Forms of	Best Known forms of government:
Government	1. Communism - the state controls economic activity in the nation. The state rejects free enterprise system and capitalism; private ownership is discouraged and often prohibited. Usually nation is ruled by one party system. In theory communism believes that the country should not have social classes.
	 Socialism- the central government controls the production and distribution of goods, services, and labor in the nation. The goal is to promote an equitable distribution of resources among the people. In theory, the working class should take over and administer collectively the resources for their benefit and the benefit of the national
	as a whole.
	3. Democracy - government in which the majority rules. It is representative democracy, in which people elect candidates to represent them in the government.
	 Monarchy- system in which king or queen leads the nation. The monarch can have supreme powers and become a dictator, or he/she can have limited or ceremonial powers limited by a parliament or a constitution.
	There are three main broad classifications for these forms of government based on the number of people in power- government by one person, a group, or by many people:
	Ruled by One – one person becomes the supreme leader of the nation. Some terms linked
	to this type of government are:
	• Autocracy- ruler has unlimited power, uses power in an arbitrary manner.
	• Monarchy - Ruled by king or queen who holds complete control over the subjects.
	Ruler sometimes claims birth and divine rights
	 Dictatorship-The ruler holds absolute power to make laws and to command the army.
	Ruled by Few –Group of influential people takes control of the government.
	• Theocracy - Ruled by group of religious leaders, e.g., the Taliban in Afghanistan.
	 Aristocracy- Group of nobles controls the economy and government.
	 Oligarchy- Small group of powerful and wealthy people rule the nation with support of the military.
	 Military - a committee of military officers becomes the rulers of the nation.
	Ruled by Many - Citizens of the nation, technically become the government. Citizens elect members to represent them and become the government.
	• Democracy- The citizens of the nation directly or through elected members make
	important decisions, become part of the government.
	Direct Democracy -people determine laws and policies, e.g. town meeting
	 Indirect Democracy- elect members to represent them Constitutional Democracy- It is a democratic form of government regulated by a
	constitutional Democracy- it is a democratic form of government regulated by a constitution.
	 Parliamentarian Monarchy- The monarch shares the power with the parliament.
	Often, the powers of the monarch are ceremonial in nature, like in Great Britain.
	 Federal Republic- A constitutional government in which the powers of the
	central government are limited by law to create individual (states or
	providences) with certain degrees of self-governing powers, e.g. the
	United States

Social Studies Terms- Government

The American Government	American Government has been identified as:
	Federal Republic
	A constitutional government in which the
	powers of the central government are limited
	by law to create individual (states or
	providences) with certain degrees of self-
	governing powers, e.g. the United States
	Constitutional Representative
	Democracy
	The citizens elect senators and representatives
	to represent them in congress.
Executive Branch	Composed of the president and vice president
	elected every 4 years by electoral votes. The
	president is the commander-in-chief of the
	armed forces. The president appoints cabinet
	members, nominates judges to federal court
	system, grants pardons, recommends
	legislation, and has the power to veto
	legislation.
Legislative Branch	Composed by Congress, which is divided in
	two parts- the Senate and the House of
	Representatives. The Senate comprises two
	senators from each state (<i>There are 100</i> Senators), while the House is based on the
	population of each state. The Congress makes
	the laws of the nation, collects taxes, coins
	money and regulates it value, can declare war,
	controls appropriations, can impeach public
	officials, regulates the jurisdiction of federal
	courts, and can override presidential vetoes.
Judicial Branch	Composed of a federal court system that includes
	the Supreme Court and a system of lower courts-
	district court, appeals court, bankruptcy courts,
	and special federal courts.
	Federal court judges are nominated by the president of the United States and confirmed by
	the Senate. All federal judges are appointed for
	life. The Supreme Court is composed of nine
	judges, and their ruling is considered final. Some
	of the major responsibilities of this body are to
	interpret the Constitution, resolve conflicts among
	states, and interpret laws and treaties.

System of checks and balances	The U.S. Constitution provides for a system of
	checks and balances among the three
	branches of the government. In this type of
	system, individual branches check the others
	to be sure than no one assumes full control of
	the central government. The legislative
	branch can check the executive branch by
	passing laws over presidential veto (by two-
	thirds majority in both houses). The branch
	exerts control over the judicial branch by
	refusing to confirm the president's judges.
	The executive can check the legislative branch
	by the use of the veto and the judicial branch
	by appointing federal judges. The judicial
	branch can check the other two branches
	through a process of judicial review, which can
	declare legislation unconstitutional or illegal.
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	state governments.
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Mayflower Compact	Document drawn up and signed by the
	Pilgrims aboard the Mayflower. They pledged
	to consult one another to make decisions and
	to act by the will of the majority. It is one of
	the earliest agreements to establish a political
	body and to give that political body the power
	to act for the good of the colony.
Continental Congress	Following events in Massachusetts,
continental congress	representatives of the colonies met in
	Philadelphia to discuss the political and
	economic situation in the colonies. No clear
	solutions were reached at this congress. Once
	the hostilities started, the Second Continental
	Congress met to discuss preparations for war.
	George Washington was elected commander
	and chief of American forces, and war was
	declared against the British. The congress
	named a committee, led by Thomas Jefferson,
	to prepare the Declaration of Independence ,
	which was officially signed July 4, 1776.
Declaration of Independence	Prepared by a committee led by Thomas
	Jefferson, it pronounced the colonies free and
	independent states. Consisted of the
	preamble (introduction) and 3 main parts.
	 Natural unalienable rights and liberties
	endowed by our creator
	We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all
	men are created equal, that they are endowed
	by their Creator with certain inalienable rights,
	that among these are life, liberty and the
	pursuit of happiness.
	List of injustices committed by Britain
	• Announces the colonies as the United
	States of America
	It was signed July 4, 1776.

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American Revolution	Main reasons for the War of Independence were economic in nature. After the French and Indian War (<i>War between Britain and</i> <i>France for land in America</i>), Britain was in a need of a quick way to recover financially, so they imposed a taxation policy that was unbearable for the American colonies. Colonists responded with civil disobedience by boycotting the government of King George. In response to disobedience, Britain sent troops to Boston, where the groups clashed and colonists were killed. The event was called the Boston Massacre. One of the best known boycotts was the Boston Tea Party , in which the colonists dumped tea in the Boston harbor to protest against taxation. The events and the repression that followed led up to the American War of Independence.
Articles of Confederation	During the Revolutionary War, the Second Continental Congress ran the government. After independence, this document defined a new form of government composed of representatives from 13 independent states with limited power. Under this form of government, each state printed its own money and imposed taxes on imports from other states. On the positive side, this new government provided for common citizenship- citizens of the United States. It organized a uniform system of weights and measurements and the postal service. It served as the official government of the young republic until 1789, when the states ratified the Constitution

US Constitution	After 6 years under the Articles of Confederation, the leaders of the nation realized the American Government needed revision to bolster its strength. Constitutional Convention was held at Independence Hall in Philadelphia in 1787. Leaders were George Washington, James Madison (<i>referred to as</i> <i>the Father of the Constitution</i>), Benjamin Franklin, and Alexander Hamilton. The Constitution was ratified in 1788, and in 1789 George Washington was selected as the first President of the United States. The republic defined by the Constitution was composed of the three branches, the executive, judicial, and legislative, and a system of checks and balances to regulate each branch. The US Constitution is the supreme law of the nation. It contains a description of the government and the rights and responsibilities of its citizens. The document can be amended with the approval of two-thirds of the House and Senate and the ratification of individual state legislature. Here is the Preamble to the Constitution : <i>We the People of the United States, in Order to form a</i> <i>more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic</i> <i>Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote</i> <i>the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty</i> <i>to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish</i> <i>this Constitution for the United States of America.</i>
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Bill of Rights	After the US Constitution was enacted in 1783, the founders felt additional measures were necessary to preserve basic human rights. The first 10 amendments to the U.S. Constitution came to be the Bill of Rights. First Amendment - separation of church and state; freedom of religion, speech and press; and the right to peaceful assembly Second - right to keep and bear arms Third - made it illegal to force people to offer quarters to soldiers in time of peace Fourth - rights to privacy and unreasonable searches or seizures Fifth - right to due process, protection against self incrimination, and protection from being indicted for the same crime twice (double jeopardy) Sixth - right to speedy public trial by an impartial jury and to counsel for ones defense Seventh - right to sue people Eighth - protection against cruel and unusual punishment Ninth - enumeration of specific rights in the Constitution cannot be taken as a way to deny other rights not delegated to the federal government by the Constitution are reserved
Thirteenth Amendment	to the states or to the people. Abolished Slavery
Fourteenth Amendment	Citizenship to African Americans
Fifteenth Amendment	Right to vote for African American males

Nineteenth Amendment	Women's Suffrage- (suffrage means right to vote)
Twenty-fifth Amendment	Presidential Disability and Succession
Twenty- Sixth Amendment	Voting age set to 18 Years
Local and State Governments	Most states follow the type of government established in the U.S. Constitution. State governments genially have three branches- executive, legislative, and judicial. The main difference is that the executive branch is led by a governor and the judicial branch is composed of a state court system which is subordinate to <i>(lower than)</i> the federal court system. The city government is generally headed by a mayor or city manager with support of a city council.

