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America: The Story of Us

Episode 1: “Rebels”

DIRECTIONS: Answer the following questions and also record 2-3 quotes on the back of the paper.

1. How long was the voyage by ship from Europe to America?
2. Within how many months of arrival did many European immigrants die?
3. Describe America’s appearance (land/animals) when European settlers first arrived?
4. What are 3 reasons that Jamestown settlers died so quickly?
5. What crop made it possible for Jamestown to flourish was America’s largest export for over a century?
6. What is the main reason the inhabitants of Plymouth, pilgrims, came to America?
7. What percentage of American’s living today can trace their ancestry back to the Mayflower?
8. What are 3 benefits of becoming an American vs. being a European?
9. What object fueled America’s economy in the mid/late 1700s much like oil fuels our economy today?
10. Between 1700-1800 how many African slaves were brought to America, “purchased” in Africa mainly by trading run?
11. Which city had the first weekly newspaper?
12. Who created the first “postal service”?
13. England banned settlements to protect Native American lands west of the Appalachians by creating a boundary called the _______ Line.
14. Every town across the colonies had a ___________, made up of “ordinary” men, to fight the British.

The first shot fired at Lexington is known as “__________________”

Quote Examples:
Try your best to get the quote word for word. If you cannot-paraphrase the quote- to the best of your ability. Include the name of the person giving the quote and/or the reason the quote was said.
“[Americans] have a natural resentment towards government.” Aaron Sorkin (anger towards King/British government)
“The most formidable army in the world firing on an un-armed crowd.” Narrator (about the Boston Massacre)
“Everybody should have access to knowledge.” Jimmy Wales (about American ideals about communication)

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Episode: “Revolution”

DIRECTIONS: Answer the following questions and also record 2-3 quotes on the back of the paper.

1. The biggest land invasion of America, in our history, took place in what state?
2. Who was the commander of the American rebel army?
3. When was the Declaration of Independence ratified? (month, day and year)
4. Over the course of the war with the British, How many American P.O.W.s (Prisoners of War) died while on board prison ships?
5. List 3 things that the British Army (the Redcoats) travel with while following the Hudson River?

6. British soldiers were trained to fight in open battlefields. Daniel Morgan headed a group known as ‘The Rifleman’ who fought differently. Describe their weapons and tactics.

7. What disease struck American’s during the war that was considered “far more lethal than the British” killing 4 in 10 who become infected?
8. General Washington takes two big gambles while staying at Valley Forge. What are they?

9. List 3 ways General Von Steuben changed the soldiers/camp at Valley Forge?

10. In 1781, six years into the American Revolution, where did American troops fight the final battle of the war?
11. When was George Washington inaugurated as the first President of the USA? (month, day and year)

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1. Which "super powers" own the land west of the Cumberland Gap?
2. Why was Daniel Boone moving westward? What was his main motivation?
3. What did the King of England outlaw in America?
4. In 1803, which president bought the Louisiana territory, "the single biggest real estate deal in history," from Napoleon for 3 cents an acre?
5. The Rocky Mountains are made up of how many different mountain ranges?
6. Who do Lewis and Clarke owe their lives and the saving of their journals to?
7. How many species of wildlife did Lewis and Clarke discover on their journey?
8. What animal becomes the West’s most valuable commodity, because they have been hunted nearly to extinction in Europe?
9. Today, there are fewer than _______ grizzly bears left in the Rockies.
10. The average pioneer walked _______ miles a day for _____ months at a time.
11. In all: How many Americans died during the mass exodus to the West?
12. How did some members of the Donner party survive after being trapped in the Sierra Nevada Mountains for 5 months?
13. What super power owned land from Oregon to Guatemala?
14. Why is California considered the nation’s greatest prize when it is acquired?
15. What year did the official “Gold Rush” begin? And How many years did it last for?
16. In 1830, President Jackson begins what “program” that lasts for over 100 years in America?
17. How long is the Mississippi River?
18. What is the first invention that changes travel and help American commerce in the 19th century?

