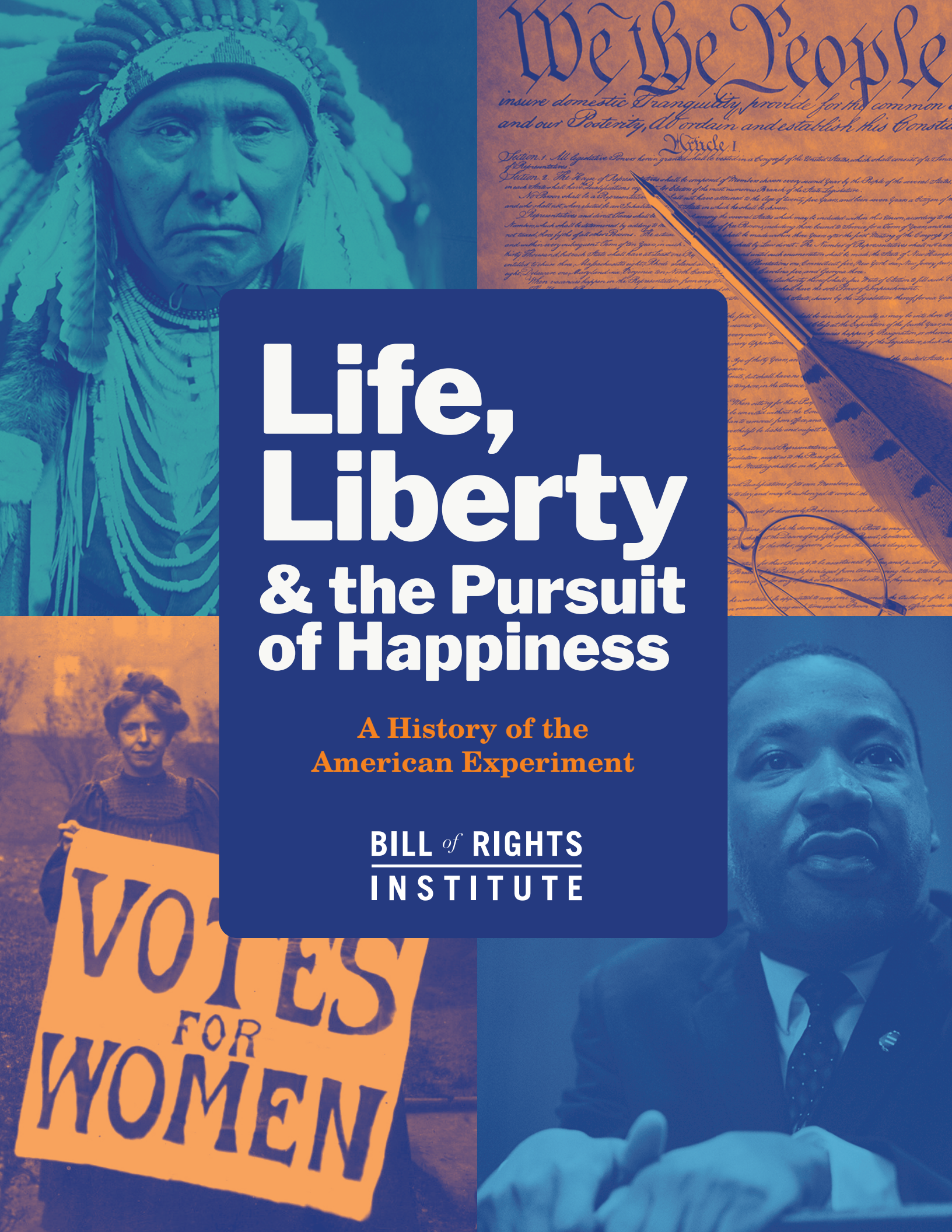




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CHAPTER INTRODUCTORY ESSAY

Longer narrative with accompanying assessments to provide students with an overview of the significant events in a given time period.

