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Grade 8 PROGRAM OVERVIEW

# U.S. HISTORY American Stories

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"Railroad iron is a magician's wand, in its power to evoke the sleeping energies of land and water."

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- Ralph Waldo Emerson

### **Empathy and Empowerment**

With currency and relevance at the forefront, U.S. History *American Stories*, National Geographic Learning's middle school U.S. history program, invites students to connect to history through the stories of individuals and their contributions to the historical record and understand history as a meaningful exploration of identity.

#### History is contextualized and presented with a global perspective.

A comparative timeline at the beginning of each unit places events in U.S. history alongside events in world history. American Places features show historical landmarks as they exist today.



Comparative Timeline, Student Edition, pp 166–167



American Places, Student Edition, p. 200

Armed with empathy for the world's peoples and their cultures, students are empowered to experience their unique place in history and apply their own strengths as global citizens.



From "Native American Confederacies and Nations," Student Edition, pp. 272–279



A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE We may be an ocean apart, but the people of the United States and France are similar in many ways. When a protest march was cancelled in Paris's Place de la Republique in 2015 due to concerns about terrorism, protestors placed thousands of pairs of shoes in the square as a silent yet effective expression of their protest and presence. How does this public protest compare to the Boston Tea Party?

From "The Boston Tea Party," Student Edition, p. 190

#### Art and artifacts bring history to life.



Curating History invites students to engage with museums and learn about history through art and artifacts.

Curating History, Student Edition, pp. 344–345

#### Students examine human impact both locally and globally.



From "Innovations and Inventions," Student Edition, p. 339

#### Look through a window into bygone times.



American Stories, Student Edition, pp. 312–313



Geography & The Environment Handbook (Digital)

#### Witness history as it is reimagined for modern audiences.



American Places, Student Edition, pp. 292–293

# Immersive, Inclusive, and Intentional

National Geographic U.S. History American Stories reaches students from a variety of perspectives.

#### A Celebration of Diversity



Geography in History, Student Edition, pp. 322–323

Examine the environmental and social impact of historical events.

#### **National Geographic Explorers**



National Geographic Explorer, Pardis Sabeti, Student Edition, pp. 68–69





- National Geographic Explorers are role models for students.
- Students read and think about their contributions to the scientific and historical record.

# **Student-Centered Learning through Inquiry**

Putting students at the center of their own learning empowers them to approach a task, create a plan, collaborate with others, and emerge with a solution that can be articulated and shared.

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#### Inquiry begins with the Essential Questions.



- Each chapter opens with a two-page image and a quotation that invites the student to engage in critical thinking.
- Essential Questions activate curiosity and drive engagement.
- Reading strategies support striving readers.



National Geographic Connection, p. 270; Unit Inquiry Project, p. 271

Unit Inquiry Projects guide students to gather evidence from the text, synthesize a response, and present their results.



Document-based question, Student Edition, pp. 210-211

Document-based questions are found at the end of every chapter.

## **Rigor with Accessibility**

National Geographic U.S. History *American Stories* makes U.S. history engaging and accessible for all students. Breadth of content paired with key topics creates opportunities for deep exploration and engagement. Lesson variety and multiple entry points into content accommodate a wide range of learners.

Two-page lessons make U.S. history approachable and compelling. Highlighted vocabulary words and infographics draw students to key concepts.



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**Audio Option** 

Students can listen to the text and follow along.



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"Shot Heard Round the World," Student Edition, pp. 198–199

#### **Modified Text**

Modified Text provides access for striving readers with the same content at two levels.

in just the right setting sends shivers down our spines. goosebumps on our arms, or brings tears to our eyes. Toggle on and off to Why does a piece of cloth get such a response in so many people? The answer control Modified Text. may be simple: identity. For many, being an American is part of our identity, or who we are. The flag may be a symbol of that part of us. It reminds us that being part of a country affects who we are as people The Stars and Stripes or vers the caskets of heroes who have died on their s back from battle. The flag gives them thanks from their country as they are laid to rest. The flag waves provally at sporting events. It shows the strength and determination that built the United States. It also shows the country's love for sports and competition. Cothing that has the flag on it often makes a sta It shows who the person reality is, it says: I'm a firefighter. I'm a soldier. I'm a Girl Scout, fim an astronaut, fim a veteran, fim an athlete, f na worker who others. I live in the United States. I stand for the United States. I support the United States. Where did this important icon come from, and what does its story tell us about the establishment of national identity? On July 4, 1776, representatives of the 13 American colonies approved the Declaration of Independence, formally announcing their break with Britain. Soor after the Declaration was drafted, the Continental Contress passed an act.

