

U.S. History Pacing Guide

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Unit Name	Summary	What Teachers are Saying
<u>Think Like a Historian</u> 2 weeks	A beginning-of-the-year unit that introduces 6 historical thinking skills by asking students to “solve” two mysteries: The Lost Colony of Roanoke and The Disappearance of Amelia Earhart. Key Lessons: • Why Study History? • What is History? • Analyzing Primary & Secondary Sources	 Emily E. August 22, 2024 ★★★★★ Extremely satisfied I absolutely love this resource. It's made U.S. History come alive for my students. I have no curriculum for my class, so this has been an awesome way to start the year!
<u>Geography of the Western Hemisphere</u> 3 weeks	• A year-round resource that thoroughly introduces the 5 Themes of Geography and covers the regions of the Western Hemisphere (North America, Central America, the Caribbean, and South America).	★★★★★ 20, 2025 Kathy Edwards (Verified Buyer) - March 20, 2025 I am getting ready for next year's Geography class for grades 7-8. This curriculum is engaging and thorough, offering a variety of activities that keep students interested while ensuring meaningful learning. The colorful articles and visuals enhance comprehension, and the balance of assignments caters to different learning styles.   
<u>Native American Regions</u> 3 weeks	This unit studies Indigenous people from 8 cultural regions. Students learn about each region's geography, Native American groups, and cultural traits. Key Lessons: • Origin of Indigenous People • What is Culture? • Mapping Cultural Regions	 Mandi Mitchell (TPT Seller) November 14, 2023 ★★★★★ Extremely satisfied Wow. This has absolutely everything you could need. My students were engaged, I didn't have to prep a lot, and students learned a lot-me too actually. Thank you for creating this resource! I will be getting more. Highly, highly recommend.

<u>Age of Exploration</u> 2 weeks	This unit explores the causes and effects of the Age of Exploration (also called the Age of Discovery). Students learn about major European explorers, why they explored, and how their actions affected Native Americans. Key Lessons: • Explorers' Technology & Routes • Risks of Exploration Game • The Atlantic Slave Trade	 Nemos Nook (TPT Seller) June 22, 2024 ★★★★★ Extremely satisfied Excellent resource to go along with my unit on the Age of Exploration. I love that there are PDF and digital options, and I have used a mix of both with my students.
<u>13 Colonies</u> 3 weeks	This Colonial America unit covers the history of the Southern, Middle, and New England colonies. Key Lessons: • Jamestown Gallery Walk • The Mayflower and Plymouth Colony • Puritan Life • The Salem Witch Trials • Colonial Fur Trading • The Quaker Way of Life • Comparing and Contrasting the Colonies	 Case Classroom (TPT Seller) April 23, 2024 ★★★★★ Extremely satisfied I've said it before, and I'll say it again, the Clever Teacher units are my absolute favorite! I love how they include the "I Can" statement for each lesson as well as the suggested pacing guide. I find them easy to use and engaging for students.
<u>Declaration of Independence</u> 3 weeks	This unit covers the events that led to the Declaration of Independence. Students adopt a colonist identity and experience events like the tea act, the stamp act, and the Boston Tea Party. Key Lessons: • Patriots vs. Loyalists • Stamp Act Simulation • Intolerable Acts Simulation • First Continental Congress • Analyze the Declaration of Independence	 Jessica T. April 22, 2024 ★★★★★ Extremely satisfied My students LOVED being immersed in history! They truly enjoyed getting to put themselves in the colonists shoes and experience the Road to Revolution. Highly recommend this resource!

<u>Revolutionary War</u> 3 weeks	This unit covers the causes, events, and effects of the Revolutionary War. It includes a week-long simulation where students "join the Continental Army" and adopt a new identity as soldiers, spies, or officers. Key Lessons: • Early Battles Around New York • Saratoga Campaign • Battles in the South • How "revolutionary" was the American Revolution?	 Kollbaum's Korner (TPT Seller) March 19, 2024 ★★★★★ Extremely satisfied Another excellent resource that helped not JUST my students to dive deeper and more meaningfully into the Revolutionary War, but myself, as well! Thank you again for all of your excellent work on these resources!
<u>U.S. Constitution</u> 3 weeks	This unit covers how the Constitution was created and how the US government works. Students participate in a simulation where they act as delegates at a Constitutional Convention and debate issues like presidential terms and representation in Congress. Key Lessons: • The Articles of Confederation • Three Branches of Government • The Constitution in Your Daily Life	 Arthur D. December 20, 2023 ★★★★★ Extremely satisfied Easy to use and thorough lessons! An exceptional purchase! The US Constitution unit from TpT is an invaluable resource. Engaging activities, comprehensive content, and clear explanations make learning about our nation's founding document a breeze. The depth of understanding gained is priceless. A must-have for educators aiming to inspire a love for civic education!
<u>Presidential Elections</u> 1 week	This unit is an engaging way to teach about U.S. presidential elections without getting into heated politics. Students participate in a mock election for fictional class presidential candidates. Key Lessons: • Citizenship & Civil Discourse • General Election & The Electoral College	 Lauren Z. January 1, 2025 ★★★★★ Extremely satisfied This resource was so well put together and comprehensive! It required very little prep (other than printing), was beautifully politically neutral, yet got to the core of election processes and a bit of history. Well done! I really appreciated this resource!

