. Washington
3. Nathan Hale
4. Thomas Jefferson
5. Benjamin Franklin
6. Crispex

## **D. General Resources:**

**This section includes two multimedia presentations:**

- ▲ The first covers the event leading to the Revolution
- ▲ The second covers the military events in the war.

▲ Use MultiEducator's "**Revolutionary War: Birth of a Nation**" to trace the different battles of the war.

## **E. Major Events, Questions For Discussion and Selected Exercises:**

### **1754... French and Indian War**

- ◀ How did the French Indian Wars begin the March toward Independence?
- ◀ What role did General Washington play in the war?

### **1764... British Impose new Taxes**

- ◀ The British imposed the American Revenue Act?

EXERCISE: Read the text of the Acts.

- ◀ How did the British justify the imposition of this tax?

### **1765... Stamp Tax Passed**

- ◀ The Stamp Tax created a much greater uproar than the American Revenue Act. Why?

### **... Sons of Liberty Organized**

### **1767... Townshend Act Passed**

- ◀ The Townshend Act significantly increased the tensions between the colonies

and England. How important were English domestic concerns in determining and convincing the British to impose the Townshend Act?

### **1768... Colonist Boycott**

EXERCISE: The colonist responded to the Townshend Acts with a boycott of British goods. They summarized their feelings in the circular letter. Have your students read the circular letter.

The paragraph beginning: **"It is, moreover, their humble opinion, which they express with the greatest deference to the wisdom of the Parliament, that the acts made there, imposing duties on the people of this province, with the sole and express purpose of raising a revenue, are infringements of their natural and constitutional rights; because, as they are not represented in the British Parliament, his Majesty's Commons in Britain, by those acts, grant their property without their consent."**

Sums up well the argument for no taxation without representation.

EXERCISE: Have students stage a protest or boycott against "taxation without representation".

### **... British Send Troops to Boston**

◀ What was the effect of the British dispatching troops to Boston to maintain order?

### **1769... Spain Established Settlement in California**

### **1770... Boston Massacre**

◀ The Boston Massacre represents the first shedding of blood on the road to the Revolutionary War. How important was this event?

◀ Were the British soldiers justified in opening fire on the colonist?

EXERCISE: Set up a mock trial of the British troops.

### **1772... Townshend Act Rescinded**

◀ Why did the British parliament repeal most of the Townshend Act while maintaining it on tea?

### **1773... Boston Tea Party**

◀ Why did the colonists dress up as Indians while perpetrating the Boston Tea Party?

### **1774... Coercive Acts Imposed**

◀ Why did the British parliament impose the Coercive Acts?

◀ Were the British unaware of the potential response?

### **1774... First Continental Congress**

◀ What caused the First Continental Congress to meet?

◀ The Congress issued a Declaration of Causes.

Have your students read the Declaration and summarize the complaints against Great Britain.

### **1775... Paul Revere Rides**

EXERCISE: Paul Revere Midnight Ride is one of the most famous in history, partly due to the poem by Robert Louis Stevenson. Have one of your students dramatically read the poem aloud.

**1775... Battle of Lexington**

- ◀ The Revolutionary War began at Concord and Lexington. Did either side decide to begin a war that day?

**1776... Paine Publishes "Common Sense"**

- ◀ Why was the publishing of Common Sense important?

**1776... Declaration of Independence**

- ◀ Why was the Declaration on Independence issued?
- ◀ Read the Declaration aloud. What are the enduring phrases that come to light?

EXERCISE: Establish a mock Continental Congress. Divide the class into two groups– one group supporting immediate independence and the second group wishing to wait.

EXERCISE: Write and design the front page(s) of an American newspaper telling the tales of the revolution and its outcome.

**1777... Battle of Saratoga**

- ◀ Why was the American victory at Saratoga so important?

**... Valley Forge**

- ◀ Why has the name "Valley Forge" gone down in history as a place of American suffering.

**1781... Articles of Confederation**

- ◀ Why was there a needs for the Articles of Confederation?
- ◀ What powers did the Articles give to the States and what did they give to the Federal Government.

EXERCISE: Have the students read the Articles and summarize.

**D. Source Documents From the Revolutionary War Period:**

- 1762- Writ Of Assistance
- 1764- Sugar Act
- 1765- Stamp Act
- 1765- Stamp Act Congress
- 1765- Quartering Act
- 1766- Declaratory Act

1767- Act Suspending NY Assembly  
1767- Townshend Act  
1768- Massachusetts Circular Letter  
1774- Administration Of Justice Act  
1774- Boston Port Act  
1774- The Association  
1774- Declaration Of Resolves  
1775- Declaration Of Causes  
1775- Lord North's Conciliatory Resolution  
1775- Report On Lord North's Conciliatory Resolution  
1775- New England Restraining Act  
1776- Declaration Of Independence  
1777- Articles Of Confederation  
1783- Treaty Of Paris

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## IV. NEW NATION

The section on the New Nation covers the key period of from the writing of the Constitution through to the War of 1812. It follows the story of the United States from a loose confederation of independent states to a national government that fights Great Britain to a stalemate.

**A. Objective:** To learn about the writing of the Constitution, as well as the first steps that the United States took as one nation.

**B. Important Terms:**

1. Articles of Confederation
2. Judiciary
3. Constitution
4. Federalist Papers
5. Bill of Right
6. Bank of the US
7. Proclamation of Neutrality
8. Embargo Act
9. Non-Importation Act

**C. History Makers:**

1. Hamilton
2. Washington
3. John Adams
4. Thomas Jefferson
5. John Jay
6. John Marshall
7. Aaron Burr
8. James Madison

**D. General Issues for Discussion and Activities on the New Nation Period:**

- ▲ What were George Washington's major accomplishments as President?
- ▲ What were the major disagreements between the large states and the small States in the writing of the Constitution?
- ▲ Who stood to gain from the assumption of State debts by the federal government, and why did Hamilton propose it?
- ▲ What was the difference between the view of the strict constructionists and those who believed in a more liberal interpretation of the Constitution?

- ▲ What issues were raised by the Proclamation of Neutrality?
- ▲ What was the “Quasi War”?
- ▲ Why did some call the Election of Thomas Jefferson the “Second American Revolution”?
- ▲ What was the Importance of the Louisiana Purchase?
- ▲ What were the causes of the War of 1812?
- ▲ Who won the War of 1812?

#### **D. General Exercises:**

Go to the statistics section:

- ▲ Have students plot the growth of the United States according the population census’ of 1790, 1800 and 1810.
- ▲ Go to the President section: Compare the early lives of the Presidents in this era?
- ▲ What do these Presidents share in common in their personal histories?
- ▲ In what ways do the President’s personal histories differ?

**The section includes three multimedia presentations:**

- ▲ An overview of the period
- ▲ A presentation on the making of the Constitution
- ▲ A summation of the War of 1812

#### **E. The following events are covered:**

##### **1786... Shay's Revolt**

- ◀ What were the causes of the Shay’s Rebellion?
- ◀ Why did the Shay’s Rebellion help lead to the meeting of the Constitutional Convention?

##### **... Constitutional Convention Meets**

Have the student listen to the program’s movie on the “Making of the Constitution”.  
The presentation outlines the weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation.

- ◀ What were those weaknesses?
- ◀ Who did these weaknesses most effect?

##### **... Constitution Approved**

- ◀ What were the major compromises reached in agreeing to the Constitution?
- ◀ What were the major disagreements between the large and small States?
- ◀ How were slaves treated in the Constitution?

EXERCISE: Examine the Constitution itself.

- ◀ What are the major provisions of the Constitution?

##### **1788... Constitution Takes Effect**

EXERCISE: There was significant debate surrounding the vote for ratification. A major

contribution to that debate was the publication of the Federalist Papers. The Federalist papers were a series of newspapers articles published by some of the key framers of the Constitution. Assign different students in the class different Federalist Papers to read. Have each summarize the paper and explain what it means.

***Here are a list of the first Federalist Papers:***

1. Hamilton writes the Introduction
2. Jay writes on the Dangers from Foreign Influence
3. Jay continues
4. Jay states that union brings strength
5. Jay writes how bad the a disunited country is
6. Hamilton writes about the danger of Civil War
7. Hamilton continues about the dangers of civil conflict
8. Hamilton writes more about the danger of civil conflict
9. Hamilton writes that the size of the union assures its security
10. Madison writes how faction can cause difficulties
11. Hamilton writes on the advantage of union for commerce and the navy
12. Hamilton writes how union will effect taxes
13. Hamilton writes how the union will lower the overall tax burden
14. Madison writes how the size of the union is right
15. Hamilton attacks the Articles of Confederation

EXERCISE: Have students design the first stamp/ or series of stamps for this new nation. What image/images or slogan/s best reflect the values for which the new nation stands?

**1789... Washington Inaugurated**

- ◀ Washington was inaugurated after a triumphant procession from Mt. Vernon to New York.

EXERCISE: Have one of the students read the address.

**1790... Federal Government Assumes State Debt**

- ◀ The Assumption of State Debts by the federal government accrued to the benefit of some states and not for others Why?
- ◀ What compromise had to be made to get some states to go along with assumption?
- ◀ What does this tell us about the nature of American politics?

**1790 First Bank of the United States**

- ◀ What was the purposes of the Bank of the United States?
- ◀ Hamilton wrote the First Report on Credit. Assign students to read the report. What was the main argument put forth in the report?
- ◀ That same time Hamilton also authored a Report on Manufacturing. What view did Hamilton have in this regard?



EXERCISE: Have students vote on which personality should be honored on the first coins.

### 1791... **Bill of Rights Takes Effect**

- ◀ As part of the ratification process it became clear that many people objected to the Constitution because they feared the power of the federal government. The objectors voiced fears that individual rights were not guaranteed. Thus, it was agreed that the Constitution would be amended. What rights were provided for these amendments?

EXERCISE: Have students list, to the best of their memory, the top 10 rights accorded to American citizens. See how these compare to the rights guaranteed under the Bill of Rights.

Alternatively, have the class draft a student's "Bill of Rights". Divide into small groups to rank the issues and come to a consensus vote on the top five. (As a check and balance, the teacher obviously has veto power in this exercise).

### 1793... **Proclamation of Neutrality**

- ◀ Why was the proclamation of neutrality so confidential?

### ... **Genet Affair**

- ◀ Who was citizen Genet ?
- ◀ What effect did the affair have on US French relations?

### ... **Cotton Gin**

- ◀ What was the importance of the invention of the cotton gin?

EXERCISE: DOCUMENT REVIEW: Read the long narrative written in the 19th century by Journalist Horace Greeley telling the story of the invention of the cotton gin.

### 1794... **Whiskey Rebellion**

- ◀ The term "Whiskey Revolt" conjures up the image of a mutinous band of drunken farmers. Whiskey, however, served another purpose in the days when transportation was difficult. Explain.

EXERCISE: Students can also read a first-hand account of the revolt.

### 1795... **Jay's Treaty**

- ◀ Why was the Jay Treaty so unpopular?

EXERCISE: DOCUMENT REVIEW: Read the preamble of treaty –The United States and Great Britain had just fought a war and were soon going to fight another war, why such a friendly preamble?

**... Pickney's Treaty**

◀ Why did Spain agree to all of America's demands in Pickney's treaty?