- Lesson Plans (x3-5)
Teacher-facing instructions, handouts, and answer keys to help students form historical connections and practice the skills needed to prepare for the APUSH exam.
- Primary Source Activities (x5-7)
Relevant and engaging audio, visual, and text primary sources for students to analyze.
- Narratives (x10)
Brief essays with accompanying assessments that provide an in-depth and exciting look into the compelling stories and individuals that shaped the historical time period.
- Decision Points (x3-5)
Narratives with accompanying assessments framed from the perspective of a group or character that was faced with a history-making decision.
- Point-Counterpoints (x2-4)
Two scholars in a debate over historical topics, themes, or events to provide viewpoint diversity.

UNIT WRITING ASSIGNMENT

WHAT IS THIS RESOURCE?

OpenStax and the Bill of Rights Institute's U.S. History resource is a different kind of history textbook based on narrative, compelling stories. With contributions from nearly 100 scholars, this resource invites students to investigate the central themes and ideas of American history. The entire resource will be hosted on OpenStax's Tutor platform, which allows for adaptive learning at no cost to your district.

HOW IS IT STRUCTURED?

Each unit is divided into chapters that contain various components. Each component includes review and stimulus-based multiple-choice questions. In addition, each unit has a summative essay activity. The components included in each chapter are to the left.

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- Washington's Journal: Expeditions to Disputed Ohio Territory, 1753-1754
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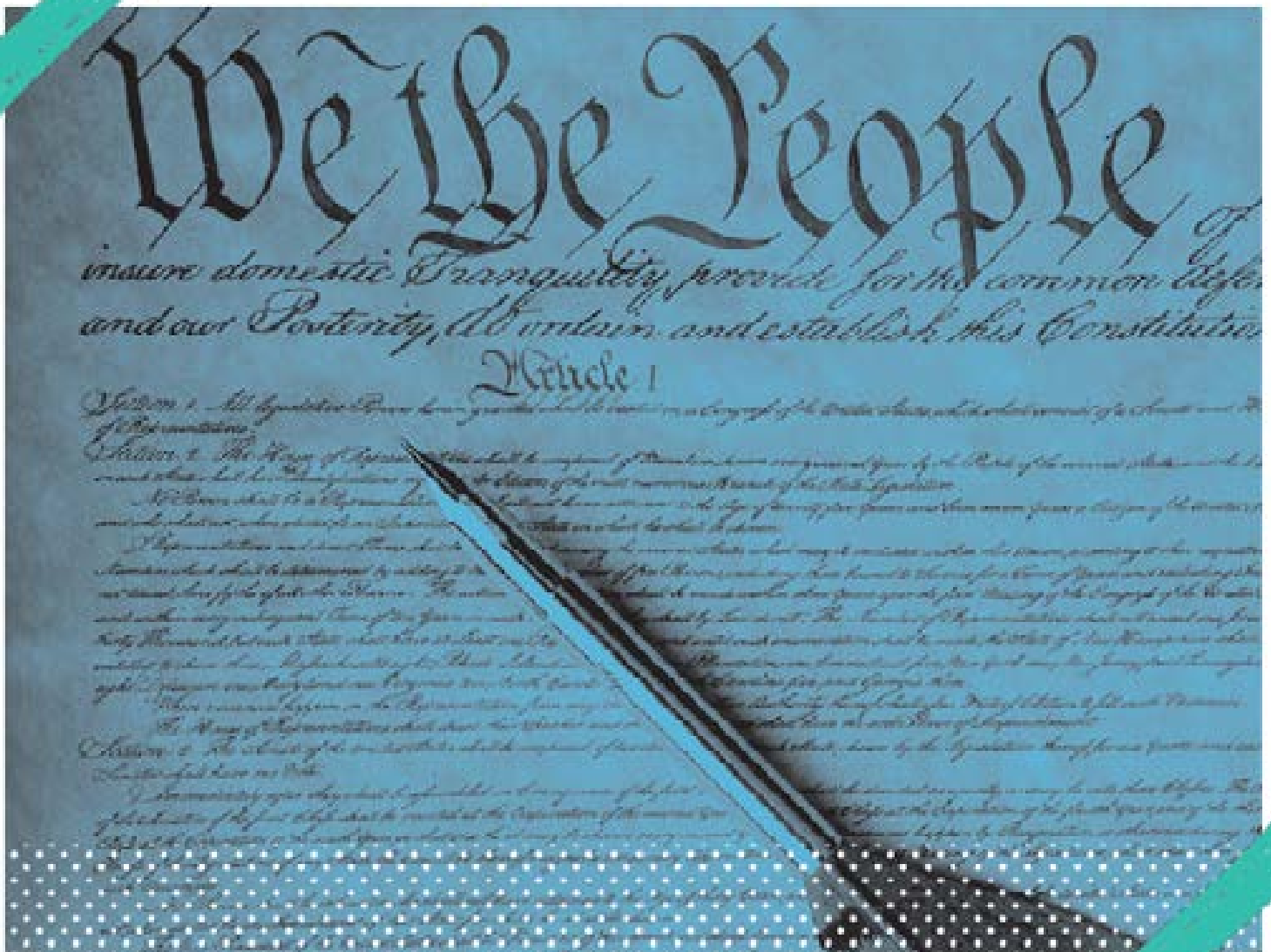
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Primary Source Activities

