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Unit	Lesson	Objectives
Colonization		
Age of Exploration		
		Compare and contrast the motivations for exploration and settlement of Spain, France, and England in the New World.
		Compare and contrast the characteristics of the colonies of Spain, France, and England.
Colonization		
		Describe motivations for the English colonization of North America.
		Identify the geographic features of the eastern United States.
		Explain how Indigenous people and geography shaped the settlement of the thirteen colonies.
The New England Colonies		
		Describe the founding and colonization of the Plymouth and Massachusetts Bay colonies
		Explain how religion affected colonial society in New England.
		Describe political and social challenges faced by early New England colonies.
		Analyze the relationships between colonists and Indigenous peoples in New England
The Southern Colonies		
		Describe the founding and settlement of each southern colony.
		Describe the political, economic, and social characteristics of each southern colony.
		Explain the role of indentured servitude and enslavement in the economy of the southern colonies.
		Analyze the relationships between colonists and Indigenous peoples.
The Middle Colonies		
		Identify the reasons for the founding and settlement of the middle colonies.
		Explain the role of religion in the founding of Maryland and Pennsylvania, including the role of proprietorship.

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Life in the Colonies		Explain the effects of the transfer of Dutch colonies to Great Britain.
		Describe the political, economic, and social characteristics of each of the middle colonies.
		Compare the economic, political, and social characteristics of the New England, middle, and southern colonies.
		Explain the role of salutary neglect in the development of colonial political systems.
Slavery in Colonial America		Explain how Puritan beliefs changed over time, and explain the effects of this on the colonists in New England.
		Describe the significance of the Great Awakening.
		Describe the role of the Middle Passage in the development of slavery in the colonies.
		Explain the role of Bacon's Rebellion in the shift from indentured to slave labor in Virginia.
The Growth of Slavery		Describe the purpose of slave codes and their effects on slavery in the South.
		Compare the experiences of free African Americans and enslaved people in the colonies.
		Explain the causes of the shift from indentured servitude to slavery in the colonies.
		Describe the evolution of slave codes in the colonies.
Unit Test		Compare the nature of slavery in the southern, middle, and New England colonies.
		Contrast the experiences of free blacks and enslaved people in the colonies.
<b>Road to Revolution</b>		
The Enlightenment		Describe the impact of the Glorious Revolution and the Bill of Rights on the colonies.

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		Identify the political principles supported by new thinkers in the Enlightenment.
		Explain the contributions of Enlightenment thinkers to political ideas in the colonies.
	The French and Indian War	
		Explain the significance of the Albany Plan of Union.
		Identify and describe the causes of the French and Indian War.
		List and describe the effects of the French and Indian War.
	Colonial Leaders	
		Explain the opinions of British leaders on colonial affairs.
		Describe how the backgrounds of colonial leaders shaped their points of view.
		Explain the role and contributions of women in colonial society during the Revolutionary Era.
	Taxes and Protest	
		Explain the reasons for the Stamp Act and its effect on the colonies.
		Analyze the strategies used by colonists to protest British taxes.
		Describe the events of the Boston Massacre.
	Colonial Resistance	
		Describe the colonial reaction to the passage of the Tea Act.
		Identify the effects of the Intolerable Acts.
		Analyze the events that led to the fighting at Lexington and Concord.
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<b>The Revolution</b>		
	The Revolution Begins	
		Describe the effects of the Siege of Boston and the Battle of Bunker Hill.

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		Identify the steps taken by the Second Continental Congress to organize the thirteen colonies into a new nation.
		Explain the importance of Common Sense to the growth of revolutionary spirit in the colonies.
		Analyze Paine's arguments for independence after reading a passage from Common Sense.
	The Declaration of Independence	
		Describe the connection between the Declaration of Independence and earlier documents that influenced it.
		Analyze the reasons for colonists' grievances against British rule.
		Explain the purpose of the Declaration of Independence and the process used to draft and ratify it.
	Battles of the Revolutionary War	
		Identify the steps taken by the thirteen colonies to fund and organize a war effort.
		Explain how the battles at Trenton and Saratoga inspired colonial resistance and rallied the Continental army.
		Describe the hardships faced by the Continental army at the beginning of the Revolutionary War.
	Turning Points in the War	
		Explain the reasons for French and Spanish involvement in the American Revolution.
		Explain how key battles and acts of leadership served as rallying points for the colonial cause during the Revolutionary War.
		Describe the battle of Yorktown and the reasons for the end of the American Revolution.
	Writing Workshop: Creating an Argumentative Essay	
		Construct an argumentative essay that supports a specific claim or idea.
		Organize and write a clear, coherent argumentative essay that is based on reason and evidence and uses a style appropriate to the purpose and audience.
		Revise, edit, and rewrite an essay for ideas, organization, and voice.

