

## ***THE AMERICAN TESTIMONY – Guide to Videos***

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## ***Unit 1: Discovery and Colonization (1490-1763)***

Part 1 - THE AGE OF DISCOVERY (17 minutes, 19 seconds). Covers Columbus' 1492 discovery of the New World and early Spanish, English and French explorations throughout the mid-sixteenth century. (Video File: [AmericanTestimony-Unit-1-Part-1-Age-of-Discovery-17min.mp4](#))

Part 2 - ENGLISH EXPANSION (5 minutes, 47 seconds). Covers 16<sup>th</sup> century events, including the background behind religious turmoil in Europe, the first (unsuccessful) Virginia colony, and England's war with Spain. (Video File: [AmericanTestimony-Unit-1-Part-2-English-Expansion-6min.mp4](#))

Part 3 - JAMESTOWN (10 minutes, 39 seconds). Covers the first three decades of the 17<sup>th</sup> century. Includes England's difficult colonization of Jamestown, from the days of John Smith and Pocahontas to the establishment of the House of Burgesses. Samuel de Champlain's founding of Quebec (for France) and the martyrdom of Father Brebeuf are also included in this section. (Video File: [AmericanTestimony-Unit-1-Part-3-Jamestown-11min.mp4](#))

Part 4 - FREEDOM OF FAITH (12 minutes, 31 seconds). Covers the origins of religious persecution in 17<sup>th</sup> century Europe, the Pilgrims' journey on the Mayflower (and subsequent encounters with the Samoset and Squanto, leading to the first Thanksgiving), and the establishment of colonies in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut. (Video File: [AmericanTestimony-Unit-1-Part-4-Freedom-of-Faith-13min.mp4](#))

Part 5 - COLONIAL EXPANSION (9 minutes, 45 seconds). Covers England's founding of New Hampshire and Maryland, Holland's founding of New Amsterdam, the English Civil War, the English takeover of New Amsterdam (New York), and the establishment of Carolina, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. (Video File: [AmericanTestimony-Unit-1-Part-5-Colonial-Expansion-10min.mp4](#))

Part 6 - THE COMMERCE COLONIES (9 minutes, 8 seconds). Covers the competition between English and French merchants in establishing of trade relations with the Indians, and explains the effects of British mercantilism on the Chesapeake Bay colonies during the latter half of the 17<sup>th</sup> century. This section also recounts indentured servitude, the "headright" system, the first Navigation Acts, battles with Dutch trading companies, and Bacon's Rebellion. (Video File: [AmericanTestimony-Unit-1-Part-6-Commerce-Colonies-9min.mp4](#))

Part 7 - THE DOMINION OF NEW ENGLAND (10 minutes, 6 seconds). Covers late-seventeenth century events in New England, including King Philip's War (the first significant war between colonists and Indians), England's Glorious Revolution (1688), Leisler's Rebellion in New York (an early attempt to overthrow a colonial government), and the Salem witch trials. (Video File: [AmericanTestimony-Unit-1-Part-7-Dominion-of-New-England-10min.mp4](#))

Part 8 - BORDER SKIRMISHES, POPULATION GROWTH, AND SPIRITUAL RENEWAL (12 minutes, 31 seconds). Covers King William's War and Queen Anne's War (resulting in England's military dominance over Europe), the influx of non-English European immigration to the colonies, and the settlement of the Georgia colony by inmates from debtors' prisons in England. This segment concludes with an account of the Great Awakening, a widespread spiritual revival that united inhabitants of separate colonies into a single American nation. (Video File: [AmericanTestimony-Unit-1-Part-8-Border-Skirmishes-etc-13min.mp4](#))

Part 9 - NATURAL LAW AND THE FRENCH AND INDIAN WAR (14 minutes, 18 seconds). Examines the intertwining of European "Age of Reason" ideas with Great Awakening values, culminating in a natural rights doctrine that included freedom of the press (Zenger trial). This segment includes a profile of Benjamin Franklin, as well as a concise account of the conflict between the English colonists and combined French and Indian fighters (depicting the emergence of George Washington as a military figure). (Video File: [AmericanTestimony-Unit-1-Part-9-Natural-Law-and-French-Indian-War-15min.mp4](#))