**1796... Washington's Farewell Address**

◀ Washington's "Farewell Address" was not an address at all. Rather, it was an article published in a newspaper. What were the major themes of the address?

**1797... XYZ Affair**

◀ The XYZ affair led to an undeclared war with France, called the Quasi War. What were the causes of the "Quasi War"?

**1798... Navy Department Created**

**... Alien and Sedition Act**

◀ The Alien and Sedition Act was one of the worst violations of civil rights in US history. Why was this act passed? What were its worst provisions?

**1799... Freis Rebellion**

**... Logan Act**

◀ The Logan Act was passed in 1799. Some people contend that former Presidents Jackson and Carter violated this act. What must they have done?

**1800... Peace Treaty With France**

**1800... Washington - US Capital**

EXERCISE: DOCUMENT REVIEW: The capital of the United States was moved to Washington, DC in 1800.

Have a student read the account of Abigail Adams—the wife of the first President to live in the White House—describe what life was like in Washington in its early days.

**1801... Thomas Jefferson Inaugurated**

◀ The Election of Thomas Jefferson is considered by some to be a second revolution. Why?

**... Tripolitan War**

◀ Before Jefferson became President he had argued that the powers of the Presidency were limited. How might you explain President Jefferson sending the Navy to fight the Tripolitans without a declaration of war from the Congress?

**1803... Louisiana Purchase**

**... Marbury vs. Madison**

◀ Why is the decision in Marbury vs. Madison so important?

◀ How did Supreme Court Justice Marshall expand the power of the Supreme Court?

**... Lewis and Clarke Expedition**

EXERCISE: The Lewis and Clark expedition is the most well known of a series of journey's of Exploration of the West. The Journey of the Lewis and Clark was the first to cross the entire continent and reach the Pacific. Trace Louis and Clarke's journey on a map.

**1804... Alexander Hamilton Killed**

**1807... Abolition of Slave Trade**

◀ The importation of slavery was banned in 1807. Why did the ban have little impact?

**... Embargo Act**

◀ Why did the British Attack the Chesapeake?

◀ Why did the Embargo Act Fail?

**... Non-Intercourse Act**

**1810... Macon's Bill**

**1812... War of 1812**

◀ What were the causes of the War of 1812?

◀ Why is the war sometimes called the second American Revolution?

**1814... Hartford Convention**

◀ Why did some of the attendees of the Hartford Convention believe in having some of the states withdraw from the Union?

◀ Were their arguments any different than the Southern arguments before the Civil War?

**... Treaty of Ghent**

**1816... Second Bank of the United States**

**1817... Era of Good Feeling**

◀ The "Era of Good Feeling" was the last period in American history without partisan politics. Why did this trend not last?

**1818 ... Seminole War**

◀ What were the causes of this war?

**1818... Rush Bagot Agreement**

**1819... Adams Onis Treaty**

**... First Steamship Crosses The Atlantic**

◀ What was the importance of the Savannah the first steamship to cross

the Atlantic?

... **Panic of 1819**

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## V. EXPANSION

This period in American history is marked by the rapid westward expansion of the United States. This expansion effected other underlying problems primary helping to widen the chasm between North and South over slavery and economic policies.

**A. Objective:** To examine the western expansion of the United States. To understand the issues problems surrounding slavery and the budding US economy and the effect expansion had on them.

**B. Important Terms:**

1. Missouri Compromise
2. Spoils Systems
3. Abolitionists
4. Tariffs
5. Nullification
6. Popular Election
7. Compact
8. Indian Removal
9. Texas Independence

**C. History Makers of the Expansion Period:**

1. Chief Osceoloa
2. Daniel Webster
3. Justice Marshall
4. Henry Clay
5. John Calhoun
6. Cyrus McCormick
7. Governor Morrison
8. Winfield Scott
9. Sam Houston
10. Samuel Morse
11. Santa Ana
12. James Monroe
13. John Quincy Adams
14. Andrew Jackson
15. Martin Van Buren
16. William Harrison
17. John Tyler
18. James Polk
19. Zachary Taylor

## 20. Sojourner's Truth

### D. General Issues and Questions For Further Discussion on the Expansion Period:

1. How did the Westward Expansion of the United States exasperate the divide between North and South during this period?
2. What were the causes of the Mexican American War?
3. What was the importance of the Age of Jackson?

### E. Major Events, Issues for Questions & Selected Exercises

#### 1820... Missouri Compromise

- ◀ Why did the issue of slavery come to the fore in 1820?
- ◀ What were the major compromises that made up the Missouri Compromise?
- ◀ Did the Missouri Compromise only lay the seeds for later conflict?

EXERCISE: DOCUMENT REVIEW: The Missouri Compromise was made up of a number of separate acts, have students read the different acts and then explain how they together make a compromise.

#### 1823... Monroe Doctrine

- ◀ What events precipitated the issuance of the doctrine?
- ◀ Many critics have claimed that the Monroe doctrine is an imperialistic doctrine. Was imperialism the driving force behind the doctrine?
- ◀ What have been the effects of the Monroe Doctrine?

#### 1824... Tariff Act of 1824

- ◀ What was the purpose of increasing tariffs?

#### 1825... Erie Canal Opened

- ◀ What was the importance of the Erie Canal?

EXERCISE: The program includes an in-depth account of the building of the canal by Secretary of State Seward, who at the time was a lawyer in New York. Assign the document to select students. Have them develop a time line for the building of the canal.

#### 1826... Panama Congress

#### 1828... Tariff of Abominations

- ◀ Why did most Northerners support high tariffs, while Southerners opposed it?
- ◀ How did high tariffs help manufacturers?

#### ... Age of Jackson

- ◀ What does it mean that Jackson was the first "popularly elected" President?
- ◀ What made Jackson a strong President?
- ◀ What is the "spoils system"?

EXERCISE: DOCUMENT REVIEW: Have students read the first hand account of Jackson's election from the document section. Explain why there was so much enthusiasm surrounding Jackson's election.

### **1829... Walker's Appeal**

- ◀ What pattern did Walker's Appeal begin?
- ◀ How did the appeal further the chasm between North and South?

### **... B& O Railroad Begun**

- ◀ What was the significance of the building of this railroad?

EXERCISE: Have students develop an ad campaign (print and or video) for the railroad and its expansion across the US.

EXERCISE: Hold a Town meeting. Divide the class between proponents for and opponents against the creation of the railroad.

### **1830... Indian Removal Act**

- ◀ What were the terms of the Indian Removal Act?
- ◀ President Jackson defied the Supreme Court over the Indian Removal Act. How and why?
- ◀ The Indian Removal act guaranteed the Indians the new land in the west in perpetuity. What happened to that guarantee?

EXERCISE: DOCUMENT REVIEW: John Marshall's decision in Cherokee Nation vs. Georgia is part of the document section. Review this document. Why did Marshall rule in favor of the Indians?

### **1831...Garrison Publishers "The Liberator"**

- ◀ Who were the "abolitionists"?
- ◀ What impact did the publishing of the Liberator have?

### **1832...Black Hawk War**

- ◀ The Black Hawk War was a war led by chief Black Hawk, and the Encroaching settlers. A year before his death Black Hawk stated:  
**"Rock River was a beautiful country. I liked my town, my cornfields, and the home of my people. I fought for them."**  
Comment.

### **1833...Carolina Tariff Nullification**

- ◀ The attempt by Carolina to nullify the tariff underlined a fundamental difference in understanding of the Union between the North and South.
- ◀ What were these differences?
- ◀ What did these differences portend for the future?
- ◀ How did Jackson end the crisis?

EXERCISE: Read the Document entitled: "Act for Enforcing the Tariff".  
Have students read the act and explain, how the tariff would be enforced.

The following selection appears as part of the Jackson's second Inaugural Address. Explain how this passage summarizes Jackson's view of the crisis and of the Union:

**"Deeply impressed with the truth of these observations, and under the obligation of that solemn oath which I am about to take, I shall continue to exert all my faculties to maintain the just powers of the Constitution and to transmit unimpaired to posterity the blessings of our Federal Union.** At the same time, it will be my aim to inculcate by my official acts the necessity of exercising by the General Government those powers only that are clearly delegated; to encourage simplicity and economy in the expenditures of the Government; to raise no more money from the people than may be requisite for these objects, and in a manner that will best promote the interests of all classes of the community and of all portions of the Union. Constantly bearing in mind that in entering into society "individuals must give up a share of liberty to preserve the rest," it will be my desire so to discharge my duties as to foster with our brethren in all parts of the country a spirit of liberal concession and compromise, and, by reconciling our fellow-citizens to those partial sacrifices which they must unavoidably make for the preservation of a greater good, to recommend our invaluable Government and Union to the confidence and affections of the American people."

### **1834... McCormick Grain Reaper**

### **1835... War with Seminoles**

#### **... Jackson Vs Bank of the United States**

- ◀ Why did Jackson oppose the Bank of United States?
- ◀ Have students read Jackson's message on the Bank and summarize his views.
- ◀ What was the purpose of Jackson's message?

#### **... Assassination attempt against Jackson**

### **1836... Texas Independence**

- ◀ Why did the Texans go to war to achieve independence at this time?
- ◀ Why did the Alamo fall?
- ◀ What were the results of the war?

### **1837...Panic of 1837**

- ◀ Why did Jackson limit the buying of land to those with gold or silver?
- ◀ Why did the end of speculative buying of land lead to an economic crisis?

#### **... Caroline Affair**

- ◀ What were the Canadian rebels fighting against?



### **1838... Aroostock War**

- ◀ The Aroostock war was the last time that British and Americans fought against each other. Why did it not expand into a larger war?

### **... Oberlin Admits Women**

### **1841... Harrison Dies in Office**

### **1842... Webster Ashburton Treaty**

### **1843... Sojourner Truth**

- ◀ Why did the speaking tour of Sojourner Truth have such an effect?

### **1844...Treaty of Wanghia**

- ◀ The importance of the Treaty of Wanghia is not so much the terms of the treaty, but the very fact that it took place. Comment- (The very fact that the United States engaged in such negotiation represented an expansion of American interests).

### **... Inter - City Telegraph**

- ◀ The telegraph began the communication revolution that continues to this day, what fundamental change did the telegraph bring about?

### **1845... Texas Annexed**

- ◀ Why did many of the Northern States oppose the annexation of Texas?
- ◀ Why did Texas want to be annexed?

### **1846...Oregon Treaty**

- ◀ The Oregon Treaty settled the last territorial dispute between Great Britain and the United States. What effect did it have on the west?

EXERCISE: DOCUMENT REVIEW: The Oregon Trail the first overland route to Oregon. Assign readings from Jesse Applegate's memoirs on the travails of the first group to make it to Oregon (available in MultiEducator's "Antebellum America" CD Rom).

### **... Mexican War**

- ◀ In retrospect it seems obvious that the United States was going to win the war with Mexico. At the time it was not so obvious. Why did the US win the war so easily? Use MultiEducator's "Antebellum America" to learn about individual battles of this war. Have students create a timeline of the war.

### **... Independent Treaty**

### **... Mormon's Settle Great Salt Lake**

- ◀ Religious liberty has always been an American hallmark. Why were the Mormons so severely persecuted?
- ◀ What does it say about the state of tolerance in America?