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National Holidays	 Memorial Day- (Last Monday in May) Honors members of the military who died in war Labor Day- (First Monday in September) Recognizes the importance of works and labor unions Columbus Day- (Second Monday in October) Commemorates the arrival of Columbus to the Americas Independence Day- (4th of July) Commemorates the adoption of the Declaration of Independence. Veteran's Day- (Usually November 11, but if it falls on a weekend, the following Monday is designated for holiday leave) Celebrates all those who have served in our countries armed forces. Martin Luther King Day- (Third Monday in January) Honors the leader and the civil rights movement. 	
U.S. Flag	The U.S. flag has 50 stars to represent the states of the union. The color red represents hardiness and valor, the white symbolizes purity and innocence and the blue symbolizes vigilance, perseverance, and justice. The Congress approved a new flag with 13 red and white alternating horizontal stripes and 13 stars representing the original 13 colonies in 1777. A star and stripe were added to the flag each time a state entered the union. The Congress set the number of stripes at thirteen in 18818 and approved to add a new star for each new state.	
Pledge of Allegiance	It is the declaration of patriotism . It was first published in 1892 in <i>The Youth's Companion</i> and was believed to be written by the magazines' editor, Francis Bellamy. The original purpose was for the pledge to be used by school children in activities to celebrate the 400 th anniversary of the discovery of America. The pledge is used in morning school routines and received official recognition by Congress in 1942. The phrase "under God" was added in 1954 and law indicating the proper behavior to adopt when reciting the pledge, which includes standing straight, removing hats, and placing the right hand over the heart.	

Social Studies Terms- Citizenship

Star Spangled Banner	The National anthem of the United States.
	Originally a poem written by Francis Scott Key
	during the Battle of Baltimore in the War of
	1812 against the British. In 1931, it was made
	the official national anthem of the U.S.
The Statue of Liberty	This symbol was a gift of friendship from the
	people of France to the people of the United
	States to celebrate the United States 100 th
	Birthday. It was dedicated October 28, 1886.
	It is a symbol of freedom, democracy, and
	international friendship.
	The sculptor was Frédéric Auguste Bartholdi . To read about others who were instrumental in its
	development see this site:
	http://www.nps.gov/stli/historyculture/people.htm
The White House	It was planned by President George
	Washington in 1791 and was completed in
	1800 when its first resident, President John
	Adams and his wife Abigail moved in. It was
	originally called the President's House.
	President Theodore Roosevelt christened it
	with the name the White House in 1901, and
	for over 200 years it has been the home of the
	U.S. Presidents and their families. It is
	recognized as a symbol of the Presidency of
	the United States throughout the world.
	James Hoban designed the White House.
Liberty Bell	It is a symbol of freedom and liberty. The
	Pennsylvania Assembly ordered the Liberty Bell to
	commemorate the 50 anniversary of
	Pennsylvania's original constitution in 1752 and was cast with the lettering (part of Leviticus 25:10)
	"Proclaim LIBERTY throughout all the land unto all
	the inhabitants thereof." It originally cracked when
	first rung after arrival in Philadelphia, and was
	twice recast by local workmen John Pass and John
	Stow, whose last names appear on the bell. In its
	early years, the Liberty Bell was used to summon
	lawmakers to legislative sessions and to alert
	citizens to public meetings and proclamations. It
	became an icon when abolitionists adopted it as a
	symbol of freedom. The abolitionists changed its
	name from the State House Bell to the Liberty Bell.

The Great Seal	Consists of a bald eagle holding an olive branch and a bundle of arrows. The olive branch represents peace and the arrows represent military strength. The eagle holds a scroll in its beak with the nation's motto: <i>"E Pluribus Unum"</i> which means "Out of many, one."
Bald Eagle	Designated the national bird of the United States in 1782. The Bald eagle is unique to the Untied States. It symbolizes strength, courage, and freedom.
Uncle Sam	In 1917 the United States was preparing to enter World War I, Uncle Sam appeared on military recruiting posters.
Mount Rushmore National Memorial	The Mount Rushmore National Memorial is a sculpture carved into the granite face of Mount Rushmore in South Dakota. Sculpted by Gutzon Borglum and his son, Lincoln Borglum, Mount Rushmore features 60-foot sculptures of the heads of four United States presidents: George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt, and Abraham Lincoln to represent the first 130 years of American history. These presidents were selected by Borglum because of their role in preserving the Republic and expanding its territory.
Washington Memorial	The Washington Monument, designed by Robert Mills and eventually completed by Thomas Casey and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, honors and memorializes George Washington at the center of the nation's capital. Built in the shape of an Egyptian obelisk, the Washington Monument embodies the awe, respect, and gratitude the nation felt for its most essential Founding Father. When completed in 1884, the Washington Monument was the tallest building in the world at 555 feet, 5-1/8 inches. It was later beat when the Eifel Tower was built. The San Jacinto Monument dedicated in 1939 is now the world's largest Obelisk.

Lincoln Memorial	The Lincoln Memorial was built to honor the 16th
	President of the United States, Abraham Lincoln. It
	is located on the National Mall in Washington, D.C
	across from the Washington Monument. The
	architect was Henry Bacon, the sculptor of the
	primary statue – Abraham Lincoln, 1920 – was
	Daniel Chester French, and the painter of the
	interior murals was Jules Guerin. It was dedicated
	in 1922. The building is in the form of a Greek
	Doric temple and contains a large seated sculpture
	of Abraham Lincoln and inscriptions of, The
	Gettysburg Address and Lincoln's Second Inaugural
	Address. The memorial has been the site of many
	famous speeches, including Martin Luther King's "I
	Have a Dream" speech given on Aug. 28, 1963.

Social Studies Terms- Geography Terms	
Cartographer	A person who makes maps.
Map Grid	A pattern of lines on a map usually running north-south and east-west that is used for giving positions.
Latitude Lines North Pole	Horizontal lines that run parallel around the earth measuring the distance north and south of the equator.
Equator	Identified as the 0 degree line of latitude and it divides the earth into the Northern and Southern hemispheres. The United States is located in the Northern hemisphere, while Brazil is located in the Southern Hemisphere.
Longitude Lines	Vertical lines that run north and south and meet at the poles. Longitude gives the east and west direction.
Prime Meridian	The 0 degree of longitude that goes through Greenwhich, England, and it divides the Earth into the Eastern and Western hemispheres. The United States is in the Western hemisphere and Japan in the Eastern hemisphere.
International Date Line	The exact position of the Prime Meridian at 180 degrees is the International Date Line, which is where the date actually changes.

Social Studies Terms- Geography Terms



Cardinal Directions	A map includes a compass rose that shows direction. Cardinal Directions are the four base parts on a compass. The top point is called north and the point at the bottom is south. The side points are called east and west. The points in between the cardinal directions are called intermediate directions . These include northwest, northeast, southwest, and southeast.
	Give general information about the climate and precipitation (rain and snow) of a region. Cartographers, or mapmakers, use colors to show different climate or precipitation zones.
Economic or Resource Mansu	Economic or Resource Maps - feature the major types of natural resources or economic activity in an area. Cartographers use symbols to show the locations of natural resources or economic activities.





Atlas	A collection of maps
Globe	A scale model of earth in the shape of a ball. Because a globe resembles the shape of the Earth it shows sizes and shapes more accurately than a Mercator Projection map (a flat representation of the Earth).
Mercator Projection Map	A flat representation of the Earth. It's cylindrical shape and portability makes them more useful than a globe.



Degions in United States	Laurentian Highlands-Par of the Canadian Shied
Regions in United States	that extends into the northern U.S. and the Great
	Lakes area.
	Atlantic-Gulf Coastal Plains- coastal regions of the
	eastern and southern states. It includes New York
	City in the North, the Mid-Atlantic states to Florida
	in the South, and all the way west to Texas on the
	Gulf Coast
	Appalachian Highlands- covers the Appalachian
	Mountains, the Adirondack Mountains, and New
	England- the states of Connecticut, Maine,
	Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and
	Vermont
	Interior Plains and Great Plains- covers the
	interior part of the United States. Included in the
	area are the states west of the Appalachians,
	south of the Great Lakes, and as far west as
	Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, and
	northwestern Texas.
	Interior Highlands- includes the Ozark Mountains,
	and the states of Missouri, Arkansas, Kentucky,
	and part of Oklahoma, and Kansas.
	Rocky Mountains System- In the Western United
	States and Canada extending from British
	Colombia to Montana, Utah, Colorado, and New
	Mexico. The mountain range is called the
	Continental Divide because it separates the
	eastward flowing rivers from the west flowing
	rivers. The waters that flow eastward flow into
	the Atlantic Ocean, and those that flow west
	empty into the Pacific
	Intermontane Plateaus- Is a large region that
	includes the Pacific Northwest, the Colorado Plateau, and the basins of the southwestern U.S.
	This area covers the states of Washington, Oregon,
	Idaho, part of Utah, New Mexico, and Arizona. It
	also covers the areas of the Grand Canyon and
	Death Valley
	Pacific Mountain System- West coast of the U.S.
	extending from the Cascade Mountains in the
	north down the entire west coast through the
	states of Washington, Oregon, and California.



