

# UNITED STATES HISTORY

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## **Westward Expansion/Growth of Industry/Immigration**

- Native American Resistance
- The Mining Boom
- Role of Immigrants in Urban Life
- Growth of industry/Giants of Industry

## **The Age of Reform/Progressives**

- Progressive Presidents
- Reforming American Industry/Rise of Labor Unions & Government Regulation
- Progressives in American Society/Immigration Aid Societies
- Women's Suffrage Movement

## **American Colonialism/Age of Imperialism**

- War with Spain
- Expansion in the Pacific (Philippines, China, Hawaii, Pacific Islands-Samoa, Guam, & Wake)
- War with Mexico
- Relations with Latin America prior to WWI (Roosevelt Corollary-Extending Monroe Doctrine)

## **World War I**

- Causes of WWI (world-wide)
- U.S. foreign policy prior to entry into WWI
- Events Drawing the United States Into the Conflict
- Split Opinions on which side to enter going into WWI and the Reasons Why.
- WWI War Efforts at Home
- Outcome of WWI-The Versailles Treaty (Uneasy Peace)
- United States reaction to the League of Nations

## **America Enters the 1920's**

- Postwar world-wide economic troubles
- Harding, Coolidge, and Hoover economic policies (Supply-side economics)
- Civil Rights issues in the 1920's (Marcus Garvey & Back to Africa Movement)
- Boom Times/Life in the 1920's (Age of Excess/Conspicuous Consumption)
- The Jazz Age/Harlem Renaissance
- International Politics & Efforts to Establish Permanent World-Wide Peace following WWI during the 1920's and 1930's (Washington Conference, Kellogg Briand Pact, A Return to Isolationism and Self-Determination for Nations Following WWI, Moratorium on German War Reparations, Good Neighbor Policy in Latin America)

## **The Great Depression**

- Crash of the stock market (Causes/Effects @ home and abroad)
- World-wide Depression-Tensions Rising Among European Powers
- Hardships of life during the late 1920's and early 1930's (Differences between Rural America/Urban America)
- Election of FDR & Arrival of the New Deal

## **The New Deal Era of the 1930's/Road to WWII**

- The rise of big government in restoring hope/New Deal Era Programs
- Critics of the New Deal
- Problems for Roosevelt (Court Packing, Constitutionality of New Deal Programs)
- Civil Rights in the New Deal Era (African Americans, Native Americans)
- The Road to War & Rise of the Dictators Word Wide & Impact on American Foreign Policy in the Late 1930's. (This is done along with a review of the provisions of the Versailles Treaty)

## **World War II**

- Events Leading to WWII in Europe/Events Drawing the United States into WWII
- Allied & Axis Advantages/Disadvantages when the United States Enters WWII
- Steps the United States Took in Mobilizing for WWII and how these steps would shape life for American Women for years to come.
- Civil Rights Issues in the U.S. During WWII (African Americans, Mexican Americans, Japanese Americans, and Native Americans)
- Key Battles in both the Pacific and European Theatres
- Ushering of the Nuclear Age
- The Axis Defeat and Post-War Europe

## **The Post WWII Years**

- The Challenges of Peace & The Truman Administration
- The Post-WWII Economy in America
- The Emergence of the Superpowers
- The Beginnings of the Cold War
- The Cold War Turns Hot

## **Decade of Contrasts (1950's)**

- From Truman to Eisenhower (Modern Republicanism & a New Approach to Dealing with the Cold War.)
- Focus of Cold War Shifts from Europe to the Middle East
- Pressure on Ike to Enter the US in Vietnam
- Cold War Fears in America
- The Nuclear Arms Race/Emergence of the Military Industrial Complex

- The Emergence of the Affluent Society/Consumerism in America
- Early Beginnings of the Civil Rights Movement
- Voices of Dissent (Beatniks, Jack Kerouac, Rock & Roll)

#### **XI. The 1960's, Vietnam, and Civil Rights**

- From Eisenhower to JFK (Policy shifts in handling both domestic issues and the Cold War)
- The New Frontier & Its Impact on America
- From the New Frontier to Johnson's Great Society
- The Civil Rights Movement Gains Momentum
- The Domino Theory as it Related to Vietnam
- The Vietnam War (Causes, Reasons for U.S. Involvement, Policies & Strategies)
- Impact of Vietnam on Great Society Programs
- Public Opinion Splits on Vietnam
- From Johnson to Nixon and "The Silent Majority"

#### **XII. The Nixon/Ford Years (1970's)**

- The Rise of the Silent Majority
- The Shift from Vietnam to Cambodia
- Economic Issues in America
- "Realpolitik" & Nixon/Kissinger
- Recognizing "Red" China
- The Energy Crisis & The Environmental Movement
- The Watergate Scandal & Its Impact on Americans
- Ford's Attempts to Reunite the Nation
- End of the Vietnam War
- Cold War Focus Shifts From Europe and Middle East to Africa

#### **XIII. The Carter Years (1970's)**

- Carter's Challenges in America-Economy, Energy Crisis
- Carter's Foreign Policy Focusing More on Human Rights & Morals Than Realpolitik
- Carter in Africa, the Middle East and Latin America
- The Iranian Hostage Crisis
- The Civil Rights Movement and How It Grew to Include Latino Workers, Native Americans, and Individuals Suffering Handicaps in the 1970's.
- The Equal Rights Amendment and the Rise of Modern Feminism (Roe v. Wade)