## ***Unit 2: Independence (1763-1787)***

- Part 1 - SEEDS OF DISCORD (20 minutes, 15 seconds). Covers the ascendance of George III to the British throne, the rising political turmoil over the debt for the French and Indian War, and the beginnings of Parliament's oppression of the American colonies. This segment also includes Pontiac's Rebellion (Indians against colonists), and the colonists' reactions to the Sugar Act, Currency Act, Stamp Act, Quartering Act, and Townshend Acts. (Video File: [AmericanTestimony-Unit-2-Part-1-Seeds-of-Discord-20min.mp4](#))
- Part 2 - THE INTOLERABLE ACTS (13 minutes, 25 seconds). Recounts the Boston Massacre (1770), the Gaspee incident (burning of a British customs ship in 1772), and the Boston Tea Party (the dumping of British tea in Boston Harbor as a protest to the Tea Act of 1773). The segment also covers Parliament's passage of the Coercive Acts to punish the Massachusetts colonists, prompting the formation of the First Continental Congress (1774) and the passage of the Suffolk Resolves (declaring grievances against Parliament). The segment concludes with Parliament's response, the New England Restraining Act. (Video File: [AmericanTestimony-Unit-2-Part-2-Intolerable-Acts-13min.mp4](#))
- Part 3 - "LIBERTY OR DEATH!" (18 minutes, 7 seconds). Covers the events surrounding America's break from England, including Patrick Henry's call to arms, the battle at Lexington (launching the American Revolution), the invasions of Fort Ticonderoga and Crown Point, the assembly of the Second Continental Congress, the establishment of the Continental Army under George Washington, the Battle of Bunker (Breed's) Hill, King George III's defiant response, and the drafting of the Declaration of Independence. (Video File: [AmericanTestimony-Unit-2-Part-3-Liberty-or-Death-18min.mp4](#))
- Part 4 - THE CONTINENTAL ARMY (19 minutes, 2 seconds). Recounts George Washington's disheartening military setbacks in New York, his turnaround victories at Trenton and Princeton, and his renewed difficulties in Pennsylvania. The segment also describes America's victory at Saratoga, the bleak Valley Forge winter of 1777, Thomas Paine's call to duty, the French alliance with the United States, America's currency woes, and the rebuilding of General Washington's army. (Video File: [AmericanTestimony-Unit-2-Part-4-The-Continental-Army-19min.mp4](#))
- Part 5 - HARDSHIP, PERSEVERANCE, AND VICTORY (11 minutes, 20 seconds). Covers battles at sea (such as John Paul Jones' victory against British naval forces) and along the frontier (such as George Rogers Clark's triumph in South Carolina). Also included are Benedict Arnold's shift in loyalties, the guerrilla wars waged by Thomas Sumter and Francis Marion ("the Swamp Fox"), and America's gradual retaking of the South. The segment concludes with the Battle of Yorktown, in which the American's, aided by French allies, defeat the British and end the War for Independence. (Video File: [AmericanTestimony-Unit-2-Part-5-Hardship-Perseverance-Victory-11min.mp4](#))
- Part 6 - POSTWAR CHALLENGES (15 minutes, 57 seconds). Recounts the Treaty of Paris (securing the peace between Great Britain and the United States) in 1783, and examines the postwar difficulties arising in America, such as the war debt that crushed the economy, the military revolt that threatened the nation's fledgling government, the refusal of state governments to abide by the terms of the Treaty of Paris, the enactment of the Northwest Ordinance (Congress' claim of authority over lands that had not achieved statehood), the struggle with Spain over navigation rights to the Mississippi River, and Daniel Shays' armed rebellion against the Massachusetts court system. The program concludes with the call for a stronger federal government than the one created under the Articles of Confederation. (Video File: [AmericanTestimony-Unit-2-Part-6-Postwar-Challenges-16min.mp4](#))