Longest River in the World	The Nile
Widest River in the World	The Amazon (second longest and the
	widest river)
Tallest Mountain in the World	Mt. Everest
Tallest Mountain in the U.S.	Mt. McKinley











Social Studies Terms- Economic Terms

Goods	are objects that person wants that they can touch or hold.
Services	are actions that someone does for someone else. (Example: haircut, car repair)
Economic Wants	desires that can be satisfied by consuming a good, service, or leisure activity.
Economic Needs	This term can be subjective, so economists usually put the term with wants.
Consumers	people who buy goods and services.
Producers	are people who make goods and services.
Productive Resources	are the natural, human, and capital resources used to produce goods and services.
Natural Resources	gifts of nature that are used in the production of goods and services (Example: land, water, trees, coal, oil)
Human Resources	The people who work to produce goods and services. (Example: labor (physical and mental work effect)
Capital Resources	man made goods that are produced to make other goods and services. (Example: buildings, tools, equipment, machines)
Scarcity	is the condition of not being able to have all the goods and services you want. Scarce goods and services command a price in the market place. The more scarce the product or service the higher the price.

Opportunity Cost	When you make a decision, the most valuable alternative you give up is your opportunity cost.
Specialization	occurs when people concentrate their production on fewer kinds of goods and services.
Interdependence	when people, businesses, and countries depend on each other to provide their goods and services they consume. For example, the building of a house requires several goods and services such as lumber from lumber mills, windows from window manufactures, and so on to supply the goods to construct the house.
Trade Offs	Getting a little less of one thing in order to get a little more of another thing.
Productivity	measures how many goods or services are produced by worker. Greater productivity leads to higher standards of livings
Market	exists wherever people buy or sell goods or services. Markets are where prices are determined.
Price	is what people pay when they receive a good or service or what they receive when they sell a good or service.
Supply	Producers supply goods and services.
Demand	Consumers demand goods and services. Prices in the market are determined by supply and demand.
Entrepreneur	is a person who takes a risk to develop a new product or start a new business
Profit	is the difference between the money people make when they produce and sell a good or service and all their costs of production.

Cauting	part of a parson's income that is not spont for
Saving	part of a person's income that is not spent for goods or services or used to pay taxes.
Investing	occurs when people and businesses use
investing	money to purchase capital goods or increase
	the skills and abilities of workers.
Budget	a plan for keeping track of income and
	spending over a period of time.
Income	is money that people earn.
Taxes	are payments that people must make to governments to provide goods and services
	such as schools, parks, roads, police
	protection, fire departments, and national
	defense.
Money	anything widely accepted as final payment for
	goods and services
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Trade	what a person produces is used to obtain many goods and services he/she consumes
	many goods and services neysile consumes
Barter	trade without money (costly and difficult
	because both parties must be willing to trade
	for the item the other person has.)
Assembly line	is an arrangement of machines, equipment,
······, ·····	and workers for a continuous flow of part in
	mass production operations, where everyone
	has a specialized job.
Tariffs	charges on imported items.
Imports	Bring items in
Exports	Ship items out
Balance of Trade	A country has a favorable balance of trade
	when it exports more than it imports.
Recession	when the economy moves down from
	prosperity and production decreases and
Donrossion	unemployment increases. a very bad recession. Ex. the Great Depression
Depression	is the type of economic system found in the United
Capitalism/ or Free Enterprise system	States. Also referred to as a free-enterprise
	system or free market economy.



Freedom to Choose Our Businesses

In this country, the decision whether or not you should go into business is basically yours alone to make. You will decide what fees to charge and what hours to work. Certain laws prohibit you from cheating or harming your customers or other people. But, in general, you will be left alone to run your business as you see fit.

Right to Private Property

Private property is a piece of land, a home, or a car owned by an individual, a family, or a group. In the U.S. economic system, people's right to buy and sell private property is guaranteed by law.

Profit Motive- They can earn a profit

The amount of money left over after subtracting your business expenses from your business income is known as your profit. In the free enterprise system, business firms try hard to keep costs down and increase their income from sales. The better they succeed at this, the higher are their profits. Economists describe the efforts by business firms to earn the greatest profits as the profit motive.

Competition

The rivalry between sellers in the same field for consumers' dollars is called competition.

Consumer Sovereignty

It is the customers, or consumers, who determine whether any business succeeds or fails. In the U.S. free enterprise economy, consumers are said to have sovereignty-the power or freedom to spend their money for Product X or for Product Y. If they prefer Y over X, then the company making X may lose money, go out of business, or decide to manufacture something else (perhaps Product Z). Thus, how consumers choose to spend their dollars causes business firms of all kinds to produce certain goods and services and not others.

Social Studies Terms- History

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Primary Sources & Secondary Sources	Primary sources provide firsthand evidence of historical events. They are actual records that have survived from the past, such as letters, photographs, articles of clothing, journals, speeches, interviews, diaries, videos, autobiographies, artifacts, etc.
	Secondary sources summarize, explain, comment on, or draw conclusions from primary sources. They are accounts of the past created by people writing about events sometime after the event. Examples of secondary sources are textbooks, encyclopedias, etc.
	To play a game and practice identifying primary and secondary sources.
	http://www.quia.com/rr/107632.html
	To practice indentifying primary and secondary sources.
	http://www.quia.com/pop/46290.html
	Examples of Primary and Secondary Sources
	Examples of Primary ResourcesExamples of Secondary SourcesNewspapers, autobiographies, photographs, diaries, personal journals, documents, letters, catalogs, real artifact items (such as clothing, tools, furniture and art), oral histories, records, audio recordings, radio accounts at time of event, television accounts at time of event, customs, historical sites, field trips, maps created at the time of eventExamples of Secondary SourcesExamples of Secondary SourcesNewspapers, SourcesHistory text books, reference books, biographies, journal articlesdocuments, letters, catalogs, real artifact items (such as clothing, tools, furniture and art), oral histories, records, audio recordings, radio accounts at time of event, customs, historical sites, field trips, maps created at the time of event

Artifacts	An artifact is anything created by humans which gives information about the culture of its creator or user. Artifacts can help students learn about different cultures and times in history. Examples of cultural artifacts might include Native American arrow heads or clothing, Mexican pesos or pottery, Hawaiian jewelry, or wooden shoes from Holland. Including artifacts in social studies instruction allows students to see and literally be in touch with the past. Often, artifacts show how cultures used their environment in sustaining a way of life.
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Ancient Civilizations in Americas

Mayas	One of the earliest civilizations in regions of
	the Mexico's Yukatan Penisula, Gutalmela, and
	Honduras. They built stone motor pyramids.
	They developed a calendar, a system of
	writing, and the mathematical concept of
	zero. They had advanced knowledge of
	astronomy, engineering and art.
Aztecs	Ahieved the highest form of development in
	Mexico. They had a centralized Government
	headed by king and queen and supported by
	large army. They built famous city of
	Tenochtillan, with many pyramids, palaces,
	plazas, and cannals.
Incas	Children of the Sun. The Inca civilization
	covered the modern countries of Ecuador,
	Peru, and Central Chili. They had a well
	developed political system and built a
	monumental road system
Anasazi	Built cliff dwellings at Mesa Verde, Colorado
	during 14 th and 15 th centuries to protect
	themselves from attacks from rival tribes.
Pueblo Indians	The Anasazi became the Pueblo Indians and
	settled among the Rio Grande and
	intermarried with the local population. The
	produced drought resistant corn and squash.
	The managed to survive the Spanish conquest
	and colonization period.
Iroquois	Inhabited the area of Ontaro, Canada and
•	Upstate New York for at least 4,500 years
	before the arrival of Europeans.

Key Events in American History

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Leif Ericson and Vikings	Leif Erickson and small group of Vikings were
	the first Europeans to set foot on North
	America as early as 1000 C.E.
Christopher Columbus	1492 Columbus sailed the ocean blue 🙂
	King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella of Spain gave
	him the money to sail west to find riches in the Far East Markets. He sailed three ships the Nina,
	Pinta, and Santa Maria and made landfall in the
	New World in the islands of San Salvador.
	Thinking he had landed in India, he named the
	tribes Indians. This was the first of 4 voyages.
	Although he was not the first European to touch
	on the new world, his voyage opened the doors to
	the wave of exploration and conquests by
	European nations.
Amerigo Vespucci	America was named for this sailor explorer
	who was said to have voyaged with Columbus
	and to have completed later voyages which he
	mapped. He believed Columbus had
	discovered a New World and, afterward, maps
	called this land America.
Ponce de Leon	A Spaniard who was the first European to set
	foot on land that is currently the continental
	United States as he explored Florida in 1513
	looking for the famous "Fountain of Youth."
Francisco Coronado	A Spaniard who explored in 1540 much of
	what is now the states of Texas, New Mexico,
	Arizona, and Oklahoma, and Kansas looking
	for the Seven Cities of Gold.
St. Augustine	Settlement founded in Florida by Spaniards in
	1565. It is the oldest settlement to be
	continuously occupied within the present day
	U.S.)
Juan de Onate	Known as last conquistador. Searched for city
	of Gold in New Spain which stretched over
	present day New Mexico, parts of Texas, Utah,
	Colorado, and Arizona.
Sir Francis Drake	Sailed along the Pacific coasts of North and
	South America, and, on completing his voyage
	in 1580, were the first Englishman to
	circumnavigate the globe.
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Sir Walter Raleigh Henry Hudson	Established the first English colony (The Lost Colony) in America in 1587 on Roanoke Island in Virginia (named for Queen Elizabeth, who was also known as the Virgin Queen). Supply ships from England were delayed until 1590 and, when they returned, the colony was deserted. It is not known what happened to those early Roanoke settlers, but it is thought that most died and others were absorbed into local Native American tribes. English explorer, further investigated the Hudson bay and Hudson River areas in 1609. Later, he laid claim to New Amsterdam (Manhattan) for the Dutch East India
	Company, but it was lost to the British several years later.
Rene-Robert Cavelier, Sieur de La Salle	A Frenchman, explored the entire length of the Mississippi River from its source to the Gulf of Mexico and claimed land and river for France.
Jamestown	The first permanent English Settlement named for King James I of England, was established in 1607 by merchants of the Virginia Company of London. The original colonists, 104, men suffered terrible conditions, and many died. However, the strong leadership of John Smith (whose life was saved by Pocahontas , daughter of a Native American chief) kept the colony from collapsing.
John Rolfe	In 1612, he discovered a new type of tobacco that could be grown in Virginia. This was the first major cash crop of the new world.
Indentured servants	A person who agreed to work several years for a person or company in return for passage to American. The need for workers to harvest the tobacco led to the first Americans being brought to Virginia.