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1. The ________ is the largest construction job in North America is the past 400 years.

2. How long did it take to build the Erie Canal? How many lives were lost?
3. What word was invented in 1840?
4. What is cotton’s nickname?
5. Cotton loom machines are at the basis of what technology?
6. What oil was used before crude oil, to fuel lamps and lube machines?
7. What was ‘unique’ about the whaling industries hiring and promotion practices?
8. Why were young, light skin, female virgins the most frequently bought slaves?
9. What were common punishments for runaway slaves if they were caught?

10. Describe Frederick Douglas

11. What was the bounty on Harriet Tubman’s head for being the leader of the Underground Railroad?

12. In 1850 what law made the search for runaway slaves a “witch hunt”?
13. In 1852: What novel, written by Harriet Beecher Stowe, becomes the 2nd biggest selling book after the Bible that showed the Northerners true insight into slavery?

14. Describe John Brown

15. December 20, 1860: What was the first state to secede from the union followed by 10 other slave states?

16. Abraham Lincoln received his first death threat before ever taking office. He saved all his death threats in a file he named _________.

17. How many weeks after Lincoln takes office are the first shots of the Civil War fired?
America: The Story of Us  Episode 5: “Civil War”

Directions: Answer each question and record 2-3 quotes on the back

1. Why can the Civil War be described as the first “modern war”? Why was the death toll so high in the Civil War?
2. How many people were dead on both sides by the end of the war?
3. Who was a significantly important general of the Union Army (South)?
4. What was one of Lincoln’s “hidden weapons” during the war? How?
5. How long did the Civil War last?
6. The invention of Morse Code in 1844 turns the telegraph into America’s first ___________ weapon. (Lincoln’s 2nd weapon)
7. 75% of the operations performed during the war were _____________________.
8. Who is Clara Barton? Describe why she is important.
9. What business grew because of the war, turning some into millionaires?
10. Almost ___________ emancipated blacks signed up as soldiers.
11. What event was Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address written for?
12. Which general from the North’s tactics helped Lincoln to get re-elected?

America: The Story of Us  Episode 6: “Heartland”

1. How long did it take to cross the continent?
2. What 2,000 mile ‘technology’ connected the nation?
3. Who was “Crazy Judah”? (Full name and what was he known for doing)
4. What two companies worked on the joining of the railroad? Where do they meet?
5. Over ___________ Chinese were brought over to America to work dangerous jobs on the railroad.
6. ___________ million hammer swings completed the railroad.
7. What one word telegraph was sent at the completion of the railroad on May 10, 1869?
8. The ___________ month land journey was cut down to ___________.
10. In 1874 over 3 trillion ___________ destroyed ½ of the crops in the west.
11. What animal was killed by the millions mainly for its hide?
12. Horses were not native to America: Who brought horses to America?
13. 1 of every 3 cowboys is ___________ or ___________.
14. What inventions helped homesteaders to settle the West/Great Plains faster than any other invention?
15. What happened at Wounded Knee Creek on December 29, 1890?
16. What was born on November 18, 1833? Why?
17. What company based in Chicago became the first ‘mail order’ company because of the railroad (and still exists today)?
1. The building of the __________________________
__________________________ was approved by President
__________________________ and will be ____________ miles
long, connecting East and West.

2. Which groups are working to build the railroad? What is
the main obstacle from California as they move east to
complete the railroad?

3. Which two companies are building railroads that will
eventually connect in Utah? How are they being paid?
What is their time limit for completion of the railroad?

4. Why are Chinese laborers brought over to work for the
railroads?

5. What dangers are faced by the Chinese as they build the
railroad tracks and tunnels?

6. If filing for land, the fee is $_____. Eventually, _____% of
the U.S. land is given away under the
__________________________.