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	<b>Ratification and the Citizen</b>	
	A Weak Confederation	
		Describe the provisions of the Articles of Confederation.
		Analyze the effects of the Land Ordinance of 1785 and the Northwest Ordinance of 1787 on settlement.
		Explain the failure of the articles to provide an organized financial system, a stable economy, and military protection for the colonies.
	Compromise and the Constitution	
		Identify the leaders of the Constitutional Convention and the initial ideas they proposed.
		Describe the government structures proposed by the Virginia Plan and the New Jersey Plan.
		Identify the reasons for dissent and disagreement among the delegates as the Constitution was written.
		Explain the importance of compromise when drafting the Constitution.
	The Ratification Debate	
		Explain the arguments presented by supporters of the Constitution in “The Federalist Papers.”
		Analyze Anti-Federalist objections to the Constitution and to a stronger federal government.
		Describe the obstacles the Constitution faced during the process of ratification.
	The Constitution	
		Explain how the Constitution creates a government structure that separates powers and establishes checks and balances.
		Identify the democratic rights and powers given to the people by the Constitution.
		Describe the distribution of power between states and the federal government.
		Explain the process required to amend the Constitution.

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	The Bill of Rights	
		Identify the freedoms provided to all citizens by the Bill of Rights.
		Describe the legal protections given by the Bill of Rights to the accused and imprisoned.
		Explain how the Bill of Rights protects additional rights and powers for states and individuals.
	Rights and Responsibilities of Citizens	
		Analyze the rights guaranteed in the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.
		Explain the process for becoming a citizen of the United States.
		Explain the importance of personal and civic responsibilities.
		Identify ways to demonstrate good citizenship by participating in the community.
	Analyzing Historical Sources	
		Explain how to develop historical research questions.
		Distinguish between primary and secondary sources.
		Analyze primary and secondary sources.
	Unit Test	
	<b>The Early Republic</b>	
	Washington's Presidency	
		Describe the challenges faced by the new nation during Washington's first term.
		Explain Alexander Hamilton's plan to help the nation's finances.
		Contrast Jefferson's opinions on the interpretation of the Constitution with the opinions of the Federalists.
	Political Parties	
		Contrast the points of view of Washington and Jefferson on the French Revolution.
		Identify the beliefs of the early Federalist and Democratic-Republican Parties.

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		Describe the impact of the Whiskey Rebellion.
	Adams's Presidency	Explain how the growing conflict between the US and France threatened American neutrality.
		Describe the provisions of the Alien and Sedition Acts.
		Identify the purpose of the Virginia and Kentucky Resolutions and explain how they established the principle of nullification.
		Explain how the election of 1800 was a turning point in American history.
	Expansion and Settlement	Identify reasons why the physical geography of the Old Northwest region made it attractive for colonization.
		Explain the provisions of the Northwest Ordinance of 1787 and its impact on indigenous peoples.
		Analyze the reasons for the acquisition of the Louisiana Territory.
		Describe the accomplishments of the Lewis and Clark expedition.
	Marshall's Court	Explain how Marbury v. Madison defined the powers of the Supreme Court.
		Describe how McCulloch v. Maryland defined the powers of Congress.
		Analyze the effects of Gibbons v. Ogden on the role of the federal government in business matters.
	The War of 1812	Identify the causes of the War of 1812.
		Describe the roles played by indigenous groups during the war.
		Describe the war's major battles and the reasons for a stalemate.
		Evaluate the impact of the war on the United States.
	The Monroe Doctrine	