◀What other religious groups were attacked during this period?

**... Treaty of Guadeloupe Hidalgo**

◀ What were the terms of the peace treaty with Mexico?

◀ What were the long term effects of the Mexican American War?

**1849... Gold Discovered in California**

◀ What were the effects of gold being discovered in California?

◀ Did the discovery of gold in California effect the relations between North and South?

**F. Source Documents of the Expansion Period:**

1820- Compromise Of 1820- "Taylor Amendment"  
1820- Compromise Of 1820- "Report Of The Conference Committee"  
1820- Compromise Of 1820- "Tallmadge Amendment"  
1820- Compromise Of 1820- "Missouri Enabling Act"  
1820- Compromise Of 1820- "Thomas Amendment"  
1820- Missouri Compromise Of 1820- "A Historical Account"  
1821- Resolution For Admittance Of Missouri  
1823- Monroe Doctrine  
1823- Monroe Message  
1824- Gibson vs. Ogden  
1825- Building Of The Erie Canal  
1826- Death Of Adams AND Jefferson ON Same Day  
1828- American Insurance vs. Carter  
1828- Jackson's First Election As President  
1830- Jackson's Second Message On The Bank  
1830- Cherokee  
1830- Garrison & The "Liberator"  
1821- Monroe's 2nd Inaugural  
1825- John Quincy Adams' Inaugural Address  
1829- Jackson's Inaugural  
1832- Black Hawk War  
1832- Jackson's Bank Veto  
1832- Jackson's Message To The People Of S. Carolina  
1832- Jackson's Ordinance Of Nullification  
1832- Overthrow Of The Bank  
1833- Jackson's Paper Read To The Cabinet  
1833- Constitution Of American Anti-Slavery League  
1833- Contract Between The Girard Bank & The US  
1833- Taney's Instruction To The Collector At Philadelphia  
1833- Taney To Girard Bank

1836- Fall Of The Alamo  
1836- Houston's Seizure Of Texas  
1836- Jackson Message To Bank  
1836- Act To Regulate Deposits  
1837- Murder Of Lovejoy  
1840- Campaign Of 1840  
1845- Annexation Of Texas  
1846- Act For Prosecution Of The Mexican War  
1847- Independant Treasury Act  
1848- Treaty Of Guadeloupe-Hidalgo  
1833- Jackson's 2nd Inaugural  
1837- Van Buren's Inaugural  
1841- J.H.Harrison's Inaugural  
1845- Polk's Inaugural Address  
1849- Taylor's Inaugural Address



5. Could President Buchanan have done more to avoid war?
6. How important was the issue of slave rights in the decision to go to war?
7. Why do the words of Lincoln at Gettysburg resonate to this day?
8. How could the South, with its much smaller industrial and population base, ever have believed that it could ever defeat the larger North?

## **E. Major Events: Questions for Discussion & Selected Exercises**

### **1850... Compromise Of 1850**

- ◀ The Compromise of 1850 tried to give different constituencies what they wanted so they would all agree. Who got what?

#### **... Fugitive Slave Act**

- ◀ What was the Fugitive Slave Act?
- ◀ Why did Southern states want the Fugitive Slave Act passed?

#### **... California Gains Statehood**

- ◀ What was the effect of California gaining statehood?
- ◀ In a mere 30 years the United States was transformed from a country whose states were nearly all along the eastern seaboard, to a continental nation whose states were on both coasts. What was the impact of this change?

### **1851... Fugitive Slave Law**

- ◀ In 1851, the Fugitive Slave Law began being implemented. How did its implementation radicalize views on slavery?

### **1852... Uncle Tom's Cabin**

- ◀ Uncle Tom's Cabin was one of the best sellers in American history. Why was it so popular?

EXERCISE: Assign the reading of Uncle Tom's Cabin.

- ◀ What was the story?
- ◀ Is the writing compelling?

### **1853... Perry's Mission To Japan**

- ◀ What was the long term effect of Perry's Mission to Japan?

#### **... Gadsden Purchase**

### **1854... Fugitive Slave Returned**

- ◀ What was the effect of having a fugitive slave marched in shackles through the streets of Boston?

### **1854... Kansas Nebraska Act**

- ◀ What was the underlying principle that Senator Douglas fought for in the

Kansas Nebraska Act?

- ◀ Did the act solve anything or did it make war more likely?

### **1855...Ostend Manifesto**

### **1856...Bloody Kansas**

- ◀ Some people believe that the Civil War actually began in Kansas, Do you agree? Why or why not?

### **... Violence In Washington**

- ◀ The violence in Washington was symptom of an end to civility in American politics. What did this violence portend for the future?
- ◀ Are there any similarities between this event and own times?

### **... Compromise In Kansas**

- ◀ What compromise was reached over the future of Kansas?

### **1857... Panic Of 1857**

- ◀ How did the Panic of 1857 hasten the advent of the Civil War?

### **... Dred-Scott Decision**

- ◀ Justice Taney could have decided the Dred Scott decision on narrower grounds, instead he decided the issue broadly, why?
- ◀ What was the effect of the decision?

EXERCISE: DOCUMENT REVIEW: Have students examine the text of the decision itself.

- ◀ What were the major elements of the Dred Scott decision?

### **1858... Lincoln–Douglas Debates**

- ◀ What was the significance of the Lincoln–Douglas Debates?

### **1859... Telegraph Cable Across Atlantic**

- ◀ What was the significance of a trans-Atlantic cable?

### **... First Oil Well Started**

### **... John Brown Leads Revolt**

At John Brown's trial an attempt was made to claim that he was insane. This is what Brown said as he was being led to the gallows:

**"Now if it is deemed necessary that I should forfeit my life for the furtherance of the ends of justice, and mingle my blood further with the blood of my children and with blood of millions in this slave country whose rights are disregarded by the wicked, cruel and unjust enactment's, I say let it be done."**

- ◀ Was John Brown insane, or just a man before his time?

### **1860... Pony Express Service Begun**

- ◀ The Pony Express has had a very special place in America culture, yet it was used only for a short time before it was superceded by the rails. Why has the Pony Express been so romanticized?

### **... Democratic Party Splits**

- ◀ Why was the Democratic party unable to decide on a candidate?

### **... Lincoln Receives Presidential Nomination**

### **... Election Of 1860**

EXERCISE: Look at the Election Map of 1860.

Have students make a list of which candidate won the election in each of the states.

- ◀ What conclusions can be drawn from the election results?

### **... South Carolina Secedes**

- ◀ Why did South Carolina and then other Southern states secede even before Lincoln had been inaugurated or had taken any action?
- ◀ Lincoln made it clear that although he opposed slavery he would not attempt to end slavery in states that already had slavery, so why the need for such rash actions?

### **1861... Lincoln Inaugurated**

*NOTE: FOR ALL OF THE CIVIL WAR OBTAIN A COPY OF MultiEDUCATOR's "CIVIL WAR: AMERICA'S EPIC STRUGGLE". READ FIRST HAND ACCOUNTS AND LISTEN TO THE MULTIMEDIA PRESENTATIONS ON THE BATTLES.*

**This section contains five Multimedia presentations:**

- ▲ The first selection presents an overview of the causes of the war. In it, the author (for the only time in the program) expresses an opinion on an issue hotly disputed to this day. It is the author's opinion that the civil war was not fought only over the issue of slavery, it was the issue of slavery that caused the war.
- ▲ The second selection presents an overview of the civil war itself. It dramatically presents the major battles and their impact on the course of the war.
- ▲ The third and fourth presentations depict the two most bloody battles in American history, the battles of Antietam and Gettysburg.
- ▲ Finally, there is a dramatic reading of the Gettysburg Address.

### **... Ft. Sumter Bombed**

- ◀ Why were the first bullets fired at Ft. Sumter?

### **... Reaction To Ft. Sumter**

... **Battle Of Bull Run**

◀ Until Bull Run the expectation had been that the war would be a fast glorious affair, what happened to change that view?

**1862... Ft. Henry & Ft. Donelson**

- ... **Peninsular Campaign**
- ... **Battle Of Shiloh**
- ... **New Orleans Captured**
- ... **7 Days Campaign**
- ... **Second Bull Run**
- ... **Antietam**

◀ Antietam was the bloodiest day in American history, why?

- ... **Homestead Act**
- ... **Fredericksburg**

**1863... Emancipation Decree**

- ... **Chancellorsville**
- ... **Vicksburg Captured**
- ... **Battle Of Gettysburg**

◀ After their defeat at Gettysburg it was clear that the South had no chance to achieve victory. Why? And as such, why did they continue to fight?

- ... **Gettysburg Address**
- ... **Battle Of Chickamauga**
- ... **Battle Of Chattanooga**

**1864... 40 Days Campaign**

- ... **Battle Of Atlanta**
- ... **Siege Of Petersburg**

**1865... Lincoln's Second Inaugural**

- ... **War Comes To An End**
- ... **Lincoln Assassinated**

EXERCISE: Have students write a newspaper account of the President Lincoln's Assassination. Then read the Herald Tribune Account. Do the student accounts differ from the Tribune Account? How So?

EXERCISE: Write A Eulogy that highlights Lincoln's contributions to America.

EXERCISE: Examine the Lincoln Memorial in DC. What does This Express. Design A poster or monument to commemorate Lincoln's contribution To America. Compare the models.

**F. Source Documents From The Period of the Nation Divided:**

- 1850- Calhoun's Views On Slavery
- 1850- Report Of The Committee Of Thirteen
- 1850- Clay's Resolution
- 1850- Fugitive Slave Act
- 1850- Texas & New Mexico Act



1850- Utah Act  
1853- Treaty With Mexico  
1854- Douglas' Report  
1854- Kansas-Nebraska Act  
1857- Lecompton Constitution  
1860- South Carolina Ordinance Of Secession  
1861- Lincoln's First Inaugural Address  
1861- Blockade Of Southern Ports  
1861- Call For 75,000 Volunteers  
1861- Act For A National Loan  
1861- Act For Calling Out The Militia  
1861- Confederate Constitution  
1861- Enrollment Act  
1862- Act Abolishes Slavery In The District Of Columbia  
1862- Confiscation Act  
1862- Act For Additional Articles Of War  
1857- Dred Scott vs. Sanford  
1853- Pierce's Inaugural Address  
1857- Buchanan's Inaugural Address

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## VII. RECONSTRUCTION

The Section on Reconstruction covers the period from the end of the civil war to the end of Reconstruction. This section tells the story of three countries: 1) The industrial North that continued its march toward industrialization (an effort that was only accelerated by the civil war); 2) The South, which was under military occupation (where the rights of African American were strictly enforced) and finally, 3) The West (best exemplified by the building of the Transcontinental Railroad).

**A. Objective:** To Understand the goals of Reconstruction and whether they were effective.

**B. Important Terms:**

1. Impeachment
2. Tenure Act
3. Reconstruction
4. Greenbacks
5. Soft money
6. Black Friday
7. Political boss

**C. History Makers of the Period:**

- I. Andrew Johnson
- II. Ulysses Grant
- III. Rutherford Hayes
- IV. Seward
- V. Alexander Graham Bell

**D. General Issues for Discussion on Reconstruction:**

1. Why was Johnson impeached?
2. Why was he not convicted?
3. What was the importance of the Transcontinental Railroad?
4. What was the relationship between the finding of gold in the black hills and Custer's death?
5. Examine the various civil rights legislation during Reconstruction. (See documents). How different is it from the civil rights legislation of the 1960's?