### ***Unit 3: The New Nation and Its Constitution (1787-1824)***

- Part 1 - THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION (14 minutes, 41 seconds). Reviews the problems that called for a more effective government, and covers primary events that took place within the Constitutional Convention of 1787, with insights into the role of federal government under the Constitution. (Video File: [AmericanTestimony-Unit-3-Part-1-The-Constitutional-Convention-15min.mp4](#))
- Part 2 - RATIFICATION (10 minutes, 12 seconds). Recounts the difficulties in getting states to approve the Constitution, leading to the authoring of the Federalist Papers and the drafting of the Bill of Rights. (Video File: [AmericanTestimony-Unit-3-Part-2-Ratification-10min.mp4](#))
- Part 3 - THE WASHINGTON ADMINISTRATION (17 minutes, 56 seconds). Examines George Washington's development of the executive branch of government and Alexander Hamilton's solution to the nationwide financial crisis, amidst Thomas Jefferson's efforts to limit the powers of federal government. Also included is the impact of the French Revolution on American foreign policy (culminating in Jay's Treaty with Great Britain and Pinckney's Treaty with Spain). The segment concludes with the federal government's handling of domestic fights, such as the Whiskey Rebellion and the Battle of Fallen Timbers. (Video File: [AmericanTestimony-Unit-3-Part-3-The-Washington-Administration-18min.mp4](#))
- Part 4 - RATIONALISM AND REVIVAL (14 minutes, 14 seconds). Recounts the presidency of John Adams, including the XYZ Affair, the quasi-war with France, the Alien and Sedition Acts, the transfer of the nation's capital from Philadelphia to Washington City, the stormy election of 1800, and Adams' "midnight appointments" to the federal judiciary. This is followed by the election of Thomas Jefferson, occurring at a time of philosophical change and spiritual revival (via the Second Great Awakening). (Video File: [AmericanTestimony-Unit-3-Part-4-Rationalism-and-Revival-14min.mp4](#))
- Part 5 - THE JEFFERSON YEARS (17 minutes, 41 seconds). Encompasses such events as the Marbury v. Madison case, the Barbary War, the Louisiana Purchase, the Hamilton-Burr duel, the Aaron Burr trial, the Lewis and Clark expeditions, and the journeys of Zebulon Pike. Also presented in this segment are the Yazoo land controversy, France's war with Great Britain, the Chesapeake-Leopard Affair, British "impressment" of American seamen, and the beginning of the anti-slavery movement. (Video File: [AmericanTestimony-Unit-3-Part-5-The-Jefferson-Years-18min.mp4](#))
- Part 6 - JAMES MADISON AND THE WAR OF 1812 (18 minutes, 47 seconds). Covers the diplomatic betrayal by France's Napoleon Bonaparte, the Indian revolt in the Louisiana Territory, the Battle of Tippecanoe, the escalation of British troops at the Canadian border, and America's declaration of war against Great Britain. A chronology of the War of 1812 follows, including the Constitution-Guerriere sea battle, the defeat of the USS Chesapeake, British occupation of Detroit and Fort Dearborn (Chicago), and the Battle of Lake Erie, the British capture of Fort Niagara, the Battles of Plattsburg and Horseshoe Bend, Andrew Jackson's capture of Pensacola, the British invasion of Washington, DC (with the burning of the White House and Capitol), the American defense of Fort McHenry (where Francis Scott Key penned "The Star-Spangled Banner"), and the Treaty of Ghent. (Video File: [AmericanTestimony-Unit-3-Part-6-Madison-War-of-1812-19min.mp4](#))
- Part 7 - THE MORAL VICTORY (14 minutes, 18 seconds). Provides an account of Andrew Jackson's overwhelming victory over British forces at the Battle of New Orleans, as well as the defeat of Barbary Pirates; followed by the postwar "Era of Good Feelings" in America, facilitated by the growth of textile industries, the development of steamboat travel, the demilitarization of the US-Canadian border, the Transcontinental Treaty (in which Spain ceded Florida to the US), the issuance of the Monroe Doctrine against further European interference in the Americas, and the rapid addition of new states to the union. (Video File: [AmericanTestimony-Unit-3-Part-7-The-Moral-Victory-14min.mp4](#))

## ***Unit 4: Westward Expansion and the Roots of Sectionalism (1824-1850)***

Part 1 - DAYS OF PROSPERITY AND RESTLESSNESS (20 minutes, 11 seconds). Explores the origins of slavery in the southern regions of the United States, plus Christianity's role in launching the abolition movement. The segment also covers the beginnings of industrialization in the northern cities, the westward migration of farm families, the expansion of trade in the west, the development of interstate roads, the construction of the Erie canal, and the birth of American literature; concluding with the hotly contested presidential election of 1824. (Video File: [AmericanTestimony-Unit-4-Part-1-Prosperity-and-Restlessness-20min.mp4](#))