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		Explain how the American victory in the War of 1812 led to an increased sense of nationalism.
		Locate the United States's territorial gains between 1803 and 1819.
		Describe how revolutions in Latin America led to the formation of the Monroe Doctrine.
		Evaluate the effects of the Monroe Doctrine.
Unit Test		
<b>The Age of Jackson and Reform Movements</b>		
Expanding Democracy		
		Identify the changes in democratic participation that occurred during the Jackson Era.
		Explain how the "corrupt bargain" of 1824 led to the formation of a new political party.
		Describe the factors that influenced the election of 1828.
The National Bank		
		Describe the effects of the Jackson presidency.
		Explain the impact of the spoils system on American politics.
		Analyze Jackson's decision to veto the national bank.
Growing Infrastructure		
		Describe the improvements in infrastructure proposed in Henry Clay's American System.
		Explain how transportation innovations and infrastructure improvements affected the United States.
		Evaluate the effects of inventions or innovations of the era on life in America.
Reform Movements		
		Describe the characteristics of American society in the Jackson Era.
		Explain the causes of the Second Great Awakening, and describe its effects on American culture.
		Describe reformers' responses to social issues during the early 1800s.



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	Early Immigration	<p>Identify the causes for new waves of immigration seen in the 1830s and 1840s.</p> <p>Compare and contrast immigrants of the early 1800s with those who arrived in earlier time periods.</p> <p>Describe the effects of increased immigration on American society.</p> <p>Explain the reasons for the discrimination faced by many immigrants in the early 1800s.</p>
	Rights for Women	<p>Describe the role of women in America in the 1800s.</p> <p>Identify the legal restrictions faced by women in the early 1800s.</p> <p>Explain the significance of the Seneca Falls Convention.</p> <p>Describe the provisions of the Seneca Falls Declaration of Sentiments.</p>
	Participating in a Class Discussion	<p>Prepare for a group discussion.</p> <p>Apply strategies for listening and responding to other speakers.</p>
	Unit Test	
	Cumulative Exam	
	Cumulative Exam Review	
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	Westward Expansion	
	Early Frontiers	<p>Identify explorations that led to the movement of settlers into the American west.</p> <p>Describe the geography of the western frontier.</p> <p>Describe the effect of westward expansion on indigenous people.</p>

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	Indian Removal Act	<p>Examine the shift in the federal government's policy from assimilation to the forced removal of Indigenous people.</p> <p>Analyze the impact of the Indian Removal Act of 1830.</p> <p>Describe the reactions and responses of Indigenous people to the removal policy.</p> <p>Identify the effects of removal on Indigenous people.</p>
	American Art and Literature	<p>Identify the relationship between the natural environment and early American art and literature.</p> <p>Describe the romanticism movement, and identify important authors and works associated with it.</p> <p>Examine the influence of transcendentalism on American art and culture.</p>
	Great Trails	<p>Identify major overland trails used by early pioneers heading west.</p> <p>Examine the challenges facing those traveling west along the overland trails.</p> <p>Examine the shift in the federal government's policy from assimilation to the removal of Indigenous peoples.</p>
	New Territories	<p>Examine the influence of Manifest Destiny on westward expansion.</p> <p>Identify US territorial acquisitions prior to 1848.</p> <p>Describe the role of diplomacy in the acquisition of new territories.</p>
	Key Content Review: Manifest Destiny	<p>Describe how trappers, traders, and explorers opened up the American frontier to settlement.</p> <p>Analyze how western expansion forced indigenous peoples off their land.</p> <p>Explain how the US acquired various western territories.</p>

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		Examine how westward expansion and Manifest Destiny created a new American spirit and identity.
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	<b>Sectionalism</b>	
	The Industrialized North	
		Examine the effects of rapid industrialization on the economy and society of the North.
		Describe the impact of the transportation revolution on the US economy.
		Analyze the impact of industrialization on factory workplaces and the populations of Northern cities.
		Identify the reasons for the rise of nativism in response to immigration in cities.
	The Economic Impact of Slavery	
		Compare and contrast the economic systems in the North and the South.
		Examine the impact of technological innovations on the expansion of slavery.
		Identify ways in which enslaved and free Black Americans pushed for an end to slavery.
	The Nullification Crisis	
		Examine the growing debate over states' rights and slavery in the early and mid-1800s.
		Compare and contrast the political views of congressional leaders with regard to states' rights, federalism, and sectionalism.
		Describe the events of the nullification crisis.
	Slavery in American Culture	
		Examine the living and working conditions experienced by enslaved workers in the South.
		Describe the ways enslaved African Americans maintained their culture and traditions.
		Analyze the role of Uncle Tom's Cabin in bringing awareness to the condition of the enslaved.
	Rise of Abolitionism	
		Examine the role of the Second Great Awakening in promoting the abolitionist cause.