Pilgrims	In 1620, small group of religious separatists led by William Bradford came to America on ship named the Mayflower . They had separated from the Church of England whose head was the king and queen of England. The separated from the church citing church corruption. Before coming ashore, they drafted the Mayflower compact , committing the settlers of the Plymouth Colony to self- government and majority rule. Compact outlined the first form of democracy. After making it through the first difficult year, they celebrated the first Thanksgiving with Native Americans that had been friendly to them (The Wampanoag tribe). One American Indian who was particularly helpful to the Pilgrims was Squarte
Puritans	Pilgrims was Squanto . In 1629, a larger group than the Pilgrims and who sought to purify the Church of England (but not necessarily separate from it), was led by John Winthrop to form a joint-stock company they called the Massachusetts Bay Company. Winthrop wanted to create a colony that would be a "city on hill" a model for the world of what a Christian community ought to be. The Puritans carefully organized prior to their journey and settlement, which meant that the Massachusetts Bay Colony never went through the "starving years" that earlier colonists had endured in their first
Puritan Dissenters	years. Those who broke away to form their own colonies. Roger Williams - founded colony of Providence Ann Hutchinson - founded Portsmouth what later became Rhode Island Thomas Hooker - founded Connecticut.
George Calvert, Lord Baltimore	A Catholic who was granted first proprietary colony of Maryland in 1632 from England.
William Penn	Given land grant from England and established a colony for Quakers in what is now Pennsylvania.

King Philips War Salem Witch Trials Thirteen Original English Colonies Warden W	 1675 a war that broke out between New England colonists and some local Native American Indian Tribes. Many native American fought with the colonists against Metacom, a Native American who took the English name of King Philip. This is perhaps the most costly war in American history in terms of percentage of lives lost on both sides. 1692, Puritans in Massachusetts were shaken by the accusations of young girls in Salem who believed they were being tormented by witches that lived in the village. The Salem Witch Trials resulted in 20 executions. New England Colonies: Massachussettes, Connecticut, Rhode Island, and New Hamshire. Middle Colonies: New York, New Jersey, Maryland, and Pennyslania Chesapeake Colonies Virgina, Delaware Southern Colonies: North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia.
Viest 200 Kilometers	
French and Indian War or sometime called The Seven year war	The English and the French battled for colonial domination in North America. The Native Americans often allied with the French, so Britain often referred to as the French and Indian. Because of enormous debts arising from this war, England decided to levy taxes on prospering colonies.
Stamp Act 1776	Tax on news papers and legal documents, sparked the "no taxation without representation."
Sons of Liberty	Group of patriots formed by Samuel Adams who protested loss of their rights.
Townsend act	New tax on tea, glass, paint, and paper.

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Boston Massacre	More British troops were sent to America because
	of protests Colonists were conducting The
	increased hostility between the two groups lead to
	an incident when several colonists were killed.
	Samuel Adams called this incident the Boston
	Massacre. British Parliament then repealed all
	taxes except one on tea. If Colonists paid the tea
	tax they would, in effect, be confirming that
	England had the right to directly tax them.
Boston Tea Party	1773 group of angry colonists dressed as Mohawk
	Indians threw tea from the British cargo ships into
	the Boston Harbor. The fundamental
	disagreement was over England's taxation of
	colonists without having been allowed
	representation in the British Government.
Intolerable Acts	King George and British Government passed
	for acts in response to dumping the tea.
	 Boston port was closed
	2) Massachusetts royal governor was
	given more authority over the Colonial
	Legislature
	3) Royal officials accused of a crime could
	be tried elsewhere
	4) Quartering act required Americans to
	house British troops
Eirst Continental Congress	1774, Americans formed the first Continental
First Continental Congress	Congress in response to the Intolerable Acts,
	they drafted a protest to Britain and formed
	their own militia.
Loyalist	Colonists loyal to King George
Patriots	Colonists loyal for independence and willing to
	fight and sacrifice for it.
General Gage	1775 British general who led 700 British
C C	soldiers to Concord on a mission to search for
	and destroy a reported stockpile of Colonial
	arms and ammunition. Americans tracked the
	British troops and sent two riders Paul Revere
	and William Dawes, to alert the countryside
	that the British were coming. <i>Henry</i>
	Longfellow wrote the poem "Paul Revere's
	Ride."

Minutemen Continental Army led by George	Colonial militiamen ready at a moment's notice. When the British arrived at Lexington, they found a group of 70 American Minutemen waiting for them on the village green. A British officer ordered the men to drop their weapons. The Minutemen held onto their weapons and did not leave the green. At that time, a shot was fired. This was the shot heard around the world marking the beginning of the Revolutionary War. This was a rag-tag army that used guerilla
Washington	tactics on the British to win the American Revolution.
Thomas Paine	1776 published famous pamphlet Common Sense, which gave reasons why it was foolish to believe that Americans could reconcile with England.
Declaration of Independence	 Prepared by a committee led by Thomas Jefferson, it pronounced the colonies free and independent states. Consisted of the preamble (introduction) and 3 main parts. Natural unalienable rights and liberties endowed by our creator We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. List of injustices committed by Britain Announces the colonies as the United States of America It was signed July 4, 1776.

	Main reasons for the War of Independence
American Revolution	Main reasons for the War of Independence
	were economic in nature. After the French
	and Indian War (War between Britain and
	France for land in America), Britain was in a
	need of a quick way to recover financially, so
	they imposed a taxation policy that was
	unbearable for the American colonies.
	Colonists responded with civil disobedience by
	boycotting the government of King George. In
	response to disobedience, Britain sent troops
	to Boston, where the groups clashed and
	colonists were killed. The event was called the
	Boston Massacre. One of the best known
	boycotts was the Boston Tea Party , in which
	the colonists dumped tea in the Boston harbor
	to protest against taxation. The events and
	the repression that followed led up to the
	American War of Independence.
Delaware River	George Washington as commander and chief
	of the Continental Army after a year of losing
	battles managed to cross cold, icy Delaware
	River at night to win the Battle of Trenton
Valley Forge	Where the Continental Army stayed and
	trained. They almost did not make it through
	the winter there with little food and clothing.
de Lafette	France sent him to help Washington train the
	Continental Army. France was very helpful to
	the emerging nation sending ships and
	weapons.
Battle of Yorktown	Last major battle of the American Revolution
	was won by the Continental Army, with help
	from the French. The British under the
	leadership of Cornwallis surrendered.
Nathan Hale	During the war spied on British for the
	American army but was captured and
	executed. His famous last words "I only regret
	that I have only one life to give for my
	country."
Benedict Arnold	High ranking American officer, turned traitor
	and joined the British army
Treaty of Paris	1783 with the signing of these treaty colonies
	won their independence and their freedom
	from Paris.
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Liberty Bell	One of the powerful symbols associated with American Independence. On July 8, 176, tradition tells that the tolling of the bell from Independence Hall in Philadelphia summoned American's independence. In Oct. 1777 the bell was removed from Philadelphia because it was feared the British would melt it for ammunition. The bell was returned in 1778 when the British had left Philadelphia. Despite cracks in the bell, it was used throughout the period of 1790-1800 (when Philadelphia served as the nation's capital) to call legislature meetings, to summon voters, and to commemorate George Washington's Birthday.
Articles of Confederation	During the Revolutionary War, the Second Continental Congress ran the government. After independence, this document defined a new form of government composed of representatives from 13 independent states with limited power. Under this form of government, each state printed its own money and imposed taxes on imports from other states. On the positive side, this new government provided for common citizenship- citizens of the United States. It organized a uniform system of weights and measurements and the postal service. It served as the official government of the young republic until 1789, when the states ratified the Constitution
Shay's Rebellion	Uprising of debtor farmers in Massachusetts, showed states how inadequate the Articles of Confederation were. The government did not have authority to put down the rebellion.
Washington DC (District of Columbia)	1790, the site was chosen of the nation's new capital next to the Potomac river. Benjamin Banneker, an African American mathematician, surveyed the area, and Charles L'Enfant was the architect and engineer who designed the plan for the city.
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Founding Fathers	Recognizing the many weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation, 55 delegates (now
	known as the Founding Fathers) from various
	states met in Philadelphia and eventually
	drafted the US Constitution.
US Constitution	After 6 years under the Articles of
05 constitution	Confederation, the leaders of the nation
	realized the American Government needed
	revision to bolster its strength. Constitutional
	Convention was held at Independence Hall in
	Philadelphia in 1787. Leaders were George
	Washington, James Madison (referred to as
	the Father of the Constitution), Benjamin
	Franklin, and Alexander Hamilton. The
	Constitution was ratified in 1788, and in 1789
	George Washington was selected as the first
	President of the United States. The republic
	defined by the Constitution was composed of
	the three branches, the executive, judicial, and
	legislative, and a system of checks and
	balances to regulate each branch.
	The US Constitution is the supreme law of the
	nation. It contains a description of the
	government and the rights and responsibilities
	of its citizens. The document can be amended
	with the approval of two-thirds of the House
	and Senate and the ratification of individual
	state legislature.
	Here is the Preamble to the Constitution :
	We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic
	Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote
	the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty
	to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish
	this Constitution for the United States of America.