- John Dickinson, Letters from a Farmer in Pennsylvania, 1767–1768
- Junípero Serra’s Baja California Diary, 1769
- Thomas Paine, “Common Sense,” 1776
- Joseph Plumb Martin, The Adventures of a Revolutionary Soldier, 1777
- Art Analysis: Washington Crossing the Delaware
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- The Northwest Ordinance, 1787
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- [Unit 2 Civics Connection: An Apple of Gold in a Frame of Silver](#)
- [George Washington's Views on Slavery \[from mountvernon.org\]](#)
- [The Founders' Failure to End Slavery \[from mountvernon.org\]](#)
- [Using Political Cartoons to Understand History \[from mountvernon.org\]](#)
- [Be Washington: Whiskey Rebellion \[from mountvernon.org\]](#)

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- [Washington's First Inaugural Address, 1789](#)
- [The Judiciary Act of 1789](#)
- [The Royal Proclamation of 1763 and the Treaty of New York, 1790](#)
- [Thomas Jefferson on the Compromise of 1790](#)
- [Thomas Jefferson and Alexander Hamilton, Writings on the National Bank, 1785–1792](#)
- [The Jay Treaty, 1795](#)
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- [Cartoon Analysis: Property Protected—à la Françoise, 1798](#)
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- The Monroe Doctrine, 1823
- Cartoon Analysis: The Presidential Election of 1824
- Henry Clay, Speech on American Industry, 1824

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- The Lewis and Clark Expedition
- Fort McHenry and the War of 1812
- Old Hickory: Andrew Jackson and the Battle of New Orleans
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- Responses to the Cherokee Removal Mini DBQ
- American Indians in American Art
- The Women's Movement and the Seneca Falls Convention
- Unit 3 Civics Connection: Liberty and Union

Primary Source Activities

- John C. Calhoun, South Carolina Exposition and Protest, 1828
- David Walker, "An Appeal to the Coloured Citizens of the World," 1829
- Webster-Hayne Debates, 1830
- Indian Removal Act, 1830 and Chief John Ross' Memorial and Protest to Congress, 1836
- Andrew Jackson's Bank Veto Message, 1832
- Alexis de Tocqueville, Democracy in America, 1835
- Jedediah Burchard, Revivalist Sermon, 1835
- Sarah M. Grimke, Letter on the Equality of the Sexes and Condition of Women, 1837
- Ralph Waldo Emerson, "The American Scholar," 1837
- John C. Calhoun, "Slavery as a Positive Good," 1837
- Dorothea Dix, "Memorial to the Legislation of Massachusetts," 1843
- Art Analysis: The County Election by George Caleb Bingham, 1852