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		Analyze the role of print media in spreading antislavery sentiment.
		Identify the contributions of early abolitionist leaders.
	The Missouri Compromise	
		Examine the debate over whether to admit new states into the Union as free or slave.
		Describe the significance of the Missouri Compromise of 1820.
	Texas and the Union	
		Describe the settlement of Texas by American colonists.
		Analyze the factors that led to the Texas Revolution.
		Examine the establishment of the Republic of Texas.
		Describe the reasons for the annexation of Texas by the United States.
	Key Content Review: Sectionalism	
		Examine how the North and South developed two different economies.
		Analyze the roots of the abolitionist movement and how it grew.
		Describe how the debate over new territories and tariffs increased sectionalism between North and South.
	Unit Test	
Rising Tensions		
	The Mexican-American War	
		Describe the reasons for the Mexican-American War.
		Identify the significant events of the Mexican-American War and the effects of the conflict.
		Explain the importance of the territories acquired by the US from Mexico as a result of the Mexican-American War.
	Temporary Compromise	

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		Analyze the debate over slavery as it pertained to the acquisition of new territories west of the Mississippi.
		Explain the events surrounding the California Gold Rush, and analyze its effect on westward expansion.
		Describe the significance of the Compromise of 1850 and the Fugitive Slave Act.
	Changing Abolitionism	
		Investigate the relationship between the passage of the Fugitive Slave Act and the growth of the abolitionist movement.
		Analyze the use of violent resistance to further the abolitionist cause.
		Describe how the Underground Railroad brought enslaved African Americans to freedom in the North.
	Kansas and Nebraska	
		Explain the Kansas-Nebraska Act and what it did.
		Analyze the debate that surrounded the admission of Kansas and Nebraska as states to the Union.
		Describe the reactions and escalating violence that resulted from the passage of the Kansas-Nebraska Act.
	Dred Scott and the Slavery Debate	
		Describe events and details surrounding the Dred Scott case.
		Explain the reasons for the Supreme Court's ruling in the case.
		Analyze the impact of the case on the Missouri Compromise and the future of slavery in the United States.
	Lincoln	
		Examine the establishment of the Republican Party and outline its political views.
		Describe the emergence of Abraham Lincoln as a leader of the Republican Party.
		Compare and contrast the viewpoints held by Lincoln and Douglas with regard to slavery and its expansion in the territories.

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	Writing Workshop: Evaluating Research Questions and Sources in History	
		Use MLA citations correctly.
		Write a clear and well-organized informative essay.
		Research to gather relevant information.
		Categorize information into cohesive segments.
		Revise an essay to include concrete details, quotations, and other examples.
	Unit Test	
<b>The Civil War</b>		
	Southern Secession	
		Describe the political climate surrounding the election of 1860.
		Analyze the South's reaction to the results of the election.
		Examine the creation of the Confederate States of America.
	Key Content Review: Rising Tensions	
		Identify the new territories gained by the United States after the Mexican-American War.
		Explain Americans' responses to the Fugitive Slave Act, the Kansas-Nebraska Act, and the Dred Scott decision.
		Describe the secession of the South in response to the rise of Abraham Lincoln as a Republican leader.
	Fort Sumter and the Confederacy	
		Contrast the ideas in the inaugural addresses of Abraham Lincoln and Jefferson Davis.
		Describe the events that led to the attack on Fort Sumter.
		Explain the effects of the Battle of Fort Sumter.
	Mobilizing for War	

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		Compare the strengths and weaknesses of the Union and the Confederacy as both sides prepared for war.
		Identify important military leaders of the Union and the Confederacy.
		Analyze the early war strategies of the Union and the Confederacy.
	Early Successes for the South	
		Analyze the significance of the Battle of Bull Run.
		Explain the reasons for stalemates in early battles such as Antietam.
		Describe the impact of the Battle of Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville on the early course of the war.
	Emancipation	
		Explain the reasons for Lincoln's creation of the Emancipation Proclamation.
		Identify the effects of the Emancipation Proclamation.
		Describe the contributions of African Americans during the Civil War.
	Life During the War	
		Compare the daily lives of soldiers on both sides.
		Identify the role of women on the front lines and on the home front.
		Compare the economic and political challenges facing both sides during the war.
	Turning Points	
		Identify the reasons for the Union's success in the West.
		Explain the significance of the capture of Vicksburg and New Orleans.
		Examine why the Union victory at Gettysburg was a turning point in the war.
	Southern Surrender	
		Analyze the impact of Grant's strategy of total war on the weakening of the Southern forces.

