

American History A: Unit One–American Beginnings/Prehistory to 1880

Please be prepared to demonstrate an understanding of the following in relation to the “I Can” statements:

1. The Bering Strait: How and why the first Americans arrived
2. Development of NA Culture Groups
3. Early European Exploration: Who, what, when, where, why?
4. Comparison of Spanish and French Colonization
5. Colonial Settlement- Compare New England, Middle, and South
6. Enslavement of Africans and Treatment of Native Americans
7. Causes of the Revolutionary War Including the French and Indian War, the Boston Massacre and Tea Party, Taxation
8. Declaration of Independence Ideals
9. How America Won the War
10. Comparison of the Articles of Confederation and the Constitution
11. The Constitutional Convention
12. The Bill of Rights Ideals
13. Problems/Challenges of a New Nation
14. Decisions of the First Administration
15. Compare Adams and Jefferson
16. Compare the First Two Political Parties
17. Louisiana Purchase: Who, What, When, Where, Why?
18. The War of 1812–Cause and Effect
19. Andrew Jackson: Hero or Villain?
20. The Trail of Tears: Who, what, when, where, why?
21. Transportation Revolution
22. Industrialization pre-1850, Cause and Effect
23. Immigration and Nativists pre-1850
24. Southern Class Structure
25. Social Reform from 1820–1840 (Abolitionism, Female Suffrage, Education, Religion, Temperance, Crime, etc.)
26. Texas Revolution and Mexican War: Cause and Effect
27. Westward Expansion/Manifest Destiny
28. The Missouri Compromise and the Compromise of 1850
29. Sectionalism, Violence in the Senate, Bleeding Kansas, Dred Scott Decision, John Brown’s Raid
30. Lincoln’s Election and Secession
31. Advantage and Disadvantages of the North and South
32. Strategies of the North and South
33. Key Battles
34. The Gettysburg Address
35. Surrender
36. Lincoln’s Assassination
37. Reconstruction (Black Codes, Republicans in Congress, Freedman’s Bureau, Race Riots)
38. The 13th–15th Amendments
39. Jim Crow and Segregation
40. The Election of 1876 and the end of Reconstruction

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3 World Perspective Activity; Big Events Recall and Analysis	4 Historical Sequencing	5 Historical Sequencing	6 Interactive PP; Top 10
9 Interactive PP; Top 10	10 Interactive PP; Top 10; Remembering 9/11	11 Interactive PP; Top 10	12 Presentations	13 Unit One Assessment