Bill of Rights	After the US Constitution was enacted in 1783, the founders felt additional measures were necessary to preserve basic human rights. The first 10 amendments to the U.S. Constitution came to be the Bill of Rights. First Amendment - separation of church and state; freedom of religion, speech and press; and the right to peaceful assembly Second - right to keep and bear arms Third - made it illegal to force people to offer quarters to soldiers in time of peace Fourth - rights to privacy and unreasonable searches or seizures Fifth - right to due process, protection against self incrimination, and protection from being indicted for the same crime twice (double jeopardy) Sixth - right to speedy public trial by an impartial jury and to counsel for ones defense Seventh - right to sue people Eighth - protection against cruel and unusual punishment Ninth - enumeration of specific rights in the Constitution cannot be taken as a way to deny other rights retained by people Tenth -rights not delegated to the federal government by the Constitution are reserved to the states or to the people.
Thirteenth Amendment	
Fourteenth Amendment	Citizenship to African Americans
Fifteenth Amendment	Right to vote for African American males
Nineteenth Amendment	Women's Suffrage- (suffrage means right to vote)

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Louisiana Purchase	1803, President Thomas Jefferson bought territory from the French known as the Louisiana Purchase. This purchase nearly doubled the size of the U.S. He sent Meriwether Lewis and William Clark to map out parts of the purchase. They followed the Mississippi River and then continued west to eventually reach the Pacific Ocean in Oregon. Sacagawea , and Indian woman helped guide them.
	They returned in 1806 and this marked the beginning of covered wagons full of settlers moving west to settle their own land.
War of 1812	was a military conflict, lasting for two-and-a- half years, between the United States of America and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, its North American colonies and its American Indian allies. The war resolved many issues which remained from the American War of Independence. The United States declared war in 1812 for several reasons, including Great Britain had refused to abide by terms of the Treaty of Paris, trade restrictions brought about by the British war with France, the impressments of American merchant sailors into the Royal Navy, British support of Indian tribes against American expansion. During the war, the British burned down much of Washington D.C. However, the American troops were able to successfully defend an attack on Fort McHenry in Baltimore. Francis Scott Key witnessed the battle and wrote a poem to commemorate the event. The poem was set to music and became the Star Spangled Banner. One of the most remembered battles of the War of 1812 was the victory at the Battle of New Orleans with Andrew Jackson commanding the U.S. troops. Although the war had been declared over, the news had reached the combatants there.
Monroe Doctrine	1823, President James Monroe made it clear to European Countries that the U.S. was not going to permit the establishment of colonies in the Western Hemisphere. It also banned European countries from attacking the new American republics that were just becoming established in the early 19 th century. Nor was the U.S. to become involved in European affairs.

	In 1939 under Dresident Andrew Jackson all
Trail of Tears	In 1828, under President Andrew Jackson , all Native Americans east of the Mississippi River
	were to be moved west of the Mississippi. The
	Cherokee Nation, through a Supreme Court
	decision, was to be allowed to remain, but instead,
	Jackson, Under the Indian Removal Act, had troops
	force march them to Oklahoma a 800-mile journey
	that left 4,000 Cherokees dead along the way.
Ben Franklin discovers Electricity	Mid 1800's Benjamin Franklin discovered electricity.
Industrial Revolution	Began late 17 th century early 18 th century where
	mass production was being done with machines.
	Eli Whitney- Cotton Gin
	Thomas Edison - electric lights, phonograph,
	telegraph, electric railway, iron ore separator
	Robert Fulton - invented steam boat
	Erie Canal 1825, opened Midwest by creating a
	water route between the Atlantic Ocean and the
	Great Lakes.
Cald Duch	1848 Gold is discovered in California at Sutter's
Gold Rush	Mill. Those who rushed to California were called
	the "Forty-Niners."
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Farm Reaper invented	Cyrus McCormick invented the reaper in 1865, transforming the farm industry
	1874 Joseph Glidden invented barbed wire that
Barbed wire invented	
	would bring the end open-range ranching and the
	days of the Cattle Drives.
Slavery in the United States	The Dutch brought the first African slaves to
	Virginia in 1619 to work plantations. From 1640-
	1680, large number of slaves were brought to the
	Americas. With the invention of Eli Whitney's
	cotton gin, cotton became the economic mainstay
	in the South and demand for labor increased the
	slave trade. 1798-18018 more than 200,000
	African slaves were brought to America, mostly to
	the southern regions.
	1774, the North began regulating and eventually
	prohibited slavery. Eventually, the issue of slavery,
	along with other economic and ideological
	differences between the North and South resulted
	in the American Civil War.

Sectionalism	Americans increasingly looked at issues in terms of	
	it benefitting their region	
	North	South
	Slavery- Northerners and	Slavery- Southerners felt
	westerners felt that slavery	they had heavily invested in
	was empowering the South	slavery for their small or
	at the expense of slave	large farms (plantations)
	labor	and that giving up their
		slaves would cost them
		their livelihood and land.
		Favored extension of
		slavery to new territories
	<i>Tariffs</i> - North favored	Tariffs- South who
	tariffs, or special taxes, on	imported more goods,
	many imported goods to protect their industries	opposed tariffs
	National Bank- Northerners	State Banks- Southerners
	favored National Bank	and Westerners favored
	which gave them a stable	state banks, which would
	currency and investment	give them easier credit
	funds.	needed for farming in the
		south and construction of
		roads and canals in the
		Midwest in order to get
		products to market more easily.
Missouri Compromise	Maintained the balance	,
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		e state and Maine a free
	state, but slavery was p	prevented in any states
	above the 36 degree30	' parallel (except
	Missouri)	
Kansas-Nebraska Act	Allowed for these state	es on entering the
	United states to decide	for themselves.
Dread Scott case	Invalidated compromis	
	continued to remain a s	slave, even if he or she
	was transported to a ne	on-slave holding state.
Abolitionists	Those persons particula	arly in the North began
	to demand a complete	end to slavery.
Uncle Tom's Cabin	Book written by Harrie	t Beecher Stowe which
	influenced many to bec	
Underground Railroad	Name for a series of sa	
, č	people would help lead	l escaped slaves to
	• • •	iman , an escaped slave,
	is credited with freeing	
	escaped slaves. Sojour	ner Truth , another
		outspoken abolitionists.

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Civil War	Abraham Lincoln became P	-
	Southern states felt that the	_
	represented by the federal or seceded from the Union.	-
	Confederate States of Ame	
	1861 when confederates so	•
	troops at Fort Sumter in So	
	Union Army (North)	Confederate Army (south)
	Twice the population of the	Fighting on their own land
	south.	they were familiar with.
	Had three-quarters of the	Strong generals.
	Nation's wealth Had more factories and	Many southerners had fought in the Mexican
	railroads	American War and many
	Fighting to Preserve the	southerners knew how to
	Union and free the slaves.	live off the land.
		They were fighting to
		succeed from the Union
	First major battle of the Civ	and keep slavery.
Battle of Bull Run	-	
Merrimack and Monitor	Confederate navy achieved	
	ironclad vessel the Merrimo	
		d wooden ships, but in 1862
	they go the ironclad ship –	
Battle of Antietam	-	the bloodiest single day of
	battle in U.S. history. At the	
	men lay dead, dying, or wor Several battles were fought	
Battle at Gettysburg	none as memorable as the	-
	Fought in 1863, the battle k	
	North and South combined	
	Lincoln memorialized the fa	
	Gettysburg address:	
	Four score and seven years age	o our fathers brought forth,
	upon this continent, a new nat	
		nat "all men are created equal."
		t civil war, testing whether that
	endure. We are met on a great	ived, and so dedicated, can long
	come to dedicate a portion of i	
	those who died here, that the	
	in all propriety do. But, in a lar	-
	- we can not consecrate - we	_
	The brave men, living and dead hallowed it, far above our pool	
	world will little note, nor long i	
		they did here. It is rather for us,
	the living, we here be dedicate	
	before us – that, from these ho	
	devotion to that cause for white	
		here highly resolve these dead
	shall not have died in vain; tha birth of freedom, and that gov	
	people, for the people, shall no	
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Emonoination Dradomation	January 1, 1863 Lincoln issued the Emancipation
Emancipation Proclamation	Proclamation freeing the slaves in the
	Confederacy.
Homestead Act	Signed into law by President Abraham Lincoln on May 20, 1862, the Homestead Act encouraged Western migration by providing settlers 160 acres of public land. In exchange, homesteaders paid a small filing fee and were required to complete five years of continuous residence before receiving ownership of the land. After six months of residency, homesteaders also had the option of purchasing the land from the government for \$1.25 per acre. The Homestead Act led to the distribution of 80 million acres of public land by 1900.
General Lee Surrenders to Grant	1865 Confederate General Robert E. Lee formally
General Lee Surrenders to Grant	surrenders to Union General Ulysses S. Grant at
	Appomattox Court House, Virginia. During the 5
	years of fighting during the Civil War 618
	Americans died – more than all American Wars combined.
John Wilkes Booth	Assassinated President Lincoln at Ford's Theater in
JOINI WIIKES DOOLII	Washington D.C. only 5 days after Lee's surrender.
	Vice-President Andrew Johnson became
	President.
Reconstruction in the South	Reconstruction hit the South hard economically as the South sought to punish the region for the war.
	Many southerners lost their land because of the
	inability to pay taxes and grow crops (because of
	the loss of life, limb, and slave labor)
	Civil War amendments to the Constitution (13, 14, 15)
	Carpetbaggers- were from the North came down
	from to South to take over land and businesses
	that could no longer pay taxes and also gain political power.
	Scalawags- were white southerners with the same
	goals.
Jim Crow Laws	Legalized segregation
Black Codes	Very restrictive laws passed by Southern legislatures to
	control former slaves. Black codes denied Blacks the right to vote, as well as other civil rights. Some black
	codes restricted free assembly, other restricted types of
	jobs blacks could do. In 1867, the U.S. congress, passed
	legislation to eliminate black-codes. Congress required
	southern states to ratify the Fourteenth amendment of the Constitution before being allowed back into the
	Union.