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- The Mormon Trail
- The Trail of Tears
- William Lloyd Garrison's War against Slavery
- Nat Turner's Rebellion
- Sam Houston and Texas Independence

- Elizabeth Cady Stanton and the Struggle for Women's Suffrage
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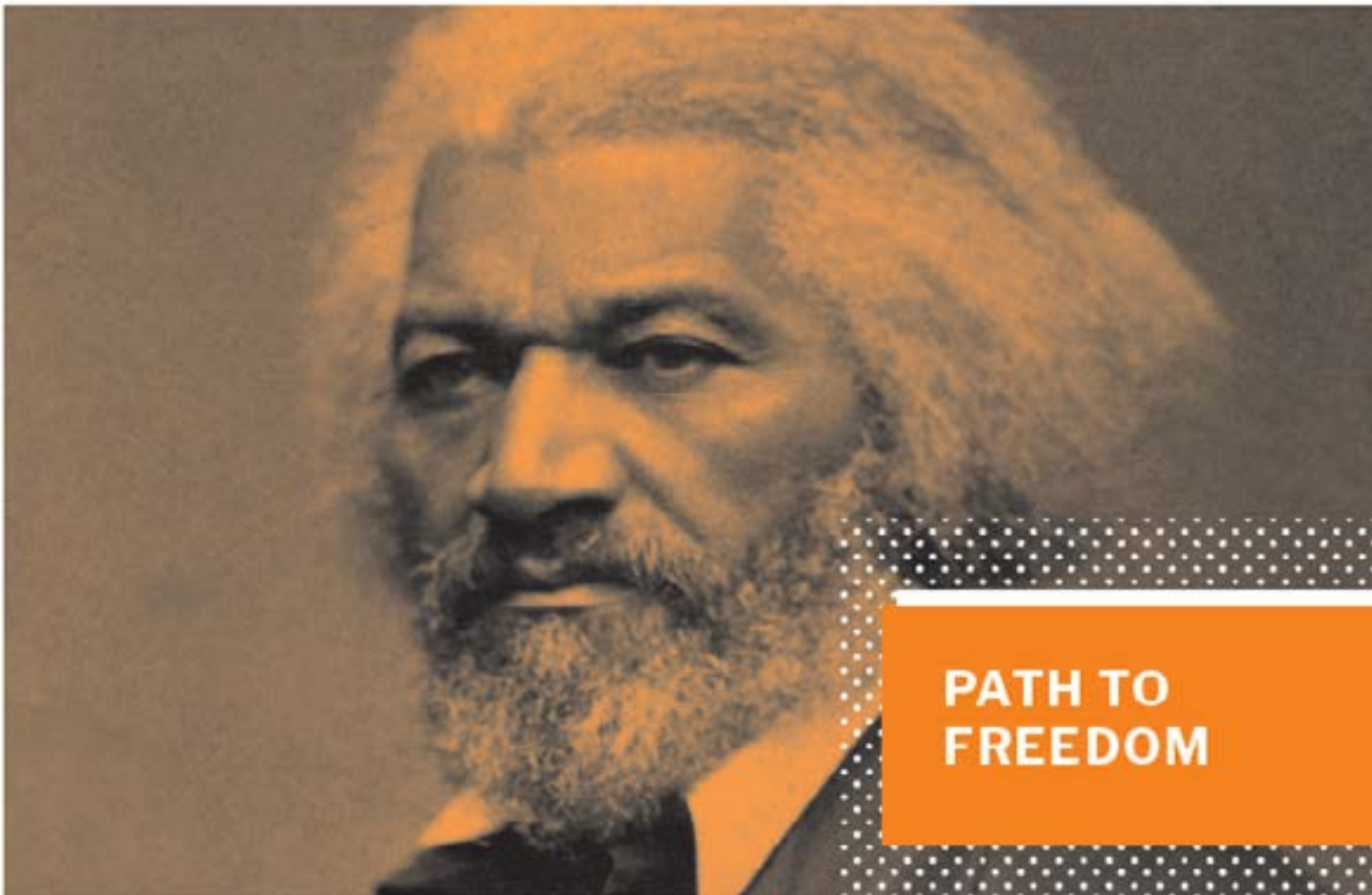
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- Dred Scott v. Sandford DBQ
- John Brown: Hero or Villain? DBQ
- The Election of Lincoln and the Secession of Southern States DBQ