Part 2 - JOHN QUINCY ADAMS AND "KING ANDREW" (16 minutes, 15 seconds). Examines social reform amidst ideological divisiveness, encompassing events during the presidency of John Quincy Adams, such as Indian and states' rights controversies. The segment proceeds with the election of Andrew Jackson and his employment of a "spoils" system in making federal appointments. The Webster-Hayne Debate is also reviewed here. (Video File: [AmericanTestimony-Unit-4-Part-2-John-Quincy-Adams-and-King-Andrew-16min.mp4](#))

Part 3 - UPHEAVAL (15 minutes, 21 seconds). Covers Jedediah Smith's western travels, as well as the government persecution of Cherokee Indians, culminating in the "Trail of Tears," the forced expulsion of Cherokees from Georgia to Oklahoma. The segment also examines the changing religious landscape of the nation, and concludes with the chilling effect of the Nat Turner revolt on the slavery debate. (Video File: [AmericanTestimony-Unit-4-Part-3-Upheaval-15min.mp4](#))

Part 4 - JACKSONIAN DEMOCRACY (14 minutes, 12 seconds). Covers Andrew Jackson's abandonment of the centralized banking system and his stand against South Carolina's 1832 threat to secede from the union. This is followed by Henry Clay's tariff compromise, the assassination attempt on Jackson, and the publication of "Democracy in America." The segment concludes with the war between Mexico and Texas. (This is a chronology that begins with Mexico's sale of Texas land to the Austin family; its later attempt to drive American settlers out of the region; the ensuing Battle of the Alamo in 1836; further American defeats; Sam Houston's turnaround victory at the Battle of San Jacinto; and the founding of the Republic of Texas as an independent nation.) (Video File: [AmericanTestimony-Unit-4-Part-4-Jacksonian-Democracy-14min.mp4](#))

Part 5 - "MANIFEST DESTINY!" (17 minutes, 36 seconds). Segment begins with the financial panic faced by President Martin Van Buren after his predecessor, Andrew Jackson, issued the economically devastating Specie Circular before leaving office. Also included is the killing of abolitionist Elijah P. Lovejoy, the proposal for gradual emancipation, and the brief presidency--and untimely death--of William Henry Harrison, followed by John Tyler's ascendance to the presidency. The segment concludes with Tyler's rejection Whig Party policies, renewed hostilities between the Brits and Americans at the Canadian border, the 1844 election of James K. Polk, and the annexation of Texas as a state (prompting a declaration of war from Mexico). (Video File: [AmericanTestimony-Unit-4-Part-5-Manifest-Destiny-18min.mp4](#))

Part 6 - THE WAR WITH MEXICO (10 minutes, 48 seconds). Provides a chronology of the war, from the Battle of Palo Alto to the invasion of Mexico City, plus the subsequent Guadalupe-Hildago Treaty, and the development of the Popular Sovereignty approach to slavery in the newly acquired territories. The segment also includes the California gold rush. (Video File: [AmericanTestimony-Unit-4-Part-6-The-War-with-Mexico-11min.mp4](#))

Part 7 - ELUSIVE HARMONY (12 minutes, 13 seconds). Examines milestones in progress and inventiveness (including McCormick's reaper, Howe's sewing machine, Mann's education reform, Morse' telegraph system, advancements in mental health care, plus overall city street improvements, rail construction, etc.) in contrast to religious and political rifts over slavery. Also covers the Zachary Taylor presidency, California statehood, and the Missouri Compromise of 1850. (Video File: [AmericanTestimony-Unit-4-Part-7-Elusive-Harmony-12min.mp4](#))