Transcontinental Railroad Short video www.history.com/topics/transcontinental-railroad	1869, completion of the railroad from cost to coast built mostly by Chinese labor opened the country to manifest destiny. Here is a short video :
Telephone invented	1876 Alexander Graham Bell patented his telephone.
Manifest Destiny	1884, President James K. Polk declared to the world that the United States would eventually become a world power and expand to its natural borders.
American Progress	A painting also known as "Spirit of the Frontier" by John Gast shows settlers moving from east to west, driving buffalo and American Indians in front of them. Over the scene floats a spirit of a young woman representing America that seems to be guiding them forth.



American Progress Painting

Spanish American War of 1898	The war between Spain the U.S. made the U.S. a world power when Theodore Roosevelt was President. As a result of this war, the U.S. established its power and influence in the Caribbean Sea and Pacific Ocean. Cuba became an independent nation, and the U.S. gained control of the Philippines, Guam, and Puerto Rico. Eventually, the Philippines became an independent nation, while Guam and Puerto Rico remained U.S. territories. Eventually, the people of Guam and Puerto Rico became U.S. citizens.
Wright Brothers	They were aviation pioneers who are credited with inventing and building the world's first successful airplane and making the first controlled, powered and sustained heavier- than-air human flight, on December 17, 1903. In the two years afterward, the brothers developed their flying machine into the first practical fixed- wing aircraft. Although not the first to build and fly experimental aircraft, the Wright brothers were the first to invent aircraft controls that made fixed-wing powered flight possible.
World War I	The first Global War that began in Europe and involved tow alliances. The Allies and the Central Powers. The Allies were England, France, Russia, and Italy. The Central Powers were Germany, the Austria-Hungary Empire, Turkey, and Bulgaria. Initially, America remained neutral and benefitted with trading with the Allies. American neutrality was challenged, however, when Germans developed a new weapon, the submarine, and used it to successfully destroy allied ships. In 1915, the Germans sank a British Liner, the Lusitania, killing more than 1,100 passengers, including 128 Americans. Additionally, American cargo ships were sunk, which force President Woodrow Wilson to ask Congress to declare ware against Germany and the Central Powers on April 6, 1917. This fostered the Allies Victory in 1918. Treaty of Versailles- officially ended World War I. The Central Powers were forced to pay for the war. The Austria- Hungary Empire was dismembered and new countries created. The punitive conditions of the Treaty of Versailles created a resentment of the Germans that eventually led to the second global confrontation, World War II.

The Bolshevik Revolution in Russia	1917, the Communists, led by Vladimir Lenin, took over the government of Russia. As a result of this revolution, Russia underwent a period of government reconstruction to incorporate communist philosophy to the nation. With a new Government in power, Russia withdrew from World War II.
Temperance Movement and Prohibition	 By 1830, the average American over 15 years old consumed nearly seven gallons of pure alcohol a year – three times as much as we drink today – and alcohol abuse (primarily by men) was wreaking havoc on the lives of many, particularly in an age when women had few legal rights and were utterly dependent on their husbands for sustenance and support. The Temperance Movement- The country's first serious anti-alcohol movement grew out of a fervor for reform that swept the nation in the 1830s and 1840s. It was hoped by supporters of the Temperance Movement that Prohibition (prohibiting the sale and consumption of alcohol) amendment passed on Jan 17, 1920 would solve the nation's poverty, crime, violence, and other social problems. But bootleg (illegal) alcohol continued to make its way into American
Women's Right to Vote	Homes. 19 th amendment in 1920 gave women right to vote. Movement led by women such as Susan B. Anthony.
Roaring 20's	The economy boomed. Americans devoted themselves to making and spending money. By now most cities had electricity and people bought household appliances such as an ice box. In 1920 first radio station in Pittsburg and almost all houses had a radio. First successful TV transmission occurred in New York in 1927, although TVs were not common in homes until the 1950s and early 60's.

Use of assembly line to produce automobiles.
In 1913, it took 14 hours to put together one auto, and only wealthy people could afford
one. By 1925, assembly lines turned out a
new car every 10 seconds. One in every five Americans drove a car by end of the 20's.
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Stock market crash October 29 th , 1929 brought America's prosperity and good times to a sudden end. On that day people who had invested in stocks-or shares of companies panicked and began selling their shares.
With everyone selling at once, the price of stocks plummeted.
For millions of Americans, the 1930's and the Great Depression meant not having enough- not enough work, food, or clothes, or money. It meant doing without, scraping buy. For some people, it even meant losing their homes. "Hoovervilles"- buildings made of cardboard shacks and rusty car bodies were named after President Hoover, who was blamed for the nation's misery because he was president. Hoover refused to admit how bad things were. Reasons for Great Depression: 1)Stock Market Crash 1929 2) Bank Failures 3) People purchased less goods 4) Higher taxes on imported goods- Businesses began failing, the government created the Smoot- Hawley Tariff in 1930 to help protect American companies. This charged a high tax for imports thereby leading to less trade between America and foreign countries along with some economic retaliation. 5) The drought- Dust Bowl

The Dust Bowl	Dust storms of the 30's devastated the panhandle of Texas, southeastern Colorado, panhandle of Oklahoma, western Kansas, and far eastern New Mexico. Millions of acres of farmland across the plains became worthless due to severe drought and over farming. Many farmers could not even pay their taxes or other debts and had to sell their farms for no profit to themselves. The area was nicknamed "The Dust Bowl." Many farmers left there land and traveled west in search of work in California. The Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck portrays this period.
FDR's New Deal	 In 1932 American's went to the polls and elected a new president- Franklin Delano Roosevelt. He pledged if he were elected, he would deliver "A New Deal for the American People." Between 1933 and 1937,President Franklin Roosevelt implemented a series of government sponsored programs designed to revitalize the economy and put men to work. Tennessee Valley Authority association provided jobs and provided electricity to rural Americans. Workers Progress Administration- put men to work building and improving highways, bridges, and dams. It also created jobs for artists and photographers. Social Security Act- social insurance for the elderly and unemployed. Security Exchange Commission- was set up to regulate the stock market on Wall Street.

World War II	The emergence of totalitarian countries like
	Russia, Germany, and Italy created instability in
	Europe and eventually led to war. Italy was a
	fascist, belligerent state where Individual liberties
	were ignored. Germany, under the leadership of
	Adolf Hitler was ready to avenge the treatment it
	suffered as a result of World War I. In the Pacific
	Japan was building an empire that had already
	conquered parts of China. All these conditions
	promoted the creation of military alliances and
	eventually led to World War II. Germany, Italy,
	and Japan created the axis power, and Russia,
	France, and England became the Allies. The war
	started with the German invasion of Poland in
	1939. Two days later, France and England
	declared war against Germany. Hitler conquered
	most of Europe in a relatively short time. France
	was occupied, and England was brought close to
	submission. The United States supported the
	Allies with supplies and weapons but did not send
	troops. Although it remained neutral for the first
	few years of the war, the United states joined the
	Allies when Japan attacked its naval base in Pearl
	Harbor, Hawaii, in 1941.
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Yalta Conference	The Allies met in Yalta, Russia to discuss the terms of the treaty to end the war. In this meeting, the leaders of the allied forces- Winston Churchill, Joseph Stalin, and Franklin D. Roosevelt- met to discuss peace. Under the terms of peace agreed to at Yalta, Germany was to be divided into 4 sections, each controlled by Allied country- Britain, France, Russia, and the U.S. The Germans were to pay the Russians for war reparations in money and labor. Poland was divided, and the Russians received control of one section (later they took control of the nation). Finally, plans were set to organize the United Nations to prevent future conflicts in the world.
Nuremberg Trials	Hitler committed suicide in his Berlin bunker rather than face capture and trial. A war crimes tribunal was set up in Nuremberg to bring Nazi who had participated in crimes against humanity to trial.