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The Aftermath of the War		Explain the reasons for Lincoln's reelection in 1864.
		Describe the events that led to Lee's surrender at Appomattox.
		Examine the postwar problems facing the North and the South.
		Describe the experiences of people freed from slavery immediately following the war.
		Analyze the immediate impact of Lincoln's assassination.
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<b>Reconstruction</b>		
Presidential Reconstruction		
		Describe Lincoln's goals for Reconstruction and the opposition he faced in Congress.
		Identify Johnson's plans for Reconstruction.
		Examine the impact of the creation of black codes throughout the South.
Radical Reconstruction		
		Analyze Congress's response to Presidential Reconstruction.
		Describe the implementation of the Reconstruction Acts in the South.
		Identify the reasons for the impeachment of President Johnson.
Constitutional Amendments		
		Describe the impact of the Thirteenth Amendment on slavery and African Americans' lives.
		Explain the influence of the Fourteenth Amendment on civil rights.
		Identify the impact of the Fifteenth Amendment on voting rights for African Americans.
African Americans and Reconstruction		
		Explain reasons for increased African American participation in politics during Reconstruction.



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		Examine the impact of the Freedmen's Bureau on African Americans in the South.
	Southern Redemption	Analyze the reasons for the resurgence of Democratic Party leadership in the South.
		Describe the disputed presidential election of 1876 and its effect on the end of Reconstruction.
		Explain the impact of the removal of the military on African Americans and white Republicans in the South.
	Sharecropping	Describe the development of sharecropping and tenant farming during Reconstruction.
		Identify the positives and negatives of sharecropping for African Americans in the South.
		Analyze the effects of sharecropping on the economy and society of the South.
	The Rise of Jim Crow	Analyze the impact of the Supreme Court's decision that the Civil Rights Act of 1875 was unconstitutional.
		Describe the creation of Jim Crow laws and the effects of opposition to these laws.
		Examine the use of voting laws to disenfranchise African Americans and limit their rights.
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<b>Industrialization and Further Expansion</b>		
	A New Revolution	Describe the reasons the United States became more industrialized after the Civil War.
		Identify the effects of the growth of America's railroads on business and settlement.
		Explain the demographic changes that resulted from industrialization.
	Technology and Society in the Industrial Age	Describe the influence of Thomas Edison's inventions on culture and society.

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		Describe the advancements made in communications and transportation during the Industrial Age.
		Analyze how new inventions changed life during the Industrial Age.
	A Worker's Life	
		Describe the working conditions typically found in American factories during the industrial era.
		Explain the impact of industrialization with respect to women, children, and families.
		Explain the principles of mass production.
		Describe the excesses of the Gilded Age and the growing economic divide between the wealthy industrialists and the average American worker.
	Labor and Unrest	
		Identify goals of labor unions during the 1800s.
		Identify examples of company and government tactics that slowed unions' growth and stopped unions' effectiveness.
		Describe the events of the 1894 Pullman strike, and explain its effects on the labor movement.
	New Immigration	
		Explain what push and pull factors are and how they affect migration.
		Describe the immigration experience, including the challenges immigrants faced after arrival.
		Compare and contrast the "new" immigrants of the 1880s with the "old" immigrants who came earlier.
	Urbanization in America	
		Explain why urbanization occurred in the US during the industrial era.
		Describe the problems of poverty and overcrowding in cities during the industrial era.
		Explain the differences in the standard of living between classes in urban societies and the problems created by these differences.
	Homesteaders and the Transcontinental Railroad	

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		Describe the challenges faced during construction of the transcontinental railroad.
		Explain at least three effects of railroad construction on the western United States.
		Describe the passage of the Homestead Act and analyze its effects on the settlement of the West.
	Indigenous People on a Closing Frontier	
		Explain the effects of westward expansion on Indigenous populations in the region.
		Describe changes to federal Indian policies that occurred as a result of increased western settlement.
		Identify battles fought between Indigenous peoples and the US Army, and explain the results of those conflicts.
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	<b>Cumulative Exam</b>	
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