**This section contains two multimedia presentations:**

- ◀ One presentation provides an overview of the whole period.
- ◀ The second presentation is on the building of the Transcontinental Railroad.

**E. Major Events, Relevant Questions and exercises:**

### **1865... 13th Amendment Passed**

- ◀ Why was it necessary to pass the 13<sup>th</sup> amendment?
- ◀ Why wasn't the Emancipation proclamation enough?
- ◀ What were the provisions of the 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment?

### **1867... Reconstruction Act**

- ◀ Why was it necessary to pass the Reconstruction Act?
- ◀ What actions did Southern States take?
- ◀ What were the main provisions of the Reconstruction Act?

### **... Alaska Purchase**

- ◀ The Alaska Purchase was known as "Seward's folly"; why?
- ◀ Who had the last laugh?

### **1868...Impeachment Of President Johnson**

- ◀ The immediate cause of President Johnson's impeachment was the Tenure of Office Act. What was the Tenure of Office Act?
- ◀ Was the Tenure of Office Act constitutional?
- ◀ What impeachment is? Explain.
- ◀ Why did the radicals want to impeach Johnson?

EXERCISE: Have the students read the Articles of Impeachment and summarize them. Hold a mock Impeachment trial.

### **1869... 15th Amendment**

- ◀ Why was it necessary to pass the 15<sup>th</sup> Amendment?
- ◀ What were the provisions of the 15<sup>th</sup> Amendment?

### **... Transcontinental Rail**

EXERCISE: Watch the multimedia presentation on its building. What effect did the railroad's building have?

### **... Service Established**

### **... Black Friday**

- ◀ What caused Black Friday?
- ◀ Was Black Friday different from any other speculative bubbles that burst?

### **... Women Granted Vote In Wyoming**

### **1871... Treaty Of Washington**

- ◀ What were the terms of the Treaty of Washington?

### **... Chicago Fire**

### **... Tweed Corruption In NY**

- ◀ What was the source of power for city bosses?

### **1873...Economic Panic Of 1873**

- ◀ What was the cause of the economic panic of 1873?
- ◀ Was it any different than any of the previous economic panics?

### **1875...Resumption Of Specie Act**

- ◀ What was the differences between hard money and soft money?

### **1876...Telephone Invented**

- ◀ What was the long term significance of the invention of the telephone?

#### **...Centennial Exposition**

#### **...Gold Discovered In The Black Hills**

- ◀ On whose land was gold discovered?

#### **...Custer Killed**

- ◀ Why was Custer at the little Big Horn?
- ◀ Whose land was the Little Big Horn?
- ◀ What effect did gold have in Custer's defeat at the Little Big Horn?

### **1877...End Of Reconstruction**

- ◀ Why was Reconstruction ended?
- ◀ What was the effect of the end of Reconstruction?

**F. Source Documents in this section:**

1865- Freedman Bureau  
1865- Johnson's Proclamation Of Amnesty  
1866- Civil Rights Act Of 1866  
1866- Restoration Of Tennessee  
1867- Alaska Purchase  
1867- Command Of The Army  
1867- First Reconstruction Act  
1867- Franchise In The District Of Columbia  
1867- Second Reconstruction Act  
1867- Elective Franchise In the Territories  
1867- Third Reconstruction Act  
1867- Tenure Of Office Act  
1867- Act Admitting Arkansas  
1868- Articles Of Impeachment  
1868- Fourth Reconstruction  
1868- Act Admitting South Carolina  
1868- Oath Of Office  
1868- 14th Amendment  
1869- Reconstruction Of Georgia  
1869- Provisional Governments Of Virginia, Texas, And Mississippi  
1869- Veazie Bank vs. Fenno  
1869- Act To Strengthen Public Credit  
1869- Act To Admit Virginia  
1870- Restoration Of Georgia  
1871- Act To Enforce The 14th Amendment  
1871- Act To Enforce The 15th Amendment  
1872- Act Removing Political Disabilities  
1873- Coinage Act  
1873- Second Civil Rights Act  
1875- Resumption Of Species  
1865- Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address  
1869- Grant's Inaugural Address  
1873- Grant's Second Inaugural Address



## VIII. INDUSTRIAL AGE

This section of the program deals with the transformation of the United States from a largely rural nation to one in which nearly half of the nation lived in cities. It was a period when the United States became one of the leading industrial nations on earth. The transformation also came at a significant social cost. It became the period of the first large scale strikes in American history. From the railroads to the steel mills, striking workers began to become part of the American landscape.

A. **Objective:** To learn how the US was transformed from a largely agricultural country into an industrial one.

**B. Important Terms:**

1. Brand Allison Act
2. Pork Legislation
3. Civil Service
4. Spoils System
5. Pooling
6. Interstate Commerce
7. Anti-trust
8. Suffrage
9. Conservationist

**C. History Makers**

Edison  
Coxey  
Sanford Dole  
Alexander Graham Bell

**D. General Issues for Discussion on Industrialization:**

1. What are the major technological changes that took place during this period?
2. How did those technological changes effect social issues in the United States?
3. Why did the issues of tariffs become such a central issue to American politics?

**There is a multimedia overview of the this period.**

**This section also includes a complete presentation on the Chicago Fair of 1892.**

This presentation includes over one hundred photographs.

**\* Finally, this section includes the first video presentation in the program.**

The clip, one of Edison's earliest films (about Ellis Island) is presented.

## **D. Major Events, Question For Further Discussion and Selected Exercises:**

### **1877... First National Rail Strike**

- ◀ What caused the first National Rail Strike?
- ◀ How did the government react?

### **... Edison Invents Phonograph**

### **1878... Brand-Allison Act**

- ◀ Who favored the Brand-Allison Act?
- ◀ What were its provisions?

### **1879... Electric Light Invented**

### **1880... Chinese Treaty Of 1880**

- ◀ Who favored the Chinese Treaty of 1880?
- ◀ What did it accomplish?

### **1881... President Garfield Assassinated**

- ◀ Sometimes good things come out of terrible events.  
What good came from Garfield's assassination?

### **1882... River And Harbor Act**

- ◀ Who did the River and Harbors Act benefit?

### **1883... Pendelton Act**

- ◀ The Pendelton Act Created a Civil Service.  
What was the impetus for creating civil servants?
- ◀ What was wrong with the current system?

### **... Modern Navy Created**

- ◀ Why was 1883 considered the birth of the modern Navy?

### **... Brooklyn Bridge Completed**

### **... Mongrel Tariff Enacted**

- ◀ The Mongrel Tariff began an ongoing period where the level of tariffs was highly disputed. Why was this important?

### **1886... Presidential Succession Act**

... **Haymarket Bomb Blast**

- ◀ What was the effect of the Haymarket Bombing?

**1887... Pension Act**

... **Commerce Act**

- ◀ The Commerce Act was the first act to regulate the railroads.  
What actions the Commerce Act trying to control?

EXERCISE: DOCUMENT REVIEW: Have students examine the text of the Commerce Act.  
What provisions are called for in the Commerce Act?

... **Hatch Act**

**1889... Oklahoma Land Rush**

- ◀ Why was there such a rush to settle the Oklahoma Territory?
- ◀ Under whose jurisdiction had the Oklahoma Territory been?

EXERCISE: DOCUMENT REVIEW: Read the first-hand account on the land rush to get a feeling of what this period was like.

... **Johnston Flood**

**1890... Sherman Anti-Trust Act**

- ◀ Why was the Sherman Anti-Trust Act created?
- ◀ What were the provisions of this anti-trust act?

... **Womans' Suffrage Groups Merge**

- ◀ What was the goal of these suffrage groups?

... **McKinley Tariff**

... **Wounded Knee**

- ◀ The Massacre at Wounded Knee was the final battle in the American Indian Wars. Was this end was fitting? Comment.

**1891... Yellowstone 1st National Park**

- ◀ Yellowstone Nation Park was the first American Nation Park to open.  
Who was responsible for bringing this about?

**1892... Ellis Island Opens**

- ◀ What was the purpose of Ellis Island?

... **Steel Strike Crushed**

- ◀ What was the cause of the steel strike?
- ◀ Why was the state militia called in?

... **Great Chicago Fair**

The Chicago Fair of 1892 was the grandest of fairs. Visit this fair-of-fairs by



exploring the program's movie on the exhibition. This presentation includes over one hundred full screen photographs from the fair.

EXERCISE: Create a fair of your own. Highlight the birth of the industrial age, the information age, or the transition from there to here.

### **1893... Revolt In Hawaii**

- ◀ What was the cause of the Hawaiian Revolt?
- ◀ Why did the US annex Hawaii?

### **... Panic Of 1893**

- ◀ Were the causes of the Panic of 1893 any different from the causes of the previous economic crises?

### **... Repeal Of Silver Act**

### **1894... Coxey's Army Marches On Washington**

- ◀ What were Coxey's demand?
- ◀ In retrospect, were Coxey's demands particularly radical?

### **... Pullman Rail Strike**

- ◀ What were the causes of the Pullman rail strike?
- ◀ Was there any difference between the rail strike and other strikes of the era, (such as the steel strike)?

### **1896... Venezuelan Boundary Dispute**

- ◀ Why did Great Britain agree to arbitration in the Venezuelan border dispute?

### **... Separate, But Equal**

- ◀ What was the decision taken in Plessey vs Ferguson?
- ◀ How did the Supreme Court justify the decision?
- ◀ What was the effect of the decision?

### **1897... Dingley Tariff**

## **E. Source Documents From the Industrialization Period:**

- 1877- Electoral Count Act
- 1878- Brand-Allison Act
- 1878- Silver Act
- 1880- Treaty Regulating Chinese Immigration
- 1882- Chinese Exclusion Act
- 1883- Civil Service Act
- 1884- Julliard vs. Greenman
- 1887- Interstate Commerce Act

1890- Anti-Trust Act  
1890- Repeal Of Silver Purchase Act  
1896- Plessy vs. Ferguson  
1877- Hayes' Inaugural Address  
1881- Garfield's Inaugural Address  
1885- Cleveland's Inaugural Address  
1889- Benjamin Harrison's Inaugural Address  
1893- Cleveland's Second Inaugural Address

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## **IX. WORLD STAGE**

This section of the program covers the emergence of the United States on the world stage. It was also the first period of strong Presidential leadership in American history since Abraham Lincoln. Theodore Roosevelt was the first “modern” President. This period also marked the beginning of the Progressive era– an era marked by the first government regulation of business for the benefit of the employees.

**A. Objective:** To Learn how the transformation of the United States into a World Power effected both the US and the world.

**B. Important Terms:**

1. Rough Riders
2. Remember the Maine
3. Muckrakers
3. Dollar Diplomacy
4. Great White Fleet

**C. History Makers of the Period**

- VI. Wilbur and Orville Wright
- VII. Henry Ford
- VIII. Upton Sinclair
- IX. Robert Perry
- X. W.E.B. Dubois
- XI. William Randolph Hearst
- XII. William McKinley
- XIII. Theodore Roosevelt
- XIV. Howard Taft
- XV. Woodrow Wilson

**D. General Issues for Discussion regarding America's Entrance on to the World Stage:**

- ▲ What made President Theodore Roosevelt the first “modern” President?
- ▲ What convinced the government to pass the first child labor laws?
- ▲ Why did the United States intervene on the side of the Allies in World War I?