Atomic Domb on site of Ulivoching and	Roosevelt died during his fourth term in office, his vice
Atomic Bomb on city of Hiroshima and Nagasaki Japan	president Truman became president. In order to end the war with Japan and save thousands of American Lives, President Truman made the decision to use two Nuclear weapons against Japan. Aug. 6, 1945, and American B-29 dropped an atomic bomb on the city of Hiroshima. It instantly killed 80,000 people. Japan still did not surrender and a second bomb was dropped on Nagasaki on Aug. 9, 1945 causing another 40,000 deaths. Japan Emperor Hirohito persuaded his ministers to surrender unconditionally August 14, 1945. On Sep. 2, 1945, on the battleship Missouri, anchored in Tokyo Bay, Japanese officials signed the articles of surrender.
Marshall Plan	1947 The Marshall Plan was a U.S sponsored program to rebuild the economic
	infrastructure in Europe. The U.S. provided money and machinery for the reconstruction of the continent.
Truman Doctrine	In response to the threat of the Soviets, Harry Truman issued a proclamation warning that the United States will help any nation in danger of falling under communist control. As the result of this doctrine, the United States became involved in Korean War and the Vietnam War.
Cold War	As a result of the Yalta agreement, Russia became the most powerful country in the region. After taking over Poland and East Berlin, and Building the Berlin Wall, a new war emerged between Russia and the U.S The Cold War. Although war was never formally declared between the two nations, confrontations occurred from 1945-1991.
Vaccine for Polio Disease	1950's Jonas Salk , an American, invented a vaccine for the treatment of polio that had left many Americans and people throughout the world with paralysis.
Bay of Pigs	On April 17, 1961, 1400 Cuban exiles launched what became a botched invasion of their homeland at the Bay of Pigs on the south coast of Cuba. The plan anticipated that the Cuban people and elements of the Cuban military would support the invasion. The ultimate goal was the overthrow of Castro and the establishment of a non-communist government friendly to the United States. This plan of the Kennedy administration failed.

Cuban Missile Crisis.	In 1963, America and Russia were on the
	verge of a Nuclear War after Premier Nikita
	Khrushchev ordered the deployment of
	nuclear missiles to Cuba. An intense negation
	between Premier Khrushchev and President
	Kennedy avoided war between the two
	countries.
Vietnam	Long war that began under President John F. Kennedy in the mid-1960's and ended in 1975. Vietnam was divided into two parts: the South, which asked for help from the U.S., and the North, under communist control. Initial arguments for entering the war centered on holding the line of communism there than having South Korea and letting communism spread to other countries of the Far East (The Domino Theory). Although the U.S. was by far the more powerful nation militarily, the Cold War with China and the USSR seemed to hold the United States back from completing an all-out victory. The American people began to tire of these types of politics and loss of American lives, and the U.S. eventually pulled out of the region, leaving Vietnam to the Communists. On May 4, 1970, at Kent State in Ohio , members of the National Guard killed 4 students and injured 9 others as they protested the war.
Apollo 11 Moon Landing 1969	Apollo 11 was the spaceflight that landed the first
Apolio 11 Moon Landing 1909	humans on the Moon, Americans Neil Armstrong
	and Buzz Aldrin, on July 20, 1969, at 20:18 UTC.
	Armstrong became the first to step onto the lunar
	surface six hours later on July 21 at 02:56 UTC.
	Armstrong spent about two and a half hours
	outside the spacecraft, Aldrin slightly less, and
	together they collected 47.5 pounds (21.5 kg) of
	lunar material for return to Earth. The third
	member of the mission, Michael Collins , piloted
	the command spacecraft alone in lunar orbit until Armstrong and Aldrin returned to it just under a
	day later for the trip back to Earth. Broadcast on
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President Kennedy Assassinated	Shortly after noon on November 22, 1963, President John F. Kennedy was assassinated as he rode in a motorcade through Dealey Plaza in downtown Dallas, Texas with his wife Jackie Kennedy and Texas Governor John Connally and his wife, Nellie. Crowds of excited people lined the streets and waved to the Kennedys. The car turned off Main Street at Dealey Plaza around 12:30 p.m. As it was passing the Texas School Book Depository, gunfire suddenly reverberated in the plaza.
	few minutes away. But little could be done for the President. A Catholic priest was summoned to administer the last rites, and at 1:00 p.m. John F. Kennedy was pronounced dead. Though seriously wounded, Governor Connally would recover. The president's body was brought to Love Field and
	 placed on <i>Air Force One</i>. Before the plane took off, a grim-faced Lyndon B. Johnson stood in the tight, crowded compartment and took the oath of office, administered by U.S. District Court Judge Sarah Hughes. The brief ceremony took place at 2:38 p.m. Less than an hour earlier, police had arrested Lee Harvey Oswald, a recently hired employee at the Texas School Book Depository. He was being held for the assassination of President Kennedy and the fatal
	shooting, shortly afterward, of Patrolman J. D. Tippit on a Dallas street. On November 24, Oswald was scheduled to be transferred from police headquarters to the county jail. Viewers across America watching the live television coverage suddenly saw a man aim a pistol and fire at point blank range. The assailant was identified as Jack Ruby , a local nightclub owner. Oswald died two hours later at Parkland Hospital.

Civil Rights Movement	Brown vs. Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas, 1954
	Supreme court case with Thurgood Marshall as the principal attorney of the case declared segregation
	unconstitutional.
	Montgomery Bus Boycott- 1955 in Montgomery Alabama Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat to a
	white passenger and she was arrested. African
	Americans organized a boycott led by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. of busses in Montgomery. For 381 days, African Americans refused to ride the buses. The boycott remained nonviolent. – Civil Disobedience
	Civil Rights Act in 1964- signed by President Johnson sought to bring more equality to African Americans, especially in housing and schools.
	President Kennedy sent a bill to Congress in 1963 that would guarantee equal access to public accommodations and gave U.S. attorney general,
	Robert Kennedy, the power to file school desegregation
	lawsuits. To persuade Congress to pass the bill, more than 250,000 people including 75,000 whites, came to
	Washington for the March on Washington . There Dr. King delivered his "I Have A Dream Speech."
Martin Luther King Assassinated	In the early evening of April 4, 1968, Martin Luther King, Jr. was killed by a single shot which struck his
	face and neck. He was standing on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tennessee, where
	he had come to lead a peaceful march in support
	of striking sanitation workers. About an hour later, he was pronounced dead at 7:05 PM at St. Joseph
	Hospital. James Earl Ray, an escaped convict who
	purchased the rifle found near the assassination scene and was caught in flight two months later.
Robert Kennedy assassinated	
	As a popular Democratic candidate for President, was in California campaigning. Shortly after
	midnight on June 5, 1968, presidential candidate Robert F. Kennedy was shot three times by
	Palestinian immigrant Sirhan Sirhan after giving a
	speech at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California. Robert Kennedy died of his wounds 26
	hours later. Robert Kennedy's assassination later led to Secret Service protection for all future major
	presidential candidates.

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Water Gate Scandal	Before the summer of 1972, the word "Watergate" meant nothing more than an office and luxurious apartment complex in Washington, D.C. As a result of a "third-rate burglary" on June 17 of that year, it came to be associated with the greatest political scandal of that century and would change the lives of the many people involved — especially President Richard M. Nixon. as a result of the June 17, 1972 break-in at the Democratic National Committee (DNC) headquarters at the Watergate office complex in Washington, D.C., and the Nixon administration's attempted cover-up of its involvement. When the conspiracy was discovered and investigated by the U.S. Congress, the Nixon administration's resistance to its probes led to a constitutional crisis. ¹ The term <i>Watergate</i> has come to encompass an array of clandestine and often illegal activities undertaken by members of the Nixon administration. Those activities included such "dirty tricks" as bugging the offices of political opponents and people of whom Nixon or his officials were suspicious. Nixon and his close aides ordered harassment of activist groups and political figures, using the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). The scandal led to the discovery of multiple abuses of power by the Nixon administration, articles of impeachment, and the resignation of Richard Nixon, the President of the United States, on August 9, 1974—the only resignation of a U.S. President to date.
Space Shuttle Challenger	January 28, 1986, the Columbia space shuttle Challenger exploded and broke apart 73 seconds into its flight, leading to the deaths of its seven crew members. The spacecraft disintegrated over the Atlantic Ocean, off the coast of Cape Canaveral, Florida.

	The Berlin Wall (German: Berliner Mauer) was a barrier
Berlin Wall Fall	constructed by the German Democratic Republic (GDR, East
	Germany) starting on 13 August 1961, that completely cut off
	(by land) West Berlin from surrounding East Germany and from East Berlin. 22 months after the erection of the Berlin
	Wall, on 26 June 1963, U.S. President John F. Kennedy visited
	West-Berlin. Speaking from a platform erected on the steps of
	Rathaus Schöneberg for an audience of 450,000 he declared
	in his Ich bin ein Berliner speech the support of the United
	States for West Germany and the people of West-Berlin in particular:
	Two thousand years ago, the proudest boast was civis
	romanus sum ["I am a Roman citizen"]. Today, in the world of
	freedom, the proudest boast is "Ich bin ein Berliner!" All free
	men, wherever they may live, are citizens of Berlin, and therefore, as a free man, I take pride in the words "Ich bin ein
	Berliner!"
	The message was aimed as much at the Soviets as it was at
	Berliners and was a clear statement of U.S. policy in the wake of the construction of the Berlin Wall. The speech is
	considered one of Kennedy's best, both a notable moment of
	the Cold War and a high point of the New Frontier. It was a
	great morale boost for West Berliners, who lived in an exclave
	deep inside East Germany and feared a possible East German occupation.
	In a speech at the Brandenburg Gate commemorating the
	750th anniversary of Berlin on 12 June 1987, U.S. President
	Ronald Reagan challenged Mikhail Gorbachev, then the General Secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet
	Union, to tear down the wall as a symbol of increasing
	freedom in the Eastern Bloc:
	We welcome change and openness; for we believe that
	freedom and security go together, that the advance of human
	liberty can only strengthen the cause of world peace. There is
	one sign the Soviets can make that would be unmistakable,
	that would advance dramatically the cause of freedom and peace. General Secretary Gorbachev, if you seek peace, if you
	seek prosperity for the Soviet Union and eastern Europe, if you
	seek liberalization, come here to this gate. Mr. Gorbachev,
	open this gate. Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall!
	The date on which the Wall fell is considered to have been 9
	November 1989, but the Wall in its entirety was not torn
	down immediately. Starting that evening and in the days and
	weeks that followed, people came to the wall with sledgehammers or otherwise hammers and chisels to chip off
	souvenirs, demolishing lengthy parts of it in the process and
	creating several unofficial border crossings. These people
	were nicknamed "Mauerspechte" (wall woodpeckers)
Gulf War or Desert Storm	August 2, 1990- Feb 28, 1991- President George H.W. Bush successfully acted to stop the aggression of Iraq
	when it invaded Kuwait, sending troops into the Gulf
	War and Desert Storm.

