

8th Grade

America: History of Our Nation

State Assessment: Civics CBA is required

Connections to Past Learnings

Roots of the American People

- The Earliest Americans
- Cultures of North America
- Trade Networks of Asia and Africa
- The European Heritage
- The Age of Exploration

Life in the Colonies 1650-1750

- Governing the Colonies
- Colonial Society
- Slavery in the Colonies
- The Spread of New Ideas

Forming a New Nation

- The American Revolution Winning Independence (1776-1783)
- Creating the Constitution (1776-1790)
Governing a New Nation
- The Constitution of the United States
- U.S. Government & Citizenship

The New Republic

Launching a New Nation (1789-1800)

- Washington Takes Office
- The Birth of Political Parties
- Troubles at Home and Abroad
- The Presidency of John Adams

The Era of Thomas Jefferson (1800-1815)

- Jefferson Takes Office
- The Louisiana Purchase
- The War of 1812

A Changing Nation (1815-1840)

- Building a National Identity
- Dealing With Other Nations
- The Age of Jackson
- Indian Removal
- State's Rights and The Economy

The North & South Take Different Paths (1800-1845)

- The Industrial Revolution
- The North Transformed
- The Plantation South
- The Challenges of Growth

An Age of Reform (1820-1860)

- Improving Society
- The Fight Against Slavery
- A Call for Women's Rights
- American Literature & Art

Westward Expansion (1820-1860)

- The West
- Trails To The West
- Conflict With Mexico
- A Rush To The West

Civil War and Reunion

The Nation Divided (1860-1861)

- Growing Tensions
- Compromises Fail
- The Crisis Deepens
- The Coming of the Civil War

The Civil War (1861-1865)

- The Call To Arms
- Early Years of the War
- The Emancipation Proclamation
- The Civil War and American Life
- Decisive Battles

Reconstruction and the New South (1863-1896)

- Rebuilding the Nation
- The Battle Over Reconstruction
- The End of Reconstruction