**There are two multimedia presentations in this section.**

The first, presents an overview of the entire period.

The second presents the San Francisco earthquake.

There are also video clip of the **San Francisco Earthquake and World War I**

## **E. Major Events, Questions for Discussion and Exercises**

### **1898... War with Spain**

- ◀ What were the causes of the War with Spain?
- ◀ How important was the sinking of the Maine?
- ◀ Why was the war so one sided?

### **1899... Philippine Rebellion**

- ◀ Why did the Philippine rebel?
- ◀ Explaining why the United States had to maintain control of the Philippines President McKinley stated:

**"We could not leave them to themselves- they were unfit for self-government and they would soon have anarchy and misrule over there, worse than Spain's was... (and that) there was nothing left for us to do but take them all, and educate the Filipinos and uplift and Christianize them."**

Comment.

### **1900... Boxer Rebellion**

- ◀ The Boxer Rebellion was the first time that the United States took part in a multinational force. Comment on the relevance America's actions.

### **1901... McKinley Assassinated**

### **1903... Henry Ford Produces Model A**

#### **... Wright Brothers Fly**

- ◀ 1903 was an important year for technology. The Wright Brothers flew for the first time, and Henry Ford started producing cars at a price that was affordable to the masses. How did these two events effect the 20<sup>th</sup> century?

EXERCISE: DOCUMENT REVIEW: Read the first-hand account of the Wright Brothers' first flight.

### **1903... Panama Canal**

- ◀ Why was the United States interested in building the Panama Canal?

### **1904... Roosevelt Corollary**

- ◀ What was the Roosevelt Corollary to the Monroe Doctrine?
- ◀ How did the Roosevelt Corollary add to the original Monroe Doctrine?

### **1905... Russo Japanese War**

- ◀ Why did Roosevelt's mediation of the Russo-Japanese War indicate a changing role for the United States in world affairs?

### **1906... San Francisco Earthquake**

#### **1906... Food and Drugs Receive Federal Control**

- ◀ Whose actions caused the Federal government to begin to regulate food and drugs?
- ◀ What did these new regulations set out to accomplish?
- ◀ What was the book “Jungle” about?

#### **1907...Gentlemen's Agreement**

- ◀ What was the essence of the Gentleman’s Agreement?

#### **...Great White Fleet Sails**

- ◀ What was the effect of the trip of the Great White Fleet?
- ◀ Why was it called the “Great White Fleet”?

#### **1908... Conservation Commission**

#### **1909... Robert Perry Arrives at the North Pole**

##### **... Dollar Diplomacy**

- ◀ What was “Dollar Diplomacy”?
- ◀ How does “Dollar Diplomacy” compare to America’s policy in China today?

#### **1910... N.A.A.C.P. Founded**

- ◀ What was the purpose of the N.A.A.C.P.?

#### **1911... Triangle Fire**

- ◀ The Triangle fire publicized the terrible working conditions in the garment industry. What was the result of the publicity?

##### **... Standard Oil Broken Up**

- ◀ Why was Standard Oil broken up? Under what law was it done?

#### **1912... Marines Intervene in Nicaragua**

- ◀ Why did the United States intervene in Nicaragua?

##### **... Lodge Corollary**

- ◀ What was the Lodge Corollary?
- ◀ What would Lodge have said about the purchase of Chrysler by Daimler Benz?

#### **1913... Suffragettes March on Washington**

##### **... Senators Elected Directly**

- ◀ Why was it necessary to pass a constitutional amendment to require direct elections of Senators?
- ◀ What was wrong with having state legislatures elect Senators?

**... Underwood Tariff**

- ◀ What were the two major purposes of tariffs?
- ◀ What began to replace tariffs as a source of revenue?

**... Federal Reserve Act**

- ◀ What was the purpose of the Federal Reserve Act?
- ◀ Was the new Federal Reserve all that different from the Bank of the United States established over 100 years earlier by Hamilton?

**1914... US Intervenes in Mexico**

- ◀ Why did the US intervene in Mexico?

**... Panama Canal Opened**

- ◀ What was the effect of the opening of the Panama Canal?

**Watch the presentation that explains the building of the canal.**

**... Clayton Anti-Trust Legislation**

- ◀ What did the Clayton Anti-Trust Legislation add to existing law?

EXERCISE: Have students read the law and summarized its major points.

**... World War I Breaks Out**

- ◀ What was America's position with the outbreak of the war?

**1915... Lusitania Sunk**

- ◀ What was the effect of the sinking of the Lusitania?

**1916... Pershing Leads Expedition in Mexico**

- ◀ Why did the United States intervene in Mexico in 1916?

**... Child Labor Law Passed**

**... US Troops Intervene in Dominican Republic**

**1917... US Enters World War I**

- ◀ Why did the United States enter the war when it did?

**1918... US Intervenes in Russia**

- ◀ Why did the allies intervene in the Russian Civil War?
- ◀ Were the stated goals of the United States any different than its actual goals?

**... Armistice Signed in Europe**

**1919... Versailles Agreement**

◀ What were the terms of the Versailles Agreement?



## **X. THE TWENTIES**

The Twenties was a short, but unique, period in American history. It was a period dominated in many ways by the prohibition. It was the first period in American History in which the doors closed to immigrants the world over. Finally, the Twenties was a period of Republican Presidents– who in stark contrast to the activist Presidents that preceded them believed in the minimum government intervention in the affairs of the nations.

**A. Objective:** To learn what was unique about this period in American History .

**B. Important Terms:**

1. Volstead Act
2. League of Nations
3. Quota
4. Suffrage

**C. History Makers:**

1. Charles Lindbergh
2. Warren Harding
3. Calvin Coolidge

**D. General Issues for Discussion on America in the 1920's:**

- ▲ Why did the Congress vote to limit immigration?
- ▲ How did women's suffrage influence American politics?
- ▲ In what way did Harding and Coolidge differ from their predecessors?

**This section of the program includes an overview of the period of the Twenties.**

**E. Major Events, Questions For Discussion and Exercises:**

**1920... Prohibition Begun**

- ◀ The attempt to outlaw liquor purchase had been going on since the Revolutionary War.  
Why was Prohibition passed now?
- ◀ What did the supporters of Prohibition hope to accomplish?

**EXERCISE:** Hold a Town meeting to debate the pros and cons of prohibition.

Allow proponents of each side to develop campaigns to further their cause.

### ... **Participation In League Rejected**

- ◀ What was the purpose of the League of Nations?
- ◀ What was the main reason for opposition to the League?
- ◀ Was the fear of opponents justified?

EXERCISE: DOCUMENT REVIEW: Read Senator Borah speech on the League.  
Have students summarize his views.

### ... **Woman's Suffrage**

- ◀ Why did women finally gain the right to vote in 1920?

### 1921... **Immigration Quota**

- ◀ This act marked the first time that an actual immigration quota was imposed.  
However, it was not the first time restrictions were placed on immigration.  
Name some earlier attempts at immigration restriction.
- ◀ Who were the supporters of immigration restriction and what were their arguments?
- ◀ Who supported open door immigration and what were their arguments?

### ... **Bureau Of Budget**

### 1922... **Washington Naval Convention**

- ◀ What was the purpose of Washington Naval Conference?
- ◀ Was the Washington Naval Conference successful?

EXERCISE: DOCUMENT REVIEW: Have students review the treaty itself.  
What were the major provisions?

### ... **Fordney-McCumber Tariff**

- ◀ What was the main purpose of raising the tariff under Fordney McCumber bill?

### 1923... **Klu Klux Klan Exposed**

- ◀ Who were the main targets of the Klu Klux Klan?
- ◀ What was the cause of the drop of membership in the Klan?

### ... **Harding Dies In Office**

### 1924... **Immigration Receives Further Cut**

- ◀ What was the effect of the Johnson-Reed Act?
- ◀ Why was the Johnson-Reed Act passed?

### ... **Teapot Dome Scandal**

- ◀ Was the Teapot Dome Scandal an isolated incident?

### 1927... **Television Invented**



**... Lindbergh Crosses the Atlantic**

- ◀ What made Charles Lindbergh such an American hero?

**1928... Kellogg-Brian Pact**

- ◀ What was the purpose of the Kellogg Brian Pact?
- ◀ Is it possible to outlaw war?
- ◀ What did participants hope to accomplish?

EXERCISE: DOCUMENT REVIEW: Have the students read the pact itself.  
What were the major provisions?

**F. Documents From the period of the Twenties:**

- 1920- Missouri vs. Holland
- 1920- Volstead Act
- 1920- Transportation Act
- 1921- Budget Act
- 1921- Duplex Printing vs. Deering
- 1921- Peace Treaty With Germany
- 1921- Harding's Inaugural Address
- 1922- War Debt Commission
- 1922- Naval Limitations Treaty
- 1923- Wolff Packing Co. vs. Kansas Court Of Industrial Relations
- 1924- Immigration Act Of 1924
- 1924- Indian Citizenship
- 1925- Coolidge's Inaugural Address
- 1926- Senate Resolution To Adhere To World Court
- 1926- Myers vs. United States
- 1928- Kellogg Peace Pact
- 1928- Hoover's Acceptance Speech



**XI. DEPRESSION/WAR**

The Depression /War section of the program covers one of the most tumultuous periods in American and World History. During this period America and the world descended into the deepest economic depression in modern history. In a short period of time over 30% of Americans found themselves

unemployed. It was a period of profound despair among many people. Americans elected Franklin Roosevelt as President in response to this despair. The Roosevelt Presidency began with the stirring words "The only Thing We Have to Fear, is Fear Itself". FDR was true to his words. Eventhough he could not cure all the underlying economic causes of the depression, his massive government program managed to alleviate much of the greatest suffering. Franklin Roosevelt's Presidency spanned most of the Depression and lasted an unprecedented 12 years 2 months. Roosevelt successfully shepherded the United States through World War II, and for better or worse, helped shape the post-war world.

**A. Objective:** To learn about the Depression, the growth of government under FDR and WWII.

**B. Important Terms**

1. Neutrality Act
2. Allies
3. Axis
4. Lend Lease
5. TVA
6. 100 days
7. Bonus Army
8. Reconstruction Finance Corporation
9. WPA
10. Social Security
11. D-Day

**C. History Makers:**

1. Winston Churchill
2. Dwight Eisenhower
3. Adolph Hitler
4. Harry Hopkins
5. George Marshall
6. Douglas McCarthur
7. Benito Mussolini
8. Chester Nimitz
9. Senator Nye
10. Eleanor Roosevelt
11. Franklin Roosevelt
12. Stalin

**D. General Issues For Further Discussion on the Depression and World War II:**

- ▲ What actions did Roosevelt take in his first 100 days in office?
- ▲ Did the actions of the New Deal solve the problem of the Depression?
- ▲ Why were the Neutrality Acts Passed?
- ▲ How did the United States help the allies before entering into World War II?

This section includes a multimedia summary on the depression and WWII periods.