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- Frederick Douglass, Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, 1845
- Negro Spirituals
- John O’Sullivan, “Annexation,” 1845
- William Lloyd Garrison and Frederick Douglass Views on Abolition, 1845–1852
- Debating the Mexican-American War, May 1846
- Daniel Webster, “7th of March,” 1850
- Fugitive Slave Act, 1850
- Sojourner Truth, “Ain’t I a Woman?” 1851
- Dame Shirley (Mrs. Clappe), Letters from a Western Pioneer, 1851–52
- Frank Lecouvreur, From East Prussia to the Golden Gate, 1851–71
- Henry David Thoreau, “Slavery in Massachusetts,” 1854
- Walt Whitman, Leaves of Grass, 1855
- Art Analysis: Hudson River School Landscape Paintings, 1836–68
- Lincoln-Douglass Debates, 1858
- South Carolina Secession Debate, 1860
- Art Analysis: American Progress by John Gast, 1872

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- The Free Soil Party
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- [Harriett Beecher Stowe and Uncle Tom's Cabin](#)
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- [Comparing Impeachments Across U.S. History](#)
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- [J.B. Elliott, Scott's Great Snake \(Anaconda Plan\), 1861](#)
- [Daniel Emmet's "Dixie" and Julia Ward Howe's "Battle Hymn of the Republic," 1859 and 1861](#)
- [The Homestead Act of 1862](#)

- Mathew Brady, “The Dead of Antietam” Photography, 1862
- Images of Total War: Sherman’s March to the Sea, 1865
- Cartoon Analysis: The “Rail Splitter” at Work Repairing the Union, 1865
- Comparing Views of the Freedmen’s Bureau, 1866
- Andrew Johnson’s Veto of the Civil Rights Act, 1866
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- Debating Strategies for Change: Booker T. Washington vs. W.E.B. Du Bois
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- Cartoon Analysis: Thomas Nast Takes on “Boss” Tweed, 1871
- The Dawes Act, 1887
- Images from the Carlisle Indian School, 1880s
- Grover Cleveland’s Veto of the Texas Seed Bill, 1887
- Edward Bellamy, Looking Backward, 2000-1887, 1888
- Ida B. Wells, “Lynch Law,” 1893
- Frederick Jackson Turner, “The Significance of the Frontier in American History,” 1893
- Booker T. Washington, “Speech to the Cotton States and International Exposition,” 1895
- Cartoon Analysis: Immigration in the Gilded Age, 1882-1896
- William Jennings Bryan, “Cross of Gold” speech, 1896

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- The Transcontinental Railroad
- The Brooklyn Bridge
- George Custer, Sitting Bull, and the Battle of the Little Bighorn
- William “Boss” Tweed and Political Machines
- Andrew Carnegie and the Creation of U.S. Steel
- Cowboys and Cattle Drives
- Ida B. Wells and the Campaign against Lynching
- The Annexation of Hawaii

- Jane Addams, Hull House, and Immigration
- Ignatius Donnelly and the 1892 Populist Platform
- The Homestead Strike
- Plessy v. Ferguson

