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| Unit 1 1491-1607 | Age of Exploration: God, glory, gold Complex Native American societies Colonization begins | Columbian Exchange Portuguese caraval Joint-stock companies | Nomadism: Great Plains/Sioux Maize: SW/Pueblo Agriculture: Cherokee/Creek Hunting/Gathering: SE/NW | Native Americans → diverse societies from cultural/environ. differences Eur. primogeniture laws → migration | Europeans and Native Americans had different world views → diplomatic and military interactions | Exchange of crops (increases Euro. population), disease, and peoples Conquistadors | Regional Native American identities New World exploration → wealth, spread Christianity, conquer territory | Encomienda Spanish caste system Native American societies |
| Unit 2 1607-1754 | 1st Great Awakening Regional colonial identities Enlightenment | Transatlantic trade: slaves, raw materials, finished goods Mercantilism | New England: subsistence farming Middle: breadbasket; cereal crops/grains Southern: cash crops (tobacco) | Jamestown French/Dutch: colonial fur trade, intermarriage, alliances British: 13 Colonies → regional differences | Navigation Acts Mayflower Compact Salutary Neglect VA House of Burgesses Powhatan Confederacy | European colonization: British, French, Dutch, Spanish Glorious Rev. in GB Pequot War Metacom's War Pueblo Revolt | Pluralism Praying Towns Salutary neglect → republicanism Freedom of speech → Zenger Trial | Slavery → covert resistance (field hollers, breaking tools) and visible rebellion (Stono Rebellion) |
| Unit 3 1754-1800 | Revolution ideals Democracy, inalienable rights, egalitarianism Republican Motherhood Constitution → federalism, sep of powers | Breech-loaded rifle, invisible ink, minutemen Hamilton's Financial Plan: Bank of US, consolidation of states' debt, import tariffs | Britain gained territory in the 7 Yrs War Proclamation of 1763 prevented additional westward expansion | Pontiac's Rebellion → Proc. 1763 forbids settlement past Appalachians Northwest Ordinance (1787) Treaty of Greenville | Articles of Confederation → Constitution + Bill of Rights Alien and Sedition Acts (1798) → VA and KY Resolutions Election of 1800: Adams vs Jefferson | 7 Yrs War → debt Colonial resistance (Sons of Lib., Boston Tea Party) US Independ: leadership, home adv, French support Inspired revolts in Haiti + Latin Amer. | American independence Cultural division: manufacturing + int'l trade vs yeoman farmers Political division Slavery debates Compromises | Loyalists vs Patriots No taxation without representation Quakers/early abolitionists Federalists vs Anti-federalists |
| Unit 4 1800-1848 | Era of Good Feelings Market Rev. → capitalism Manifest Destiny American Exceptionalism Reform, abolition, suffrage 2nd Great Awake. | Industrialization: steam engine, interchangeable parts, cotton gin, steel plow, textile mill, steamboats, canals Mechanized production Panic of 1819 | Louisiana Purchase Gold and precious minerals → California Gold Rush begins Oregon Trail Southern agricultural economy | Old immigration (1820s-1840s): Germans and Irish Push factors: religious/political freedom + Irish potato famine Pull factors: economic opportunity | Political parties: feds/antifeds, whigs/dems Trail of Tears Embargo Act Nullification Crisis Guadalupe Hidalgo Treaty ends Mex-Amer. War Missouri Comp. | Foreign affairs: War of 1812, annexation of TX Monroe Doctrine Removal of Native Americans → Indian Removal Act Mex-Amer War → Mexican Cession | Transcendentalism Dorothea Dix → prison reform Horace Mann → education reform, free public school Seneca Falls Temperance Utopian movements | Southern plantation aristocracy Northern business elites Lowell Mills: women enter workforce Anti-slavery resistance |
| Unit 5 1848-1877 | Sectional tension → North vs South States' rights vs Union → Civil War Emancipation Reconstruction | Industrial age = continued economic prosperity Bessemer process → steel for railroads | Indust./educated North (factories, infrastruct.) vs rural South Sectionalism/polit. geography Union preserved | Manifest Destiny → migration to/settlement of the West; CA, OR, TX, UT Mexican Cession: new territory | Fugitive Slave Act New Amends: 13th (emanc.), 14th (citizenship), 15th (voting) Jim Crow Comp. of 1877 | Emancipation keeps Euro. out of the Civil War Anaconda Plan Natives/Mexicans oppressed Gadsden Purchase | Anti-Catholic nativism Abolition South. resistance to reconstruction: sharecropping + voter suppression | Free Soil → Republican Party Secessionists Emancipation → Freedmen's Bureau Plessy v Ferguson → segregation |