## E. Major Events, Questions for Discussion, and Selected Exercises:

### 1929... Stock Market Crash

- ◀ What were the causes of the stock market crash?
- ◀ How did the stock market crash facilitate the start of the Great Depression?

### 1930... Hawley-Smoot Tariff

- ◀ Why did supporters of the Hawley Smoot Tariff believe it would help fight the depression?
- ◀ Why did the tariff not work?

### ... Japan Invades Manchuria

- ◀ Why was the Japanese invasion of Manchuria the first step on the road to war?

### 1932... Reconstruction Finance Corp.

- ◀ What was the purpose of the Reconstruction Finance Corp?
- ◀ How did Hoover's actions to fight the depression differ from those of Roosevelt?
- ◀ How does the RFC embody the concept of trickle down economics?

### ... Bonus Army

- ◀ What did the Bonus Army want?
- ◀ How did Hoover react to the Bonus Army's March?

### ... Hitler Comes To Power

### 1933... New Deal Begun

- ◀ What action did Roosevelt take to stem the depression?
- ◀ What were the 100 days?
- ◀ Were the actions that Roosevelt took effective?

EXERCISE: DOCUMENT REVIEW: Read Roosevelt's New Deal speech and summarize it.

### ...Prohibition Repealed

- ◀ Why was the prohibition repealed?

### ...Tennessee Valley Authority Created

- ◀ What was the purpose of the TVA?
- ◀ Why was it needed?
- ◀ Did it succeed?

### 1935... N.I.R.A. Act Illegal

- ◀ Why was the National Industrial Relations Act ruled illegal?
- ◀ What was the effect of this decision?

### ... W.P.A. Created

- ◀ What was the WPA?

◀ What was the WPA supposed to do?

... **Social Security Act**

◀ For whom was the Social Security Act targeted?

◀ Why was the Social Security Act considered radical at the time?

... **Neutrality Act Of 1935**

◀ Why was there so much support for the Neutrality Act?

◀ What was happening in the world as a backdrop for the first Neutrality Act?

... **DC-3 Enters Commercial Service**

**1936... Neutrality Act Of 1936**

**1937... Neutrality Act Of 1937**

◀ How did the Neutrality Acts of 1936 and 1937 extend US neutrality?

◀ What were their major provisions?

... **President Calls For "Quarantine Of Aggressors"**

◀ Was Roosevelt in pace with the rest of the United States when he gave his speech calling for a “quarantine of aggressors”?

... **USS Panay Attacked**

◀ What is the background of the attack by the Japanese on the Panay?

**1938... Minimum Wage Set**

◀ What is the purpose of a minimum wage?

**1939... Hatch Act Passed**

◀ What was the purpose of the Hatch Act?

◀ What did the Hatch Act accomplish?

EXERCISE: DOCUMENT REVIEW: Read the Hatch Act itself.

How does the Hatch Act effect today’s efforts by the President and the Vice President to solicit contributions?

... **Poland Invaded**

... **Neutrality Act Of 1939**

◀ Why was the Neutrality Act repealed?

**1940... Paris Falls**

◀ What was the effect in the United States of Paris falling?

**1941... Four Freedoms**

◀ What were the Four Freedoms that President Roosevelt enunciated?

... **Lend-Lease Approved**

◀ What was the idea of the Lend-Lease?

◀ How important was the Lend-Lease?

**... Japan Seizes Indo-China**

◀ What was the American response to the Japanese seizure of Indo-China?

**... Mandate To End Federal Discrimination**

◀ This was the first federal act since Reconstruction to fight discrimination.  
What took so long?

**... Atlantic Charter**

◀ What were the major features of the Atlantic Charter?

**... Draft Extended By One Vote**

◀ How was it possible that with the world engulfed in war, the draft was only extended by one vote?

**... US Destroyer Attacked**

**... Pearl Harbor Attacked**

**... US Declares War On Japan And Germany**

**1942... Japanese Americans Interned**

◀ Why were Japanese Americans interned?

**... Doolittle's Bombers Attack Tokyo**

**... Battle Of Coral Sea**

**... Philippines Fall**

**... Battle Of Midway**

◀ Why is the Battle of Midway considered a turning point in the war?

**... Invasion Of Guadalcanal**

**1943... Casablanca Conference**

◀ What was the major decision of the Casablanca Conference?

**...Allies Land In Italy**

**...Teheran Conference**

◀ The Teheran Conference was the first conference where the three major allies leader met. What was decided?

**1944...Rome Liberated**

**...Bretton-Woods Conference**

**...D-Day**

**...Dumbarton-Oaks Conference**

...**Battle Of The Bulge**  
...**Roosevelt Runs For The Fourth Term**

**1945... US Forces Land On Iwo Jima**

... **US Forces Land On Okinawa**

... **Yalta Conference**

- ◀ The decisions at the Yalta Conference were very controversial?
- ◀ What were the major issues controversies?

EXERCISE: DOCUMENT REVIEW: Have students read Roosevelt's speech when he returned from Yalta?

Listen to part of the speech from the video?

What strikes you about how Roosevelt looks?

... **F.D.R. Dies**

... **Charter Of UN**

- ◀ The United States failed to join the League of Nations. Why was the UN different?

... **Germans Surrender**

... **Potsdam Conference**

- ◀ Where any major agreements reached at the Potsdam Conference?

... **Atomic Bomb Dropped**

- ◀ The decision to drop the Atomic bomb was not controversial in 1945.  
Why has the decision become so controversial today?

#### **F. Event Entries Featuring Video Clips:**

- Bonus Army
- Japan Invades Manchuria
- Hitler Comes to Power
- Neutrality Act of 1937
- USS Panay Attacked
- Poland Invaded
- Paris Falls
- Four Freedoms Speech
- Lend Lease Approved
- Draft Extended by 1 Vote
- Pearl Harbor Attacked
- Yalta Conference
- FDR Dies
- German Surrender

- Japanese Surrender

**G. Source documents From the WW II period:**

- 1933- F.D.R.- First Inaugural
- 1933- F.D.R.- The Banking Crisis
- 1933- Tennessee Valley Authority
- 1933- Emergency Railroad Act
- 1933- Agriculture Declaration Of Emergency
- 1933- National Recovery Act
- 1934- Ashwander vs. Tennessee Valley Authority
- 1934- Social Security
- 1934- Home Building
- 1934- Taylor Act
- 1935- Grosjean vs. American Press
- 1935- National Labor Relations Act
- 1935- Railroad Retirement Board vs. Alton
- 1936- United States vs. Curtis Wright
- 1937- Neutrality Act
- 1937- Herndon vs. Lowry
- 1937- Helvering vs. Davis
- 1937- NLRB vs. Jones & Laughlin Steel
- 1937- West Coast vs. Parrish
- 1939- Hatch Act
- 1940- Lend-Lease Act
- 1941- Four Freedoms
- 1941- Mitchell vs. United States
- 1941- War Message
- 1943- Hirabayashi vs. United States
- 1945- United Nations Participation
- 1937- F.D. Roosevelt's 2nd Inaugural Address
- 1941- Franklin D. Roosevelt's 3rd Inaugural Address



## **XII. POST-WAR**

The Post-War period in US history is dominated by the Cold War. It was a period in which America dominated the world stage— the only major belligerent in the war not devastated WWII. The United States had two presidents during this period— Harry Truman and Dwight D. Eisenhower. Truman became President upon the death of President Roosevelt and, much to the surprise of many, Truman won re-election. Truman was succeeded by General Eisenhower, the hero of World War II. Eisenhower’s presidency was fundamentally different from that of his predecessors, both in style and substance. The Post-War period is also marked by the Korean War, one of the two hot wars fought by the United States during the cold war.

**A. Objective:** To learn about the Cold War and its effects on the United States.

### **B. Important Terms:**

1. McCarthyism
2. Baruch Plan
3. Nuremberg Trials
4. Truman Doctrine
5. Marshall Plan
6. Taft Hartley
7. Black List
8. H- Bomb

### **C. History Makers:**

1. Bernard Baruch
2. George Marshall
3. Dean Acheson
4. The Rosenbergs

### **D. General Issues for Discussion on Post War America:**

- ▲ What was the Marshall Plan
- ▲ Why was the Marshall Plan proposed?
- ▲ What was the Marshall Plan’s effect?
- ▲ What was the Truman Doctrine?
- ▲ Why did the United States intervene in the Korean War?
- ▲ What impact did Senator Joseph McCarthy have on American society?
- ▲ What was the importance of the Supreme Court decision in Brown vs. Board of Education.

**There is a multimedia overview of this period in American history.**



## **D. Major Events, Questions For Discussion and Selected Exercises:**

### **1946... Iron Curtain Descends On Europe**

- ◀ What events took place in Europe to convince Winston Churchill to give his Iron Curtain speech?

#### **... Baruch Plan For Atomic Control**

- ◀ How did the Baruch Plan call for control of atomic weapons?
- ◀ Why did the Soviets reject the US proposal?
- ◀ How might have history been different if the Baruch Plan had been accepted?

#### **... Nuremberg Trials**

- ◀ What was unique about the Nuremberg Trials?

### **1947... Truman Doctrine**

- ◀ What was the background for the issuance of the Truman Doctrine?
- ◀ What did the Doctrine attempt to accomplish?

EXERCISE: DOCUMENT REVIEW: Have students review President Truman's address to the Congress. What were the major points that were addressed?

#### **... Marshall Plan**

- ◀ What events taking place in Europe prompted Secretary of State Marshall to propose his plan?
- ◀ What were the major elements of the Marshall Plan?
- ◀ Some people characterize the Marshall Plan as one of the most altruistic acts in history. Other consider the Marshall Plan just an act of enlightened self-interest. Comment.

EXERCISE: DOCUMENT: Examine Marshall's speech. What was the condition of Europe at the time described by the Marshall Plan?

#### **... Taft-Hartley Act**

- ◀ What did the Taft-Hartley Act accomplish?

#### **... Yaeger Breaks Sound Barrier**

#### **... Hollywood Black List**

- ◀ What was the Black List?
- ◀ What does it tell us about America of the time?

### **1948... US Recognizes Israel**

#### **... Berlin Airlift**

- ◀ Why was there a need to organize an airlift?
- ◀ What was the effect of the airlift?

**1949... Soviet Detonate A-Bomb**

- ◀ What was the effect of the Soviets detonating an A- Bomb?

**1950... Korean War Begins**

- ◀ Why did the United States intervene in Korea?
- ◀ What historic event seems to have dominated American decision making in the early days of the Korean crisis?

**... Truman Announces National Emergency**

**1951... 22nd Amendment**

- ... US Detonates H-Bomb**
- ... First Electronic Computer**

**1952... High Court Rules**

- ... Steel Seizure Illegal**
  - ◀ Why did Truman seize the steel mills?

EXERCISE: DOCUMENT REVIEW: Read the Supreme Court Decision.  
Why was Truman's seizure unconstitutional?

**... New Immigration Quota**

- ... Goes Into Effect**
  - ◀ Why did Congress want to pass a new immigration quota?

**1953... Rosenbergs Executed**

- ... Korean War End**
  - ◀ How did the Korean War end?
- ... Nautilus Launched**
  - ◀ What was the importance of having atomic powered submarines?