7. Why do settlers live in mud huts (known as sod houses)
instead of homes built by logs or with lumber?

8. Describe 4 problems the settlers encounter on the Great
Plains.

9. Why are streets in towns given letters and numbers instead of names?

10. Explain the impact of the railroad on the buffalo. What happens to the buffalo? Why?

11. What causes the need for cowboys after the Civil War ends in 1865? What do they do? Why?

12. Why were many African Americans also cowboys?

13. Explain the feud between the cattle ranchers and the homesteaders.

14. What goes Joseph Glidden invent? Why is this so important to history?

15. Why are the Sioux pushed out of the Black Hills? Explain General Custer’s involvement. What happens? What is the outcome?

16. Describe the events at Wounded Knee. Why does this occur?

17. How does tie finally become regulated in the United States so that time zones are established? Why does this happen?
18. How does Sears make a profit for the first time? Why does the railroad become important for his success?

19. Overall, list 3 ways that the railroad helps create modern America.
Cities: The Gilded Age and Progressive Era
(America: The Story of Us)

1. **1885**: What's the 'big problem' in New York at this time?

2. What's the first step the workers have to do as they attempt to put together Lady Liberty?

3. What was the importance of Ellis Island?

4. **1880-1930**: Nearly _____ million new ____________ arrive in the U.S.

5. **1872**: How does Andrew Carnegie make his millions?

6. Where does Carnegie set up his new factory?

7. Why does Carnegie end up becoming even richer than before?

8. By 1902, ______ skyscrapers are being built in ______________.

9. Why were the new workers on a skyscraper called snakes?

10. How much do the men working on the skyscrapers get paid?

11. Before elevators were created, how high were most buildings?

12. As cities became crowded with skyscrapers, what is happening on the streets of these cities?

13. Chief Inspector Burns creates the idea of "getting the third degree" interrogation with the following:
a. First Degree - ____________
b. Second Degree - ____________
c. Third Degree - ____________

14. Why are criminals difficult to track down in this time period?

15. What does Chief Inspector Burns decide to use to help track down criminals?

16. What are slums?

17. How was Jacob Riis able to get photographs of the slums?

18. What are positive results that come about once Riis' photographs become public?

19. By 1895, why are major cities drowning in filth?

20. Explain that George Waring does to help the filthy cities.

21. By 1907, every large city has ____________, thanks to George Waring.

22. In 1897, what material finally works for Thomas Edison’s light bulb?

23. In 2 years, Edison builds ____________ power plants. By 1902, ____ million light bulbs are in use.

24. What happened on March 25, 1911? What's the importance of this event?
America - The Story of US: "Boom"

1. What is unique about the discovery of oil in Texas?

2. What were 2 early uses for oil by America?

3. How far down are the Hamel brothers supposed to drill as part of their contract?

4. What do the Hamel brothers use to help keep the sides of the well open?

5. The well at Spindletop pumps out _____ million barrels of oil a ________.

6. How does the discovery at Spindletop change the lives of Americans?

7. By 1903, there were only ______ cars built specifically for the ________.

8. Henry Ford developed the ________ for the ________________.

9. What is the importance of mass production in the United States?

10. The biggest urban sprawl is ________________.

11. William Mulholland needs to find ______________ for ________________.
12. What is the importance of Owen's Valley?

13. Why are so many people upset about the aqueduct? What happens as a result of this anger?

14. Explain the "Great Migration".

15. What happens on the beach between the African American boys in the water and the whites on the beach? Why?

16. Explain the Race Riots in Chicago.
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America, The Story of US: “Bust”

1. 1929: __________ dollars is borrowed on ____________

2. Why were most banks staying afloat at this time?

3. Why does panic quickly spread at the Bank of the United States?

4. ________ banks close in ________ days.
   Unemployment goes from ________ in 1930 to ________ in 1932.

5. USING COMPLETE SENTENCES, explain the importance of the Hoover Dam. How much will it cost? Why is it being built? How was it built? What is its significance?

6. USING COMPLETE SENTENCES, explain the causes and effects of the Dust Bowl. How does this affect the United States as a whole? How does this affect the farmers?

7. USING COMPLETE SENTENCES, explain the importance of the radio during the 1930s. Why is this beneficial to the rural area as well?

