

American History Unit 2 Study Guide

One hundred brief stories about real people and occurrences in American history, arranged in chronological order by year from 1565 to 2000

American Government: In the United States, the government gets its power to govern from the people. We have a government of the people, by the people, and for the people. Citizens in the United States shape their government and its policies, so they must learn about important public issues and get involved in their communities. Learning about American government helps you understand your rights and responsibilities and allows you to fully participate in the American political process. The Founders of this country decided that the United States should be a representative democracy. They wanted a nation ruled by laws, not by men. In a representative democracy, the people choose officials to make laws and represent their views and concerns in government. This book will help you understand the principles of American democracy, the U.S. system of government, and the important rights and responsibilities of U.S. citizenship. Explores how the characters and lives of King George III of England and George Washington affected the progress and outcome of the American Revolution. NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER “An elegant synthesis done by the leading scholar in the field, which nicely integrates the work on the American Revolution over the last three decades but never loses contact with the older, classic questions that we have been arguing about for over two hundred years.”—Joseph J. Ellis, author of *Founding Brothers* A magnificent account of the revolution in arms and consciousness that gave birth to the American republic. When Abraham Lincoln sought to define the significance of the United States, he naturally looked back to the American Revolution. He knew that the Revolution not only had legally created the United States, but also had produced all of the great hopes and values of the American people. Our noblest ideals and aspirations—our commitments to freedom, constitutionalism, the well-being of ordinary people, and equality—came out of the Revolutionary era. Lincoln saw as well that the Revolution had convinced Americans that they were a special people with a special destiny to lead the world toward liberty. The Revolution, in short, gave birth to whatever sense of nationhood and national purpose Americans have had. No doubt the story is a dramatic one: Thirteen insignificant colonies three thousand miles from the centers of Western civilization fought off British rule to become, in fewer than three decades, a huge, sprawling, rambunctious republic of nearly four million citizens. But the history of the American Revolution, like the history of the nation as a whole, ought not to be viewed simply as a story of right and wrong from which moral lessons are to be drawn. It is a complicated and at times ironic story that needs to be explained and understood, not blindly celebrated or condemned. How did this great revolution come about? What was its character? What were its consequences? These are the questions this short history seeks to answer. That it succeeds in

such a profound and enthralling way is a tribute to Gordon Wood's mastery of his subject, and of the historian's craft.

Presents a multifaceted model of understanding, which is based on the premise that people can demonstrate understanding in a variety of ways.

In this course, which is the second part of a two-year study of U.S. History that begins in Grade 8, students will study the history of the United States since Reconstruction to the present. Historical content will focus on the political, economic, and social events and issues related to industrialization and urbanization, major wars, domestic and foreign policies of the Cold War and post-Cold War eras, and reform movements including civil rights. Students will examine the impact of geographic factors on major events and analyze causes and effects of the Great Depression. Students will examine the impact of the constitutional issues on American society, evaluate the dynamic relationship of the three branches of the federal government, and analyze efforts to expand the democratic process. Students will describe the relationship between the arts and the times during which they were created. Students will analyze the impact of technological innovations on the American labor movement. Students will use critical-thinking skills to explain and apply different methods that historians use to interpret the past, including points of view and historical context.

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Print and create 16 timelines from American History. 126 activity sheets.

This textbook provides a global historical perspective on varying themes from the 1400's - 1940's. It encompasses topics such as European rivalries in the Caribbean, revolutions in America and France as well as wars and racism that occurred throughout these 5 centuries.

One month in 1865 witnessed the frenzied fall of Richmond, a daring last-ditch Southern plan for guerrilla warfare, Lee's harrowing retreat, and then, Appomattox. It saw Lincoln's assassination just five days later and a near-successful plot to decapitate the Union government, followed by chaos and coup fears in the North, collapsed negotiations and continued bloodshed in the South, and finally, the start of national reconciliation. In the end, April 1865 emerged as not just the tale of the war's denouement, but the story of the making of our nation. Jay Winik offers a brilliant new look at the Civil War's final days that will forever change the way we see the war's end and the nation's new beginning. Uniquely set within the larger sweep of history and filled with rich profiles of outsize figures, fresh iconoclastic scholarship, and a gripping narrative, this is a masterful account of the thirty most pivotal days in the life of the United States. What is the President, Congress, and the Supreme Court really allowed to do? This unique and handy guide includes the documents that guide our government, annotated with accessible explanations from one of America's most esteemed constitutional scholars. Known across the country for his appearance on *The Daily Show* with Jon Stewart, Professor Richard Beeman is one of the nation's foremost experts on the United States Constitution. In this book, he has produced what every American should have: a compact, fully annotated copy of the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and amendments, all in their entirety. A marvel of accessibility and erudition, the guide also features a history of the making of the Constitution with excerpts from *The Federalist Papers* and a look at crucial Supreme Court cases that reminds us that the meaning of many of the specific provisions of the Constitution has changed over time. "Excellent . . . valuable and judicious." -Jill Lepore, *The New Yorker*

In this Second Edition of this radical social history of America from Columbus to the present, Howard Zinn includes substantial coverage of the Carter, Reagan and Bush years and an Afterword on the Clinton presidency. Its commitment and vigorous style mean it will be compelling reading for under-graduate and post-graduate students and scholars in American social history and American studies, as well as the general reader.

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Give Me Liberty! is the #1 book in the U.S. history survey course because it works in the classroom. A single-author text by a leader in the field, *Give Me Liberty!* delivers an authoritative, accessible, concise, and integrated American history. Updated with powerful new scholarship on borderlands and the West, the Fifth Edition brings new interactive History Skills Tutorials and Norton InQuizitive for History, the award-winning

adaptive quizzing tool. The best-selling Seagull Edition is also available in full color for the first time.