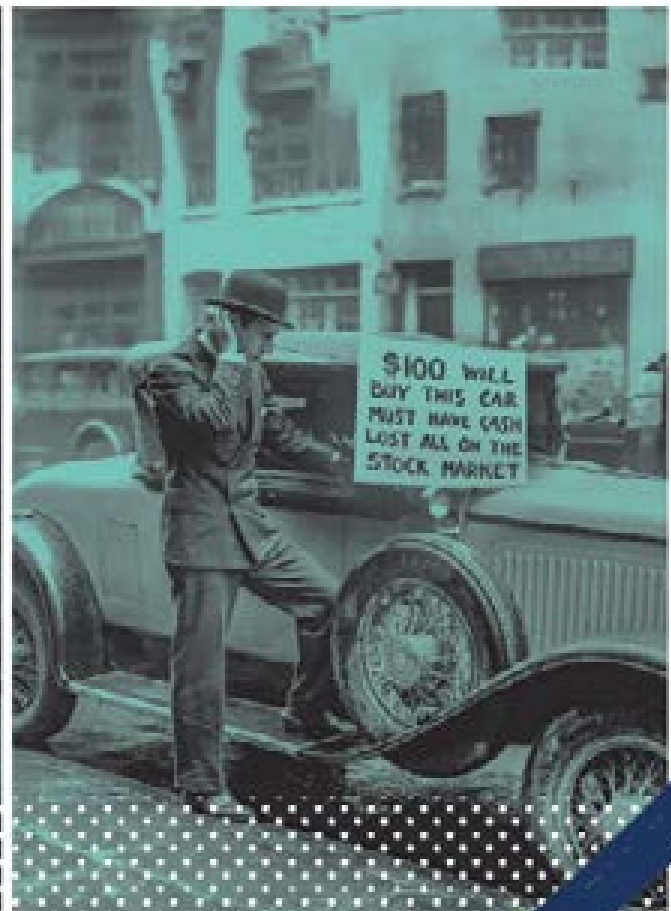
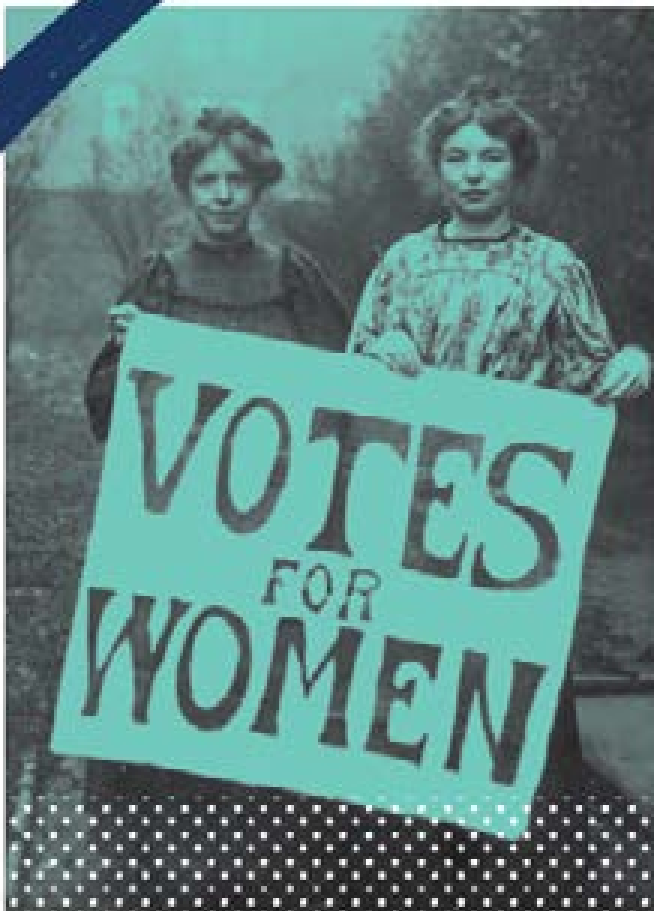
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- Were the Titans of the Gilded Age “Robber Barons” or “Entrepreneurial Industrialists”?
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- Redfield Proctor vs. Mark Twain on American Imperialism, 1898–1906
- Cartoon Analysis: Victor Gillam, A Lesson for Anti-Expansionists, 1899
- Upton Sinclair, The Jungle, 1906
- Lewis Hine, Photographs Documenting Child Labor, 1908
- Elihu Root vs. William Jennings Bryan on Women's Suffrage, 1894–1914
- Carrie Chapman Catt, Open Address to the U.S. Congress, 1917
- Business and Advertising in the Early Twentieth Century, 1910–1917
- The Espionage Act of 1917
- George M. Cohan, "Over There," 1917
- Woodrow Wilson's Fourteen Points, 1918