8. USING COMPLETE SENTENCES, why was Mount Rushmore originally created? Why does FDR continue the building of this monument? Which Presidents are featured?

9. By 1936, ________ in ________ workers are still out of a ________.

10. USING COMPLETE SENTENCES, why does the first boxing match of Joe Louis v Max Schmeling signify what’s to come for America? Why does the rematch become so important to America?
1. How much does the average American family make compared to those in Europe?

2. What is the first problem modern America must solve? Who’s mission is it to get the job done?
   a. 
   b. 

3. What is the common theme to the greatest innovations in American history?

4. What do American highways giver to the American spirit?

5. How many cars are produced in post WW2 America?

6. In 1946 how many babies are born every hour?

7. How fast can the Levites build a house??

8. What would a Levitt house cost today? How much do you think a 3 bedroom house costs today?
   c.
9. How long does it take now to cross the US (New York to LA)? How important is that? (i.e. compared to how long it once took)

10. What is the equivalent of fuel to go to the moon?

11. When did America land on the Moon (month & Year)?

12. How many Americans have walked on the moon? Russians? Chinese?

13. When the Moon landing Unites the nation, what is still dividing it?

14. How were African American soldiers the first leaders of the Civil Rights Movement?

15. How many people marched on washing ton to hear the "I have a dream Speech"? When was it? Who said it?

16. Who becomes America’s great rival on the worlds stage?

17. How much does the US Spend on Nuclear Weapons (give dates too)?
America the Story of Us – SUPERPOWER

1. What were at least 3 things that returning soldiers from WWII did once arriving back home?

2. How did the car/automobile help shape America in the 1950s and 1960s?

3. What happened to housing and the housing market in the 1950s and 1960s in the U.S.?

4. How did desegregation and equal rights of the civil rights era begin during WWII and continue with the return of WWII soldiers?
5. How did the atomic bomb change the course of history?

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1. In the 1970s the United States was still engaged in a global struggle for power with: ____________________________

2. At the conclusion of the Cold War there enough nuclear weapons existed to create this level of destruction: ____________________________

3. This was the technology that would come to define the era in the U.S. ___

4. By the end of the 1970s, approximately this many televisions were in American homes: ____________________________

5. When was television created? ____________________________

6. This was the iconic event that took place in upstate New York in August of 1969:
   - How many people were expected to attend? ____________________________
   - How many people ACTUALLY ended up attending? ____________________________

7. Vietnam was the first ______________ war in American history.
   - What year was the Vietnam War finished? ____________________________

8. Richard Milhoux Nixon was the only American President to ever __________ while in office.

9. During his administration in the 1930s & early 1940s how did FDR use mass media to connect with the public? ____________________________

10. What was the nickname given to President Ronald Reagan because of his uncanny ability to relate to the American public? ____________________________

11. During the booming economic times of the 1980s, approximately how many Americans were becoming millionaires every year? ____________________________

12. This is recognized of the symbol of American consumerism in the 1980s (how were people most frequently paying for items): ____________________________

13. These were examples of the cutting edge technology of the 1980s:
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14. Most technological advances of this era in American history are a result of the _______________________.

15. What are a few examples of how everyday Americans benefited from the technology used in the space shuttle program?
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16. This tragedy struck NASA in January of 1985: _______________________

17. What HUGE world event happened three years AFTER the answer from #16?

18. An early form of binary code was found where in the 1850s?

19. How large was the most advanced computer in 1940? _______________________

20. Why was 1976 such an amazing year in the history of computers?
   • By 1990 how many were found in America? _______________________

21. It is believed that the _________________________ was born in 1969.

22. In 2009 alone, how many goods were sold on the internet? _______________________

23. What was SILICON VALLEY:

24. Terrorists associated with _________________________ are believed to have been responsible for the 9/11 attacks on the USA.
   • How many American lives were lost on that day? _______________________

25. From 2000-2010 how many “new” Americans were there? _______________________
   • In 2007 how many Americans were born abroad? _______________________
   • What are the two areas that % of immigrants coming to America are from? _______________________ & ______________________