<u>Early Republic</u> 3 weeks	This Early America unit covers the first seven U.S. presidents and economic and societal shifts during the Early Republic era (1780s – 1830). These shifts include the Industrial Revolution, the Market Revolution, immigration, and reform movements. Key Lessons: • George Washington's Presidency • Election of 1800 Simulation • Market Revolution Simulation	 Sharon C. March 5, 2024 ★★★★★ Extremely satisfied This is the second full unit I have purchased from The Clever Teacher. Her units are so well planned, and very engaging! It keep my students interested in history! My kids loved the market game, and asked to play it the next day too! Thank you for creating these units!
<u>Westward Expansion</u> 3 weeks	This Westward Expansion unit covers the causes, events, and effects of American Westward Expansion. Key Lessons: • Manifest Destiny • Oregon Trail Simulation • California Gold Rush Game	 Kylee J. June 16, 2024 ★★★★★ Extremely satisfied This bundle is AMAZING! My class loved the activities and the variety of lesson styles. I really appreciated that the materials were well thought out and had high quality content that doesn't just brush the surface. I purchased several expensive packs from other stores to be so disappointed and The Clever Teacher is by far the best! Thank you for this awesome resource! I'm looking forward to purchasing more units in the future!
<u>Civil War</u> 3 weeks	This unit covers the causes, events, and effects of the American Civil War. Key Lessons: • Events Leading to the Civil War • Election of 1860 • Why Did They Fight? • Gettysburg • Reconstruction	 Kate L. June 24, 2024 ★★★★★ Extremely satisfied I absolutely LOVE this resource! I have used it now for 2 years when we get to the Civil War unit. It keeps my students engaged, the lessons are clear, and to the point. To be honest, by the time we get to this unit I am running out of time to get them all the info they will need. This unit has saved my life!!

<u>Reconstruction Unit</u> 1 week	This unit covers the successes and failures of the Reconstruction Era after the Civil War. Key Lessons: • Steps Toward Equal Rights • Resistance and Backlash	An amazing resource ★★★★★ December 1, 2025 Loved using this resource to help teach my unit. Students loved it and was super easy to use. Jeremy Floyd (TPT Seller) 84 reviews • Arkansas Grades taught: 8th
<u>Gilded Age and Industrialization Unit</u> 1 week	This unit helps students understand how industrialization changed daily life, work, immigration, and politics during the Gilded Age.	Reviews coming soon! This unit is brand new. :)
<u>Economics Simulation</u> 3 weeks	This complete unit includes everything you need to run a classroom marketplace. Students team up, create a product, design marketing materials, and "sell" their items in a fun, real-world simulation. Key Lessons: • Scarcity and Choice • Supply and Demand • Labor and Production • Economic Systems	Engaging Unit ★★★★★ September 28, 2025 ✓ Met expectations ✓ Great value Such a great unit. The Clever Teacher has done it again with engaging and in depth understanding packed and ready for your students. Elizabeth F. 158 reviews • Missouri

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U.S. History Quote of the Week (Year-long Warm Ups)

Integrate literacy and history with U.S. History Quote of the Week.

Resource Name	Summary	What Teachers are Saying
Quote of the Week Part 1 22 weeks	This resource has 22 quotes from 1492 to 1871, covering the Age of Exploration, Colonization, the American Revolution, the U.S. Constitution, Westward Expansion, the Civil War, and Reconstruction. As students learn about U.S. history, they practice literacy skills like: • making inferences • researching & summarizing • identifying the main idea, historical context, and author's purpose • and responding to prompts Example Quote: "[A] Bill of Rights is what the people are entitled to against every government on earth." – Thomas Jefferson, <i>Letter</i>, 1787	 Mrs Ds Store (TPT Seller) June 13, 2023 ★★★★★ Extremely satisfied I purchased this to leave for a sub while I was on maternity leave. It was easy to understand the the students gained a lot from doing this as daily bell work. Thank you for making my prep work so easy and providing such great materials for students!
Quote of the Week Part 2 18 weeks	This resource has 18 quotes from 1877–1964, covering the Gilded Age and Industrialization, World War 1, the 1920s, the Great Depression, World War 2, the Cold War, and the Civil Rights Movement. As students learn about U.S. history, they practice literacy skills like: • making inferences • researching & summarizing • identifying the main idea, historical context, and author's	 Jennifer W. September 11, 2023 ★★★★★ Extremely satisfied Great resource to help students to think critically about famous words in our nation's history! I love being able to use quotes that relate to the time period we are studying.

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Example Quote:

"...in modern war there is nothing sweet
nor fitting in your dying. You will die like a
dog and for no good reason."

–Ernest Hemmingway, *Letter*, 1935



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