**1954... McCarthy Hearings**

- ◀ What was McCarthyism?
- ◀ What stopped Senator McCarthy?

**1954... Segregation Illegal?**

- ◀ What were the conclusions of the case Brown vs. Bd. of Education?
- ◀ What was the long term impact of the decision?

EXERCISE: DOCUMENT REVIEW: Have Students read the actual decision.  
What were Justice Marshall's major arguments?

**... S.E.A.T.O. Formed**

- ◀ What was SEATO?

**1955... Geneva Summit**

- ◀ What was the importance of the Geneva Conference?

**1956... US Condemns: Israel, France and Britain**

- ◀ Why did the US oppose Israeli, France and British action at Suez?

**... Soviets Invade Hungary**

**1957... Federal Troops Desegregate Little Rock**

- ◀ Why did local authorities refuse to desegregate Little Rock High School?
- ◀ What law were they defying?

EXERCISE: DOCUMENT REVIEW: Read Eisenhower's speech about the Little Rock.  
What compelled Eisenhower to act?

**1958... Marines Go To Lebanon**

- ◀ What compelled the United States to intervene in Lebanon?

**... Explorer I Launched**

**... 707 Service Begun**

**1959... St. Lawrence Seaway Opened**

- ◀ What did building of the St. Lawrence seaway accomplish?

**1960... U-2 Downed**

- ◀ Why did the US fly U-2 spy planes over the Soviet Union?
- ◀ What was the effect of the downing of the plane

**F. Event Entries Featuring Video Clips**

1. Truman Doctrine
2. Berlin Airlift
3. Soviets Detonate A- Bomb
4. Korean War Begins
5. US Detonates H- Bomb
6. Rosenbergs Executed
7. Korean War Ends
8. McCarthy Hearings
9. Marines Go To Lebanon
10. Explorer I Launched

## 11. St. Lawrence Seaway Opens

### G. Source Documents From the Post-War Period:

- 1947- Marshall Statement To The Senate
- 1947- Taft-Hartley Act
- 1947- Truman Doctrine
- 1952- Youngstown Sheet & Tube vs. Sawyer
- 1954- Brown vs. Bd. Of Ed.
- 1954- United States vs. Lattimore
- 1957- Civil Right Act
- 1958- US Troops To Lebanon
- 1958- President Eisenhower On Little Rock
- 1958- N.A.A.C.P. vs. Alabama
- 1949- Truman's Inaugural Address
- 1953- Eisenhower's Inaugural Address
- 1957- Eisenhower's 2nd Inaugural Address



## XIII. SIXTIES

The Sixties began with unparalleled hope and expectations. It ended in despair. The Sixties was a period of unparalleled violence in American life. It was an era that saw the assassination of a President, his brother, then a Presidential candidate, a Nobel Prize winning Civil Rights leader and others. It was a period when violence on campuses seemed to become the norm. From 1964 on America became dominated by the Vietnam War, often the catalyst for much dissension. Yet, in other arenas the 60's was a period of great accomplishment. African Americans received full legal rights during this decade. It was a time when the modern women's liberation was born, with the printing of the "Feminine Mystique". The decade closes with the resignation of President Nixon in the aftermath of the Watergate scandal.

One of the most in-depth ways of learning about the Sixties is to use MultiEducator's CD entitled: "The Sixties: America 1960-1970". This multimedia title includes presentations on all the major issues, videos, as well as special sections on the Space Race, the Vietnam War and Society and Culture.

**A. Objectives:** To learn what was special about the Sixties. To understand the civil rights movement and learn about the War in Vietnam.

### B. Important Terms:

1. Tonkin Gulf Resolution
2. Cuban Missile Crisis
3. Berlin wall

4. Tet Offensive
5. Watergate

### **C. History Makers:**

1. Martin Luther King
2. Dean Rusk
3. Robert McNamara
4. Robert Kennedy
5. John F. Kennedy
6. Khrushchev
7. Richard Nixon
8. Spiro Agnew
9. Gloria Stienam
10. John Glenn
11. Neil Armstrong
12. Thurgood Marshall

### **D. General Issues For Further Issues for Discussion:**

1. What fundamental changes occurred in the United States during the decade of The Sixties?
2. What was the importance of the March on Washington?
3. How important was the Tonkin Gulf Agreement?
4. Why was the Tet offensive such a turning point in the war?
5. What long term impact did Watergate have on American politics?

**There is a multimedia overview of the whole period.**

### **E. Major Events, Questions For Discussion, and Selected Exercises:**

#### **1961... Kennedy Inaugurated**

- ◀ What was special about the Kennedy Inaugural?  
Listen to the video excerpts of JFK's Inaugural Address.  
Read the full text of Kennedy's speech.  
What are the most memorable phrases in this famous address?

#### **... Bay Of Pigs**

- ◀ Why did the United States support of the Bay of Pigs Invasion?

#### **... Summit In Vienna**

- ◀ Why was Kennedy so disturbed by his meeting with Khrushchev?

#### **... Berlin Crisis**

- ◀ The building of the Berlin Wall ended the Berlin Crisis.

What did the wall accomplish and why was it built?

### **1962... First American In Space**

#### **... Steel Prices Rolled Back**

- ◀ How did President Kennedy convince the steel companies to roll back their steel prices?

#### **... US Troops Sent To Vietnam**

- ◀ How did the United States become involved in the Vietnam War?

#### **... Cuban Missile Crisis**

- ◀ What were the causes of the Cuban Missile Crisis?
- ◀ How did the United States respond to the crisis?
- ◀ Why is President Kennedy's handling of the crisis considered so successful?

### **1963... Nuclear Test Ban Treaty**

- ◀ What was the impetus for the agreement on the Nuclear Test Ban Treaty?

EXERCISE: DOCUMENT REVIEW: Read the text of the treaty.

What were the terms of the agreement?

#### **... March On Washington**

- ◀ Why was the March on Washington held?
- ◀ Why is Martin Luther King's speech so memorable?
- ◀ How does this famous speech resonate today?

#### **... President Kennedy Assassinated**

- ◀ The Assassination of President Kennedy had a profound impact on America like no other event. Why?

EXERCISE: Have students interview their parents and grand-parents or other relatives and record their personal accounts of that day and its effects on American society. Share these recollections in class. Discuss what the accounts have in common and how they differ.

### **1964... Civil Rights Act**

- ◀ What did the Civil Rights act of 1964 accomplish?

#### **... Tonkin Gulf Resolution**

- ◀ The Tonkin Gulf Resolution was the only legal justification ever provided for the US involvement in Vietnam. Explain.

#### **... American Intervention In Dominican Republic**

- ◀ Why did the United States intervene in the Dominican Republic?

### **1965... Voting Rights**

- ◀ What were the provisions of the Voting Rights Act?
- ◀ The political map of the South looks completely different today– thanks to the Voting Rights Act. What was the effect of the Voting Rights Act?

### **... Riots In Watts**

- ◀ What were the immediate cause of the Watts riot?

EXERCISE: DOCUMENT REVIEW: Read President Johnson's statement on Watts riot. What was his view of the causes of the riots?

### **... Immigration Act Of 1965**

- ◀ What was the major change in immigration under the Act of 1965?

### **1967... Glasboro Summit**

### **1968... Tet Offensive**

- ◀ The tet offensive was a military disaster for the Viet Cong, but a political success, Explain why.

### **... Johnson Will Not Run**

- ◀ Why did President Johnson decide not to run again?

### **... Martin Luther King, Jr. Assassinated**

### **... Robert Kennedy Killed Violence Mars Democratic Conv.**

- ◀ In a period of two months both Martin Luther King Jr. and Robert Kennedy were assassinated. America would never be the same. Comment.

### **1968... Violence Mars Democratic Convention**

- ◀ What was the underlying cause of violence at the Democratic Convention?

### **1969... Landing On The Moon**

- ◀ In July 1969 the United States reached its goal of landing a man on the moon. By the time the landing occurred, however, the future of the American space program was very much in doubt. Why?

### **1970... Four Killed At Kent State**

- ◀ Why did President Nixon order the invasion of Cambodia?

### **... Wage Price Controls Enacted**

- ◀ Why were the economic actions taken by President Nixon considered very

“Unrepublican”?

**1972... Nixon Visits China**

◀ What was the major effect of Nixon’s visit to China?

**... S.A.L.T. Agreement**

◀ What were the major provisions of the SALT agreement?

◀ What was the implication of the fact that a summit meeting was taking place at the same time that American planes were bombing Haiphong Harbor in Vietnam?

**1973... US Role In Vietnam War Ended**

**... War Powers Act**

◀ Why was the War Powers Act imposed?

◀ What were its major provisions?

**... Middle East Crisis**

◀ Why did the United States almost go to war with the Soviets during the October War between Israel and Egypt and Syria?

**... Vice President Agnew Resigns**

◀ Why did Vice President Agnew resign?

**... Gerald Ford Becomes Vice President**

**... Watergate**

**1974... Nixon Resigns**

◀ What was the original crime in the Watergate case?

◀ Do you think that if Nixon had not attempted to cover up the original crime he would have been forced to resign?

**... Nixon Granted Clemency**

◀ Was the decision to grant Nixon clemency right?

**E. Event Entries Featuring Video Clip Selections:**

- B.** Kennedy Inauguration
- C.** Bay of Pigs
- D.** Summit in Vienna
- E.** Steel Prices
- F.** Cuban Missile Crisis
- G.** March on Washington
- H.** President Kennedy Assassinated



- I. Tonkin Gulf Resolution
- J. Landing on the Moon
- K. Nixon Resigns

**F. Source Documents From the Period of the Sixties:**

- 1961- Kennedy Inaugural Speech
- 1962- Cuban Missile Crisis
- 1962- Kennedy's Attack On The Steel Companies
- 1962- Baker vs. Carr
- 1963- Kennedy's Address On The Nuclear Test Ban Treaty
- 1965- Johnson's Statement On The Watts Riots
- 1966- Escobedo vs. Illinois
- 1966- Miranda vs. Arizona
- 1968- Johnson's Address On North Korea
- 1968- Johnson's Address On Vietnam
- 1968- Johnson's Address In Memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
- 1969- Nixon's Inaugural Address
- 1971- New York Times vs. United States– Pentagon Papers
- 1971- Lemon vs. Kurtzman
- 1971- Nixon's Second Inaugural Address

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**XIV. TODAY**

This period begins with the Presidency of Gerald Ford. It covers the Carter, Reagan and Bush Presidencies. This section ends with American involvement in Bosnia.

**A. Objectives:** To learn about the changing role of the United States after the Vietnam War. To examine (with as much objectivity as possible after such a short time) the events of the last two decades.

**B. Important Terms:**

- 1. Camp David
- 2. Three Mile Island
- 3. Reagonomics
- 4. Tax Reform
- 5. Defense Buildup

**C. History Makers:**

- 1. Jimmy Carter
- 2. Ronald Reagan

- 3. George Bush
- 4. Colin Powell

#### **D. Major Events, Questions For Discussion, and Selected Exercises:**

##### **1974... Soyuz-Apollo**

- ◀ The Soyuz Apollo mission represented the end of the space race and the beginning of cooperation between the United States and the Soviet Union. Why did this happen?

##### **1975... Helsinki Accords**

- ◀ Why did the Soviets agree to the Helsinki accords?
- ◀ Who gains what from the accords?