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First artificial Heart	Mid- 1900's Dr. Michael DeBakery working in Houston was the first to perform cardiovascular surgeries in so
	many new areas including artificial hearts.
Oklahoma City Federal Building	April 19, 1995, the Oklahoma bombing was a
	domestic terror attack. Timothy McVeigh was
Bombing	tried, convicted, and executed for the bombing.
	Terry Nichols, was convicted of conspiracy and
	sentenced to life in prison.
Clinton immoschod	During his first term Bill Clinton was involved in a
Clinton impeached	number of controversies. He was reelected in
	1996 and became first Democrat since FDR to be
	reelected president. In 1998, Clinton became the
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	second president in history of the United States to be impeached- or legally charged with perjury. He
	was tried and acquitted and did not leave office. On September 11, 2001 The World Trade Center in
Global War on Terror	
	New York City and the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. were attacked by hijacked by Al Quada
	Terrorist who flew commercial airplanes into the buildings. The twin towers collapsed and
	thousands died in the worst act of terrorism in
	American history. Passengers on another plane caused it to crash rather than have it hit another
	target. Todd Beamer , traveling on Flight 93,
	planned to overthrow the hijackers. His last
	words, as he and other passengers made their,
	became the motto for many fighting Al Qaeda:
	"Let's Role." Islamic militant Osama Bin Laden
	was named the primary mastermind of the attack.
	President Bush reacted by sending troops into Iraq
	and Afghanistan to attack the Taliban Regime
Space Shuttle Columbia explodes	Feb 1, 2003 the Space Shuttle Columbia
	disintegrated over Texas and Louisiana when it
	reentered the Earth's atmosphere killing all seven members.
	members. 2008 the first African American was elected the
Barak Obama- first African American	44 th President of the United States of America. He
President	defeated Hillary Clinton, former First Lady and
	Senator from New York, to win the Democratic
	nomination. Hillary Clinton became his Secretary
	of State. Obama was reelected in 2012.
Osama Bin Laden killed	Osama bin Laden , the founder and head of the
	Islamist militant group al-Qaeda, was killed in
	Pakistan on May 2, 2011 by American Navy Seals.

<u>Texas</u>	
Native American Groups from Texas	Coastal Plains, flat Land tribes Coahuiltecan- (Rio Grand Valley) They were food gathers and hunters- roots, beans, rabbit, birds, and deer. They lived in family groups. Karankaw- (Southeastern Texas). They fished and gathered food. Lived as nomads and used canoes for fishing. Caddo- (East Texas, Piney Woods). They farmed squash, pumpkins, tobacco, and corn. Built villages and lived as groups.
	 Central Plains, flatland, and hills Apache (central and western Texas) They farmed and hunted. They lived as nomads, built tepees, domesticated horses, and hunted buffalo. Great Plains, Flatlands, and hills Comanche- they were hunters. Lived in Tepees, domesticated horses and hunted buffalo.
	Mountain and basins Jumano (West Texas). They farmed and hunted, built homes of adobe.
Cabez de Vaca	The Spanish exploration of the territory known as Texas began in 1528, when Cabez de Vaca and three companions landed in the territory. They met the Caddo Indians.
Francisco Vazquez de Coronado	In response to reports of Seven Cities of Cibola, Coronado led and expedition of 1000 men in search of the golden cities. The expedition left southwestern United States and northern Texas. In 1542, Coronado returned to Mexico empty handed. For the next 140 years, The Texas region remained isolated, and no other attempts were made to colonize it.
Yselta de Sur	First mission in Texas near present day El Paso.
Robert de la Salle	1682 Established a French settlement in Fort Saint Louis in East Texas. A few years later, the Spaniards expelled the French and established a series of mission East Texas to control the French threat in the region
San Antonio	1718 Spanish established a mission and a fort – San Antonio de Valero and Fort San Antonio de Bexar- near what is now San Antonio. They were to provide protection and support.
Mexican Independence	Mexico obtained its independence in 1821 from Spain and took control the colony of Texas.

Stephen F. Austin	In 1820, Moses Austin received permission from the Spanish government to bring Anglo-American families to settle Texas. This agreement was voided when Mexico gained its independence and took over Texas. Later, Moses son, Stephen F. Austin , negotiated with the Mexican government and obtained a similar agreement to allow Anglo- Americans to settle a colony in Texas of 300 families " Old Three Hundred " By 1835, the settlers were the majority in region, which antagonized the Mexican government and resulted in a war. Stephen F. Austin is known as the "Father of Texas."
Texas War for Independence	The Texas colonists felt that the government was not providing adequate support and protection to Texas. They sent Stephen F. Austin to Mexico City to represent the colony. The Mexican government was not willing to negotiate and jailed Austin for a
First Battle in Gonzales	year. The town of Gonzales had cannon to protect the colonists from the Indians. By order of the government, Mexican soldiers came to take the cannon form the colonists in Oct. 1835. The Texas refused to relinquish the cannon. They hung a flag over Gonzales that said "Come and Take it." They fired the cannon against the Mexican soldiers. With this incident the war for Texas independence began.
Sam Houston	A delegation of Texas traveled to Washington, D.C., to secure support from the U.S. government. Sam Houston volunteered to fight for Texas and became commander –in-chief of the Texas army.
The Alamo and Goliad	The Battle at the Alamo was the first meaningful battle of the Texas war for Independence. When the war began, fewer than 200 men, led by Colonel William Travis protected the Alamo. Others like James Bowie, and David Crockett joined Travis in defending the fort. In 1836, General Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna and the Mexican army took the fort and killed all it defenders, including Texas of Mexican ancestry. Following this victory, Santa Anna continued marching against the rebels and took the city of Goliad, where more than 300 rebels were killed. These two battles provided the patriotic emotion that eventually led to victory against Mexico.

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Texas Declaration of Independence	A few days before the Battle of Alamo, a group of Texas met at Washington-on-the-Brazos to issue a
	declaration of independence and to form a new
	government. An interim government for the
	republic of Texas was established with David
	Burnett as President and Lorenzo de Zavala as
	Vice-president.
Battle of San Jacinto	While the colonists were fighting the Mexican
	army at the Alamo and in Goliad, General Sam
	Houston was strengthening his army of the new
	republic. The Texas army continued retreating
	ahead of the Mexican forces until they reached the
	San Jacinto River, near Houston. In a battle that
	lasted less than 20 minutes, Houston's troops
	defeated the Mexican army and captured General
	Santa Anna. Texas President Burnet and Mexican
	President Santa Anna signed the Treaty of
	Velasco, with Santa Anna agreeing to withdraw his
	troops in Texas in exchange for his life and safe
	return back to Mexico, where he would lobby for
	recognition of Texas Independence. Santa Anna's
	commitment never materialized, and the Mexican
	government refused to recognize Texas as an
	independent republic. Never the less Sam
	Houston became President of the new republic,
	and from 1836-1845, Texas functioned as an
	independent nation.
Republic Period	Despite the economic hardship typical of new
-	nations. Texas Managed to remain independent
	for ten years and was recognized by several
	nations in the world, including the U.S. However,
	unable to secure its borders and reverse its
	financial situation, the new nation sought the
	support of the U.S.
Texas Joins the U.S.	1845, Texas became the twenty-eighth state of the
	American union. Immediately, the U.S. government
	sent troops to the Rio Grande (which Mexicans
	considered their territory) to secure the Texas border.
	The ensuing clashes between Mexican and U.S. forces resulted in Congress declaring war in May 1846.
Maxican American Mar	Between 184601848, Mexico and the U.S. wage a
Mexican-American War	war that ended with a decisive victory and
	tremendous land acquisitions for the U.S. As a
	result of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, Mexico withdrew its claim over Texas and established the
	Rio Grande as the official border between the two
	countries. Mexico also ceded California and the
	territory known today as the American SW.

Confederacy Period	On the onset of the Civil War, Texas left the union
	and joined the Confederacy as a proslavery state.
Reconstruction Period	Texas was allowed t rejoin the U.S. in 1870
Oil in Texas	1901, oil was discovered in Spindletop Oil Field near Beaumont. The development of the oil industry made Texas the leading producer of oil in
	the U.S. As a result of this boom, Houston and
	Dallas became large urban and industrial centers.
Texas Economy today	Leading military training center
	Aircraft industry
	High technology businesses
	Our economy still relies mostly on agriculture,
	ranching and oil production
Six Flags Over Texas	Spain 1519-1821
	France 1685-1690
	Mexico 1821-1836
	Republic of Texas 1836-1845
	United States 1845-1861
	Texas in the Confederacy 1861-1865
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