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# **Rich Instructional Resources**

Bundles of digital and print materials provide the flexibility that teachers need in today's classroom.

#### Print Teacher's Edition Features include:

- Planning and pacing of student lessons and assessment
- Wrap-around Teacher's Edition
- · Options for active and project-based learning
- Strategies for differentiation in every chapter
- Additional content questions and background information

#### Digital Teacher's Edition Features include:

- Premade lesson plans
- A bank of summative and formative assessments
- A selection of reading, writing, vocabulary, note-taking ancillaries, and answer keys
- Graphic organizers
- Teaching strategies at point of use
- Classroom management and metrics tool



Teaching strategies in the print and digital Teacher's Editions

#### Chapter Planner, Teacher's Edition, pp. 167A–167B



Chapter Planner, Chapter 5 (Digital)





Teaching Strategies, Chapter 5, lesson 1.2 (Digital)

#### Differentiation strategies in the print and digital Teacher's Editions

# **Assessments that Inform Teaching and Learning**

Formative and summative assessments inform teaching and learning and measure what students know and are able to produce.

- Document-based questions provide practice working with primary and secondary source materials.
- End of chapter reviews revisit the main ideas, key vocabulary, skills, concepts, and connections.
- Formative assessment tools allow teachers to monitor students' progress, make accommodations, and tailor instruction to individuals.
- eAssessment is available online in English and in Spanish.

Assessment Purpose	Assessment Type	Print	PDF Download	Digital
Formative	Essential Questions			
Formative	Critical Viewing Questions			
Formative	Social Studies Skills Lessons			
Formative	Vocabulary Practice Activities			
Formative	Guided Discussion Questions			
Formative	Reading and Note-Taking Activities			
Formative	On Your Feet Activities			
Formative	Section Quizzes			
Formative	Historical Thinking Questions			
Formative	Write About History Activities			
Formative	NGL Learning Framework Activities			
Formative	Chapter Reviews			
Summative	Chapter Tests at two levels			
Formative	History Notebook Activities			
Formative	Document-Based Questions			
Summative	Unit Tests			
Formative	Unit Inquiry Projects			
Formative	Pretests			



# The History Notebook supports lessons in the program with extension activities that align with the following features:

- Why Study History?
- American Galleries
- American Stories
- American Voices

- Curating History
- National Geographic Explorers
- National Geographic Photographers
- "Reid on the Road" video program

# **Digital Transformation**

National Geographic Learning's digital platform, MindTap, provides a personalized learning experience for all students and an array of resources for the teacher to promote better learning outcomes. It is fully available on all devices and has been specifically designed to meet the needs of middle school teachers and their classrooms.



Digital resources are designed to enhance learning and increase comprehension.



Videos enhance students' content understanding and make history real.

#### Digital Student Resources Include:

- Digital version of the Student Edition and content handbooks
- Modified Text tool with audio playback
- Pop-up vocabulary features
- Explorers features and "Reid on the Road" video program
- Online assessments
- American Galleries of photographs
- Interactive maps
- Note-taking features

#### **Digital Teacher Resources Include:**

- All of the student materials
- Digital Teacher's Edition
- Lesson plans and teaching strategies
- Keyword search tool
- Assignment/Assessment feature
- Gradebook

## **Student Program Components**

National Geographic U.S. History *American Stories* is available in both print and digital formats. All Student Editions are also available in Spanish.



Student Edition, Beginnings to 1877



History Notebook, Beginnings to 1877



## **Teacher Program Components**

Downloadable, printable supplementary materials are available for the U.S. History program. Supplementary materials that support all programs are available online, saving valuable time and resources.



Teacher's Edition, Beginnings to 1877

# American Stories Supplementary Teacher's Resources include:

- Lesson Plans
- Graphic Organizers
- Formative and Summative Assessments including:
  - Chapter Pretests
  - Section Quizzes
  - Chapter Tests A & B
  - Unit Tests
- Citizenship Handbook
- Geography & The Environment Handbook
- Primary & Secondary Sources Handbook
- Glossary



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