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- Ida M. Tarbell's Crusade against Standard Oil
- Alice Paul and the Struggle for Women's Suffrage
- Remember the Maine! Theodore Roosevelt and the Rough Riders
- Westward Expansion and the Quest to Conserve
- Jim Crow and Progressivism
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- The KKK during Reconstruction vs. the KKK in the 1920s
- Blues and the Great Migration [from teachrock.org]

Primary Source Activities

- Cartoon Analysis: Elmer Andrews Bushnell, “The Sky Is Now Her Limit,” 1920
- Mitchell Palmer, “The Case against the Reds,” 1920
- Marcus Garvey, “Declaration of the Rights of the Negro Peoples of the World,” 1920
- Charlie Chaplin, The Kid, 1921
- Alice Paul and The Equal Rights Amendment (Lucretia Mott Amendment), 1923
- Ellison DuRant Smith, “Shut the Door,” 1924
- Langston Hughes, “I, Too” and “The Weary Blues,” 1920 and 1925
- “Ain’t Misbehavin’”: Jazz and the Radio, 1929

Primary Source Activities

- The Red Scare and Civil Liberties
- Postwar Race Riots
- Spanish Flu of 1919
- U.S. Foreign Policy between the Wars

- The Ku Klux Klan in the 1920s
- Henry Ford and Alfred P. Sloan: Industrialization and Competition
- “Silent Cal” Coolidge
- The Scopes Trial
- Charles Lindbergh and Flight
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- Korematsu v. U.S. and Japanese Internment DBQ
- Unit 6 Civics Connection: The Role of Government According to the Founders and the Progressives
- Unit 6 Civics Connection: The Constitution and Foreign Policy, 1898-1945

Primary Source Activities

- “Sit Down,” Maurice Sugar, 1936-1937
- Franklin D. Roosevelt, First Inaugural Address, March 4, 1933
- Art Analysis: The Art of the New Deal, 1934
- Huey Long and the American Liberty League, 1934
- Photographs: The Dust Bowl and Rural Poverty, 1936-1937
- The Atlantic Charter, 1941

- A. Philip Randolph, The Call to Negro America to March on Washington, 1941
- World War II Propaganda Posters, 1941-1945
- Photographs: Women at Work on the Homefront During World War II, 1941-1945
- Franklin Roosevelt, Second Bill of Rights, 1944
- Dwight Eisenhower, D-Day Statement, 1944
- Phil “Bo” Perabo, Letter Home, 1945
- Images from the Congressional Committee Investigating Nazi Atrocities, 1945

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- Foreign Policy in the 1930s: From Neutrality to Involvement
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- McCarthyism DBQ
- Kennedy vs. Nixon: TV and Politics [from JFK Library]
- The Sound of the Suburbs [from teachrock.org]

Primary Source Activities

- Winston Churchill, “Sinews of Peace,” March 1946
- Levittown Videos, 1947-1957
- Harry S. Truman, “Truman Doctrine” Address, March 1947
- George Kennan (“Mr. X”), “Sources of Soviet Conduct,” July 1947
- Richard Nixon, “Checkers” Speech, September 1952
- Rosa Parks’ Account of the Montgomery Bus Boycott (Radio Interview), April 1956
- Critics of Postwar Culture: Jack Kerouac, On the Road (Excerpts), 1957
- Dwight D. Eisenhower, Farewell Address, January 1961
- Nam Paik, Electronic Superhighway, 1995

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- Eleanor Roosevelt and the United Nations
- The GI Bill
- The Berlin Airlift
- The Postwar Red Scare
- Cold War Spy Cases
- The Korean War and the Battle of Chosin Reservoir
- Jackie Robinson
- The Murder of Emmett Till
- Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King, Jr., and the Montgomery Bus Boycott
- The Little Rock Nine
- The National Highway Act
- The Nixon-Khrushchev Kitchen Debate
- William F. Buckley and the Conservative Movement