##### **... NY Saved From Bankruptcy**

##### **1976... Apple II Introduced**

##### **1977... US Gives Up Panama Canal**

- ◀ Why did the United States agree to give up the Panama Canal?

##### **1979... Camp David Peace Accords**

###### **... Trade Agreement**

###### **... Three Mile Island**

- ◀ What was the long term impact of the Three Mile Island accident?

###### **... Salt II Agreement**

- ◀ What were the terms of the Salt II Agreement?

##### **1980... Iran Seizes US Hostages**

- ◀ Why was the Shah of Iran overthrown?
- ◀ Why were the US hostages seized?
- ◀ What effect did the Iranian hostage crisis have on the Carter Presidency?

###### **... Soviets Invade Afghanistan**

- ◀ What was unique about the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan?

##### **1981... President Reagan Fires Air Traffic Controllers**

- ◀ What was the effect of Reagan's actions on organized labor?

###### **... Assassination Attempt On President Reagan**

**... First Woman To The Supreme Court**

**... \$180 Billion Arms Buildup**

- ◀ At the time Reagan's arms buildup was very controversial.  
What has been the verdict of history?

**1983... Bomb Rips US Compound in Beirut**

- ◀ Why were US troops in Beirut?
- ◀ Who bombed them? And why?

**... US Troops Land In Grenada**

- ◀ Why did the US intervene in Grenada?

**1985... US Becomes A Debtor Nation**

**... Reagan Tax Reform**

- ◀ What were the essential elements of Reagan's tax reform program?
- ◀ To this day there is disagreement on the effects of the tax program.  
Democrats today blame it for the ensuing budget deficits? Republicans claim that Reagan's program initiated and created today's booming American economy.  
Who is right?

**1986... Shuttle Challenger Explodes**

**... US Responds To Libyan Terror**

**... Iran Contra Deal Unearthed**

- ◀ What was the essence of the Iran- Contra Affair?
- ◀ Why were the major actions considered illegal?

**1988... I.N.F. Treaty Signed**

- ◀ What were the major terms of the INF treaty?
- ◀ What is its historic importance?

**1989... US Seizes Panamanian Leader**

- ◀ Did the US have the right to seize the Panamanian leader? Why or why not?

**1990... Coalition Frees Kuwait**

- ◀ Why was it important to go to war over Kuwait?

**1993... PLO-Israel Agreement**

**1994... Republicans Take Control Of Congress**

**1996... US Troops to Bosnia**

## **TIMELINES & ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

### **A. AFRICAN-AMERICANS**

This section contains entries on the major events in African American History. There is a multimedia overview for this section.

The following events are covered:

- 1619- First Blacks Arrive In Jamestown
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- 1638- First Slaves Arrive In Massachusetts
- 1664- Black White Marriage Outlawed
- 1688- Quakers Oppose Slavery
- 1712- First Slave Revolt
- 1770- Black Killed In Boston Massacre
- 1773- First Black Church Founded
- 1775- Society Of Abolition Of Slavery Established
- 1776- Blacks And The Revolutionary War
- 1777- Vermont Abolishes Slavery
- 1787- Northwest Ordinance
- 1793- First Fugitive Slave Law
- 1793- Cotton Gin
- 1800- Slave Uprising Near Richmond
- 1807- Slave Importation Banned
- 1820- Missouri Compromise
- 1821- Liberia Founded
- 1829- Walker's Appeal
- 1831- First Negro Convention
- 1831- "Liberator" Published
- 1831- Nat Turner Rebellion
- 1839- Slave Revolt Aboard Ship
- 1843- Call For Revolt
- 1847- Douglass Publishes "North Star"
- 1849- Harriet Tubman Escapes
- 1850- Compromise of 1850

1852- Uncle Tom's Cabin Published  
1857- Dredd Scott Decision  
1859- John Brown's Raid  
1860- Lincoln Elected  
1862- Blacks Enlist In Union Army  
1863- Emancipation Decree  
1863- Draft Riots In New York  
1865- Thirteenth Amendment Ratified  
1867- Howard University Founded  
1867- Freedman Bureau Created  
1870- First Black Senator  
1875- Civil Rights Bill Passed  
1877- Reconstruction Ended  
1877- First Black Graduates From West Point  
1881- Tuskegee Institute Founded  
1883- Civil Rights Act Unconstitutional  
1890- Blacks Excluded From Southern Politics  
1896- Segregation Legal  
1898- Blacks Serve In Spanish-American War  
1904- Booker T. Washington Black Leader  
1904- Niagra Movement Begun  
1908- N.A.A.C.P. Founded  
1917- Great Migration Begins  
1917- Race Riots In Illinois  
1917- Blacks And World War I  
1920- Universal Negro Improvement Association Meets  
1925- Brotherhood Of Rail Porters  
1931- Scottsboro Trial  
1936- Jesse Owens Wins Four Gold Medals  
1936- N.A.A.C.P. Sues For Equal Pay  
1940- First Black General  
1941- FDR Forbids Discrimination  
1942- First Black Air Cadets  
1943- Race Riots In Harlem  
1944- Adam Clayton Powell Elected to Congress  
1944- All White Primary Illegal  
1946- Truman Appoints Panel  
1947- Jackie Robinson Becomes the First Black Major Leaguer  
1948- Military Desegregated  
1950- Ralphe Bunche Awarded Nobel Prize  
1953- Washington's Restaurants Desegregated  
1954- School Desegregation Ordered

1955- Bus Boycott Begins  
1957- Voting Act Of 1957  
1960- Widespread Protest Throughout The South  
1961- Freedom Riders  
1962- James Meredith Enters Univ. Of Mississippi  
1963- March On Washington  
1964- Rioting In US Cities  
1964- Civil Rights Workers Slain  
1964- King Receives Nobel Prize  
1964- Selma To Montgomery March  
1965- Malcolm X Assassinated  
1965- Los Angeles Riots  
1966- James Meredith Shot  
1967- First Black Senator Since Reconstruction  
1967- First Black Supreme Court Justice  
1968- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Assassinated  
1974- Samuel Gravelly Became The First Black Admiral Of The US Navy  
1976- Tom Bradley Mayor Of LA  
1977- Young Ambassador To U.N.  
1984- Jesse Jackson Runs For President  
1987- Powell Security Advisor To President  
1989- Powell Chairmen Of Joint Chiefs Of Staff

## **B. NATIVE AMERICANS**

The section of the program presents the major events in Native American history. In addition, there is a multimedia overview of the history of Native Americans.

The following events are covered:

1520- Aztec Empire Falls  
1607- English Land At Jamestown  
1613- Pocahontas Captured  
1616-1620- Small Pox Epidemic  
1618- Warfare Between Indians and Jamestown Settlers  
1636-37- Pequot War  
1644-46- Second Virginia War  
1649-1700- Iroquis Expansion Wars  
1675-76- King Phillips War  
1680-91- Pueblo Revolt  
1711-1722- Tuscarora War  
1754-63- French And Indian Wars  
1763- British Declare Land West Of Appalachians Indians  
1776-1783- War Of Independence

1787– Northwest Ordinance  
1793-94– Battle In Northwest  
1811- Battle Tippecanoe  
1813-14– Creek War  
1830- Indian Removal  
1833- Second Seminole War  
1838- Trails Of Tears  
1846- US Receives Southwest From Mexico  
1862- Sioux Uprising  
1868- Treaty Of Larmie  
1871- Indians To Reservation  
1875- Little Big Horn  
1881- "Century Of Dishonor" Published  
1886- Geronimo  
1890- Wounded Knee  
1902- Lone Wolfe vs. Hitchcock  
1924- Indians Granted Citizenship  
1934- Roosevelt Administration Aids Indians  
1953- Congress Passes Termination Act  
1962- Termination Ends  
1960's To Present

### **C. WOMEN**

The Women section cover the major events in American Women history. There is a multimedia overview of American Women History as well.

The following events are covered:

1634- Ann Hutchison Protests  
1777- Mary Ludwig Hays, A Hero  
1847- Maria Mitchell Discovers A Comet  
1849- Elizabeth Blackwell Earns Medical Degree  
1850- First National Women' Convention Held  
1865- 25% Of Teachers- Women  
1868- First Woman's Suffrage Bill Introduced  
1874- Minor vs. Happersett  
1881- Clara Barton Founds Red Cross  
1923- First Woman Representative  
1928- Women' International League Supports Kellogg-Briand  
1931- Hattie Caraway Elected To Senate  
1933- Francis Perkins- Secretary Of Labor  
1941-45– Woman Fulfill Key Roles In Economy  
1941-45– Woman Fulfill Key Non-Combat Roles In Military

1948– Margaret Chase Smith Elected to Senate  
1955– Rosa Parks Sparks Protests In South  
1963- Equal Pay Amendment Passed  
1963- Betty Friedan Writes "Feminine Mystique"  
1965- Griswold vs. Connecticut  
1966- National Organization Of Woman Launched  
1972- Equal Rights Amendment Passed  
1973- Roe vs. Wade  
1976- Woman Admitted To Military Academy  
1978- Pregnancy Discrimination Act Passed  
1981- Sandra Day O' Connor To Supreme Court  
1982- Equal Rights Amendment Fails Ratification  
1983- Sally Ride to Space  
1984- Geraldine Ferraro Nominated For Vice President  
1993- Janet Reno Attorney General

#### **D. THE PRESIDENTS**

The President section includes photos and information on each of the Presidents of the United States. Each entry includes information on before the Presidency, the Presidency itself. It includes the member of the Presidents cabinet, any military action as well as trivia about the President. Each president also includes a speech by the President. There early once read by actors that later ones original recordings. There are links to the election section, the first lady section and finally there are links to the major events that took place during the Presidency.

#### **E. FIRST LADIES**

The first ladies section provides all the basic information about the various first Ladies of the United States. By selecting the more button, additional biographical data on the first ladies.

#### **F. HOW THE US GREW**

This section of the program provides basic information on each of the states of the Union. They are organized both alphabetically and as the states enter the union. This section is accessible either from a separate entry from the main screen or from the individual section screens. Each section contains the states that enter the Union and you can access the states from there. Each state has the vital information on the state, including the state capital, flag flower, as well as a map of the state.

#### **G. STATISTICS**

The Statistics section contains important statistics on American History. Information covered includes:

A decade-by-decade presentation on:



- ◀ US population
- ◀ Land Area
- ◀ Budget
- ◀ Imports
- ◀ Exports
- ◀ Size of armed forces
- ◀ Urban and Rural breakdown.

There are also charts that depict:

- ◀ Armed forces of the US
- ◀ Cities by Size
- ◀ Employment by Thousands
- ◀ Foreign Trade Balance
- ◀ Homicides
- ◀ Land Area of the US
- ◀ Prisoners in the US
- ◀ Population
- ◀ Population in the Colonies
- ◀ School Enrollment

## **H. IMMIGRATION**

This section contains a multimedia overview that summarized immigration history of the United States. There are also a series of charts that depict immigration both by years and by countries.

## **I. THE DOCUMENTS SECTION**

The document section contains over 500 documents in American history. They can be accessed in three ways. From the document section they can be accessed either by period or alphabetically. In addition many of the key documents can be accessed directly from the event that are depicted.