

A Run through American History

Week 1 (read before first class)

MAGNA CARTA/CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS

"Apologia" (p. 139)

COLONIZING AMERICA (1600s–1700s)

"Pocahontas" (p. 107)

"Mayflower Compact" (p. 171)

"Five Kernels of Corn" (p. 109)

Week 2

AMERICAN REVOLUTION (1770s–1780s)

"Declaration of Independence" (p. 173)*

"Liberty or Death" (p. 23)*

"Paul Revere's Ride" (WAS: *AmLit* p. 73)

"Nathan Hale" (p. 111)

"Valley Forge" (p. 115)

Week 3

THE NEW NATION (1780s–1800s)

"Articles of Confederation" (p. 177)

"In Favor of the Fed. Constitution" (p. 31)*

"The Federalist: Number 30" (p. 141)

"The Federalist: Number 47" (p. 145)

"The U.S. Constitution" (p. 185)*

Week 4

"The U.S. Constitution" (p. 185)*

Week 5

YOUNG AMERICA (1780s–1800s)

"The Northwest Ordinance" (p. 203)

Washington's "First Inaugural Address" (p. 27)

Washington's "Farewell Address" (p. 151)*

"Defence of Fort McHenry" (p. 119)

Week 6

EXPANDING THE FRONTIERS (1800s)

New territories acquired (U.S. map work)

"Defense of the Alamo" (p. 123)

"The Missouri Compromise" (p. 209)*

"The Monroe Doctrine" (p. 35)*

Week 7

CIVIL WAR/RECONSTRUCTION (1860s)

"Liberty for All" (p. 125)*

"On The Slavery Question" (p. 43)*

"*Dred Scott v. Sandford*" (p. 221)

Week 8

CIVIL WAR/RECONSTRUCTION continued

"A House Divided" (p. 51)

Davis' "Inaugural Address" (p. 57)

"Gettysburg Address" (p. 61)*

"Emancipation Proclamation" (p. 215)*

Resources: *Words Aptly Spoken: American Documents* (WAS: *AmerDocs*) and *Words Aptly Spoken: American Literature* (WAS: *AmerLit*). All page numbers refer to WAS: *AmerDocs* unless otherwise noted.

Week 9

INDUSTRIALIZATION (1860s–early 1900s)

Monopolies, Robber Barons, inventions, transcontinental railroad, westward expansion, women's suffrage

"Seneca Falls Declaration" (p. 39)

"Pledge of Allegiance" (p. 219)

"Atlanta Exposition Address" (p. 63)*

IMMIGRATION (1860's–early 1900s)

"The New Colossus" (p. 127)

"The American Language" (p. 163)

Week 10

U.S. as a WORLD POWER (late 1800s–1900s)

Spanish American War

"The Men of the *Maine*" (p. 129)

"The Man with the Muck-Rake" (p. 67)*

The Panama Canal, "Panama" (p. 133)

Week 11

THE GREAT WAR (World War I) (1914–1920s)

Isolationism

"War Message" (p. 75)*

"League of Nations Speech" (p. 83)*

Week 12

GREAT DEPRESSION (1929–1930s)

Student Presentations

Roaring Twenties, Hoover, FDR, Eleanor Roosevelt, the Dust Bowl, the Stock Market Crash, FDR's First 100 Days, New Deal, Social Security, arts of the 1930s

Week 13

WORLD WAR II (1940s–50s)

"Pearl Harbor Address" (p. 87)*

"The Marshall Plan" (p. 91)*

Week 14

THE COLD WAR (1940s–1970s)

Space race, Cuban missile crisis, Vietnam

"*Brown v. Board of Education*" (p. 231)*

JFK's "Inaugural Address" (p. 95)*

Reagan's "First Inaugural Address" (p. 99)*

Week 15

THE 1970s and BEYOND

Camp David (Israel/Egypt), Berlin Wall, War in Iraq

*Suggested summaries