| Unit 6 1865-1898 | The Gilded Age Settlement of West Homestead Act Urbanization Industrial capitalism | Second industrial rev:electricity, lightbulbs, chemicals, telephones, radio, automobiles | Westward expansion Commodore Matthew Perry → increased trade ties w/ Japan/Asia | New immigration: Southern and Eastern Europeans Transcont. Railroad Dawes Act Ethnic enclaves | Titans of Industry: Carnegie, Rockefeller, Morgan, Vanderbilt Sherman Antitrust Pendleton Act | US Imperialism begins → resources + new markets | Workers unions vs large corporations Carlisle Indian School Consumer culture | Assimilationism Social Darwinism Middle class grows Social gospel Women → college |











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| Unit 7 1890-1945 | Reform and 19th Amend. → women's suffrage Imperialism and nationalism Isolationism ends in WWI Roaring 20s Rugged individualism Economic struggle and recovery US → superpower | Assembly line Stock-based econ./increasing debt Great Depression → New Deal Airplanes, camera, mass production for newspapers Nuclear/atomic warfare, machine guns, submarines | Theodore Roosevelt → conservationism John Muir → preservationism National Parks Span-Amer. War + Imperialism → new territories (Caribbean and Pacific) Great Depression → shantytowns + Hoovervilles | Chinese Exclusion Act Immigration Quotass (1921 + 1924) Great Migration: African Americans move from rural South to fill industrial jobs in North and West during WWII → urbanization | Progressive Era → moral reform, democracy, econ. Prohibition WWI isolationism, Wilson's 14 pts FDR: New Deal + Fair Employment → relief, recovery, reform WWII: Executive Order 9066 → Japanese Internment Allied victory → UN, IMF, World Bank | Annexation of Hawaii Span-Amer. War "Big-stick diplomacy" → Panama Canal, control of Latin America, banana republics Zimmermann Telegram → US enters WWI League of Nations Russian Rev → fear of communism Pearl Harbor → US enters WWII | "Lost Generation" Harlem Renaissance → blues, jazz, literature (Hurston/Hughes) Muckrakers + progressivists Mass media → fireside chats Spanish Flu Flappers Red Scare (1917-1920) Scopes Trial KKK | Nativism Women: "Rosie the Riveter," Women's Army Corps, victory gardens Braceros Program Tuskegee Airmen + "Double V" Campaign WWII Japanese Internment Wartime tech/mobilization changes gender, immigration, and religious roles Mass culture |
| Unit 8 1945-1980 | Baby boom Containment Xenophobia Civil Rights Movement Counterculture → protests and govt. distrust Reform | Capitalism → Marshall Plan for post-war Europe Space Race/NASA → moon landing Infrastructure: Highway Act TV, tech, education | Oil trade Environmental disasters Green Revolution: EPA formed; Silent Spring | Levittowns: white, middle-class families create American suburbia Sun Belt vs Rust Belt New immigration laws Desegregation | Civil Rights Act Equal Pay Act Voting Rights Act Title IX LBJ's Great Society Containment 1960s liberalism 1970s → Watergate, Stagflation, and Iran Hostage Crisis lead to distrust | Cuban Missile Crisis Cold War proxy conflicts: Korean War, Vietnam War Truman Doctrine/domino theory Mutually Assured Destruction (MAD) Conflict with the Middle East → Energy Crisis of the 1970s | Civil Rights: MLK, Malcolm X, Rosa Parks; Black Panthers, freedom riders/ summer Modern Feminism: birth control, Roe v Wade, equal rights White flight Second Red Scare Rock, hippies, Woodstock Anti-war protests → Pentagon Papers | Post-war growth Civil Rights Black nationalism United Farm Workers American Indian Movement (AIM) Stonewall → LGBTQ+ rights Sexual revolution Hawks vs Doves Anti-conformity → Beat Movement |
| • Unit 9 1980-Pres | Globalization → world affairs Int'l diplomacy + New World Order Unity post-9/11 Pop. culture | Reaganism → trickle-down, restrained govt. spending, less reg., reduced inflation Internet, cellphones, computers, genetic engineering, big tech, nuclear energy | Mainstream recycling Hurricane Katrina Climate change Fossil fuels vs renewable energy Paris Climate Agreement | Immigration Reform and Control Act (1986) Increase in Latin American and Asian immigrants DACA US/Mexico border | Reagan Revolution → conservatism (1980) Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) passed Bush v. Gore Guantanamo Bay Affordable Care Act (2011) | Iran-Contra affair Increased military spending, diplomacy, and USSR debts → Cold War ends Controversial military efforts → Afghanistan + Iraq War on Terrorism Foreign policy → peacekeeping, interventionism | Foreign conflict Tech/.com boom Y2K 9/11 Attacks Debates about the scope of government → healthcare, economy, human rights Mass shootings | Social media → global connection Stagnant wages for middle class increases econ. Inequality Same-sex marriage Millenials + Gen Z Activism |