

Turning Points in History: People, Ideas, Events
2024 NHD Theme
Tennessee History Topics

Civil Rights/Race Relations

Freedmen's Bureau in Tennessee: A Turning Point in Civil Rights
The Rosenwald Schools in Tennessee: A Turning Point in Civil Rights
Tennessee Agricultural and Industrial University's Freedom Riders
The Clinton Twelve: Desegregating Tennessee's Schools
Myles Horton and the Highlander School
The Memphis Riot of 1866
The Knoxville Riot of 1919
The Ku Klux Klan
Memphis Sanitation Strike
Tent City: The Civil Rights Struggle in Fayette County, Tennessee
The Nashville Sit-Ins
Columbia Race Riot of 1946
Manumission Society of Tennessee and the Anti-Slavery Reform Movement

Economic Development/Commerce/Agriculture

A New Way of Shopping: Piggly Wiggly
The New South: From Rural to Industrial
King Cotton
Tobacco Night Riders and the Black Patch War
Fed Ex
Spring Hill: Saturn in Middle Tennessee
R.H. Boyd and the National Baptist Publishing Board
Kudzu
The Agrarians

Education

The General Education Bill of 1909 in Tennessee: Establishing "Normal" Training for Teachers
The Rosenwald Schools in Tennessee: A Turning Point in Education
The Scopes Trial
Fletcher Dresslar, George Peabody College for Teachers, and Rural School Reform
Settlement Schools in Tennessee
Kelly v. Board of Education: The Desegregation of Nashville Schools
Peabody Education Fund: Teacher Training Schools in Tennessee

Entertainment/The Arts/Culture

Minnie Pearl: The Invention and Marketing of an Image
Dolly Parton: The Invention and Marketing of an Image
The Ryman Auditorium: A Turning Point in Historic Preservation

The Ryman: From Tabernacle to Auditorium
See Rock City: Tourism in Southeast Tennessee
From Front Porch to the Recording Studio: The Carter Family
The Bristol Sessions: The Birthplace of Country Music
The Bristol Sessions: Turning Music into a Commodity
Sun Record Company: Where Rock and Roll was Born
WSM: Radio and the Marketing of Southern Traditional Music
Elvis Presley: Hips that Shook Music
Jim Thompson: Knoxville's Landmark Photographer
Moonshine: The Fuel of NASCAR

Environment

Reelfoot Lake: The New Madrid Earthquakes of 1811-1812
Reelfoot Lake: When the Mississippi River Turned on Itself
Reelfoot Lake: The Night Riders of 1908
Halting Progress or Preserving Nature?: The Snail Darter and the Endangered Species Act
Great Smoky Mountains National Park
Yellow Fever Epidemic in Memphis
Strip Mining and Mountain Top Removal
Jim Thompson: Knoxville Photographer and the Creation of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park

Infrastructure

Cumberland Homesteads: New Deal Subsistence Community
The Tennessee Valley Authority Act of 1933: The New Deal in Tennessee
The Army Corps of Engineers: Public Works in Tennessee

Military

Alvin C. York
Creating the Volunteers: Tennesseans in the War of 1812
The Tennessee Maneuvers: Turning Middle Tennessee into Germany
Camp Crossville: German and Italian Prisoners of War on the Cumberland Plateau
The Chattanooga Campaign: The Union Wins Tennessee
John Sevier and The Battle of Kings Mountain

Native Americans

Revolutionary War
Fort Mims and the Creek War
Nickajack Expedition: Conflict in the Cumberland Settlements
Dragging Canoe and Chickamauga: The Treaty of Sycamore Shoals

Turning Points in History: People, Ideas, Events
2024 NHD Theme
Tennessee History Topics

Indian Removal Act of 1830
Missionary Ridge, Chattanooga
The Treaty of New Echota: Turning Point in Native America-Anglo Relations
Attakullakulla, the Overhill Cherokees, and Colonial Governments
Fort Loudon

Politics and Reform Movements

Tennessee's War of the Roses: Robert Love Taylor and Alfred A. Taylor
The Gorgeous Hussy: Andrew Jackson and the Defense of Peggy Eaton
The Greeneville Convention of 1861: Unionist Trapped in a Secessionist State
The Dangerous State of Franklin
The Trail of Tears
Andrew Johnson: Reconstruction in Tennessee
Succeeding from the Confederacy: Unionist Sympathies in East Tennessee
Elihu Embree, the *Emancipator*, and Abolition in Tennessee
Andrew Johnson and Emancipation in Tennessee
Prison Reform in Tennessee
Postmaster General Cave Johnson and Postal Reform
Lide Smith Meriwether and W.C.T.U.
William Carroll and Prison Reform
The Election of 1844 and the Mexican-American War
The Election of 1844: Westward Expansion
President James K. Polk, the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, and the Coming of the Civil War
Coal Creek War
The Elizabethton Textile Mill Strike
The Harriman Hosiery Mills Strike

Preservation

The Ladies' Hermitage Association: A Turning Point in Historic Preservation
The Works Progress Administration and Fort Negley

Religion

Camp Meetings
Cumberland Presbyterians

Transportation

The Dixie Highway System: The National Auto Trail System

The Memphis-Nashville-Bristol Highway: Tennessee's First State Road
The Avery Trace: The Road to Nashville
The Steamboat Age in Tennessee
The Trace: Nashville to Natchez
R.H. Boyd and Union Transport Company

Research

The Manhattan Project: "The Public in the Dark"

People

Andrew Jackson
Nancy Ward
James K. Polk
Sequoyah
Morris Frank
David Crockett: "You Can All Go to Hell; I'm Going to Texas"
Sam Houston
Cordell Hull
Admiral David Farragut
Commander William R. Anderson and the USS *Nautilus*
Charles S. Johnson
Kelly Miller Smith
James Lawson
Z. Alexander Looby
Diane Nash

Events

Scopes Trial
TVA Act
Manhattan Project
Tennessee Secession
Nineteenth Amendment Ratification
Creek War
The Indian Removal Act of 1830: The Trail of Tears
Battle of King's Mountain
Hernando de Soto Expedition

Utopia

Thomas Hughes and Ruby, Tennessee
Myles Horton and the Highlander Center
Frances Wright and Nashoba, Tennessee