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- The Music of the Civil Rights Movement [from teachrock.org]
- Civil Rights DBQ [from teachrock.org]
- A Civil Rights Investigation: Mississippi Burning” and “We Shall Overcome: The Fight for Voting Rights

Primary Source Activities

- John F. Kennedy, Inaugural Address, January 20, 1961
- Betty Friedan, The Feminine Mystique, 1962
- Rachel Carson, Silent Spring, 1962
- Students for a Democratic Society, Port Huron Statement, 1962
- Martin Luther King Jr., “Letter From Birmingham Jail,” 1963
- Martin Luther King Jr., “I Have a Dream,” August 28, 1963
- Malcolm X, “The Ballot or the Bullet,” April 12, 1964
- Lyndon B. Johnson, Commencement Address at the University of Michigan (“Great Society” Speech), May 22, 1964
- The Tonkin Gulf Resolution, 1964
- Lyndon B. Johnson, “Peace without Conquest,” April 7, 1965

- The Vietnam War Experience: An Interview with Veteran William Maxwell Barner III
- Image Analysis: March on the Pentagon, October 21, 1967
- Walter Cronkite Speaks Out against Vietnam, February 27, 1968

Narratives

- John F. Kennedy's Inauguration
- Freedom Riders
- Rachel Carson and Silent Spring
- The Cuban Missile Crisis
- The March on Birmingham
- Betty Friedan and the Women's Movement
- The Vietnam War: Ia Drang Valley
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- The New York Blackout of 1977
- Vietnam War DBQ [from teachrock.org]
- Unit 7 Civics Connection: Modern Liberalism, Limited Government and Rights

Primary Source Activities

- Music as Protest: “We Shall Overcome”
- National Organization for Women (NOW), Bill of Rights, 1968
- Indians of All Tribes, Alcatraz Proclamation, 1969
- Nixon Tapes: The “Smoking Gun” Tape, 1972
- Art as Protest: Images from the United Farm Workers of America, 1973-1978
- Herblock (Herbert Block), Watergate Cartoons, 1973-1974
- Barbara Jordan, Speech on Impeachment, July 25, 1974
- Jimmy Carter, “Malaise” Speech, July 15, 1979

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- Neil Armstrong and the Moon Landing
- Kent State
- The Birth Control Pill
- Phyllis Schlafly and the Debate over the Equal Rights Amendment
- The Gay Liberation Movement
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- Richard Nixon and Watergate
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- George Washington's Foreign Policy: Comparisons across U.S. History [from Mount Vernon]
- Executive Power in Times of Crisis [from Reagan Foundation]
- Cold War DBQ (1947-1989) [from Reagan Foundation]
- Unit 8 Civics Connection: Civil Discourse and Contentious Issues

Primary Source Activities

- Ronald Reagan, "Address to the Nation on the Challenger Disaster," January 28, 1986
- Ronald Reagan, "Tear Down this Wall" Speech, June 12, 1987
- Herblock (Herbert Block), Cartoons of President Reagan, 1984-1987
- AIDS Quilt Images, 1987
- Francis Fukuyama, "The End of History?", 1989
- George H.W. Bush, "Address to the United Nations General Assembly," September 23, 1991
- Maya Angelou, "On the Pulse of the Morning," January 20, 1993
- Republican House Representatives, "Republican Contract with America," 1994
- Barack Obama, "Keynote Address at the Democratic National Convention," July 27, 2004
- New Yorker Covers, 2001-2011 (Reflections on 9/11)

Narratives

- Ronald Reagan and Supply-side Economics
- The Iran-Contra Affair
- The Space Shuttle Program and the Challenger Disaster
- Rodney King and the Los Angeles Race Riots
- The 1992 Presidential Election and the Rise of Democratic Populism
- Timothy McVeigh and the Oklahoma City Bombings
- The USA PATRIOT Act
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- Tech Giants: Steve Jobs and Bill Gates

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- Is it in the Interest of the United States to Maintain its International Obligations?

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