This series of books is designed to help upper elementary teachers teach a rigorous yearlong writing curriculum.

This Student Workbook contains all of the worksheets your student will need to learn about American history and the 50 states. It can be done independently and can be used with any state book. Your student will love the hands-on approach to studying about USA geography and related topics while learning about core subjects in an entertaining way. With a perfect mix of quality academic lessons and fun hands-on projects, this curriculum is sure to please both the teacher and the student. Throughout this unit study your student will enjoy making their very own USA States Book as they travel around the country.

U.S. History Puzzles, Book 2 for grades 5 to 8+ reinforces American history with fun, puzzle-based activities that engage students in the learning process. Filled with crosswords, puzzles, word searches, hidden messages, and more, this series provides a fun way to learn about early North American exploration to U.S. involvement in the Middle East and everything in between! --Mark Twain Media Publishing Company specializes in providing engaging supplemental books and decorative resources to complement middle- and upper-grade classrooms. Designed by leading educators, this product line covers a range of subjects including math, science, language arts, social studies, history, government, fine arts, and character.

Published by OpenStax College, U.S. History covers the breadth of the chronological history of the United States and also provides the necessary depth to ensure the course is manageable for instructors and students alike. U.S. History is designed to meet the scope and sequence requirements of most courses. The authors introduce key forces and major developments that together form the American experience, with particular attention paid to considering issues of race, class and gender. The text provides a balanced approach to U.S. history, considering the people, events and ideas that have shaped the United States from both the top down (politics, economics, diplomacy) and bottom up (eyewitness accounts, lived experience).

The U.S. History course will lead students into a deeper understanding and appreciation of their country's post-Civil War history. The first unit is a refresher covering events from the European discovery of America until Reconstruction. Next, students will learn how industrialization and the railroads empowered the growth of America in late 19th century. Moving to the 20th century, students will explore the Progressive movement and America's emergence as a world power during World War I. Investigating the Great Depression and World War II will give students insight into their continuing influence on America today. Students will examine the Civil Rights movement, the Warren Court, and the impact of technology on the life of Americans. The course concludes with a survey of recent events under the George W. Bush and Barack Obama administrations.

A resident of Marietta, Ohio, Mary Cone spent two years in California in the 1870s. Two years in California (1876) is more a guide than a first-person narrative of her experiences in the West. She treats the state's history, climate, agriculture, and geography before turning to its regions: Southern California (San Diego, Los Angeles, Santa Barbara), the Sacramento and San Joaquin Valleys (with chapters on individual

Sacramento ranches), Northern California's redwoods and Mount Shasta and the same region's other tourist attractions (San Francisco, Mount St. Helena). Separate chapters discuss the Chinese in California and the author's visit to Yosemite.

52 short nonfiction texts for American History (1750-1800) with 10 new lessons for content literacy "We turn information into knowledge by thinking about it. These texts support students in using the Toolkit's comprehension and thinking strategies as tools to acquire and actively use knowledge in history. -Stephanie Harvey and Anne Goudvis To support cross-curricular strategy instruction and close reading for information, Stephanie Harvey and Anne Goudvis have expanded their Toolkit Texts series to include a library of short nonfiction for American history with 10 all-new Toolkit lessons. Building on selections from popular children's magazines as well as original articles, these engaging, age-appropriate texts will keep your active literacy classroom awash in historical resources that depict the controversies, issues, and dramas that shaped historical events, including the exploits of lesser-known individuals. To help students unpack the texts and apply their new learning, Steph and Anne offer 10 lessons for content literacy-reading for content across the disciplines-and disciplinary literacy-constructing discipline-specific knowledge. These 10 lessons teach students to use reading and thinking strategies as tools to acquire and use knowledge in history, and include follow-up steps for further research and small-group projects. In addition to the texts and lessons, each book in this series offers primary source documents, bibliographies, web sites, and ideas for online investigations that foster expected research skills and practices. A digital companion resource provides all of the reproducible texts, plus primary source documents and an image bank in a full-color digital format that is ideal for projecting and group analysis. Learn more about Steph Harvey and Anne Goudvis' Comprehension Toolkit series at ComprehensionToolkit.com

This document is part of a series of units in United States history. It is designed for teachers to use in teaching colonial history and the American Revolution in greater depth than that provided in many textbooks. The unit contains 16 chapters, the first of which explains the unit's focus on four kinds of questions of interest to historians. These questions are: (1) contextual questions, (2) factual questions, (3) moral or value questions, and (4) questions of explanation. Chapters 2-4 look primarily at contextual questions, introducing students to the social, political, economic, and ideological settings of the Revolution. The central section of the unit, chapters 5-15, is concerned with both factual and moral or value questions. Students not only learn about the events that led up to the Revolution, they also compare conflicting accounts of these events. They learn a three-criterion test for determining whether specific acts of protest are justified and apply this test to a number of examples of colonial protest. A central activity in this portion of the unit is reenactment of the trial of the British soldiers involved in the Boston Massacre. Following this experience, students examine the similarities and differences between the Boston Massacre and the confrontation between Vietnam war protesters and a contingent of the National Guard at Kent State University 200 years later. Other major activities in this portion of the unit include analyzing the Declaration of Independence and debating whether the Revolution was justified. The final chapter invites students to act as historians, choosing among three schools of historical interpretation and writing essays detailing how the interpretation

explains the Revolution's causes. (DK)

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