## ***Unit 5: Secession, Civil War, and Reconstruction (1850-1877)***

- Part 1 - MISGUIDED NOTIONS AND POLITICAL DIVISION (12 minutes, 45 seconds). Covers the role of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" in shaping public opinion toward slavery, the 1852 election of Franklin Pierce, Commodore Perry's journey to Japan, and the Gadsden Purchase from Mexico. (Video File: [AmericanTestimony-Unit-5-Part-1-Misguided-Notions-Political-Division-13min.mp4](#))
- Part 2 – "BLEEDING" KANSAS (17 minutes, 35 seconds). Examines the consequences of the disastrous Kansas-Nebraska Act, the formation of the Republican Party, the disputed election and ensuing guerrilla warfare in Kansas, and violence in the Senate. The segment also encompasses the presidential election of James Buchanan in 1856, the Dred Scott case, the constitutional crisis in Kansas, and the bank panic of 1857. (Video File: [AmericanTestimony-Unit-5-Part-2-Bleeding-Kansas-18min.mp4](#))
- Part 3 - THE RISE OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN AND THE SECESSION OF THE SOUTH (13 minutes, 1 second). Covers the Lincoln-Douglas debates, John Brown's assault on Harper's Ferry, Abraham Lincoln's presidential victory in the election of 1860, the secession of the southern states, the formation of the Confederate States of America, the election of Jefferson Davis as the Confederate president, and Lincoln's stand against secession. (Video File: [AmericanTestimony-Unit-5-Part-3-Lincoln-and-Secession-13min.mp4](#))
- Part 4 - THE WAR BEGINS (13 minutes, 14 seconds). Covers the Union loss at Fort Sumter, Lincoln's suspension of constitutional rights, the Battle of Bull Run (Manassas), the split of West Virginia from Virginia, the failed union naval blockade of southern ports, diplomatic issues with Great Britain, and the Union capture of Port Royal Sound. (Video File: [AmericanTestimony-Unit-5-Part-4-The-War-Begins-13min.mp4](#))
- Part 5 - 1862 (17 minutes, 17 seconds). Chronicles such 1862 events as: the Union victories at Forts Henry and Donelson, the Confederate victory at Shiloh, the battle between the iron-clad warships Virginia (nee Merrimac) and the Monitor, the Union dominance of Mississippi River, the Battle of Seven Pines, Congress' passage of the Homestead Act, the Confederate victory at Second Battle of Bull Run, the Union's turnaround victory at Antietam, Lincoln's issuance of the Emancipation Proclamation, the paradoxical participation of blacks and Cherokee Indians in the Confederate Army, the creation of the Underground Railroad, and the Union defeat at Fredericksburg. (Video File: [AmericanTestimony-Unit-5-Part-5-1862-17min.mp4](#))
- Part 6 - THE TURNING TIDE (12 minutes, 58 seconds). Covers Lincoln's implementation of a temporary income tax to finance the war, dissent in the Confederate government, anti-war protests in New York, the costly Confederate victory at Chancellorsville, the pivotal Battle of Gettysburg, the Union victories at Chickamauga and Lookout Mountain, the organization of field hospitals, the successful Union campaign at Vicksburg, and the Union occupation of Chattanooga. (Video File: [AmericanTestimony-Unit-5-Part-6-The-Turning-Tide-13min.mp4](#))
- Part 7 - THE FALL OF THE SOUTH (18 minutes, 30 seconds). Recounts Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, General Sherman's march to Atlanta, the military standoffs at the Wilderness and Spotsylvania, the southern stand at Cold Harbor, the siege of Richmond, the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain, the fall of the Confederacy at Petersburg, and General Lee's surrender at Appomattox. The segment also presents Lincoln's second inauguration, his assassination, Andrew Johnson's Amnesty Proclamation, the Congressional persecution of former Confederate states, the establishment of Freedmen's Bureaus for former slaves, Republican passage of the first Civil Rights Act (1866), America's military assistance to the Juarez regime in Mexico, the implementation of retaliatory reconstruction acts on southern states, and the impeachment--but not removal--of Andrew Johnson. (Video File: [AmericanTestimony-Unit-5-Part-7-Fall-of-the-South-19min.mp4](#))

Part 8 - RECONSTRUCTION AND CORRUPTION (12 minutes, 43 seconds). Covers the completion of the Transcontinental Railroad, Seward's purchase of Alaska, the election of Ulysses S. Grant, the arrival of "Carpetbaggers" in the former confederacy, the "Black Friday" economic crisis in 1869, the Tweed Ring scandal, the financial panic of 1873, the Whiskey Ring Fraud, the disputed presidential election of 1876, and the end of Reconstruction. (Video File: [AmericanTestimony-Unit-5-Part-8-Reconstruction-and-Corruption-13min.mp4](#))

## ***Unit 6: The Empire Years (1877-1912)***

- Part 1 - TWILIGHT OF THE FRONTIER ERA (12 minutes, 32 seconds). Covers the aftermath of the Battle of Little Big Horn, the Nez Perce tribe's peace overtures, the rise of corporations, the inventions of Thomas Edison and Alexander Graham Bell, the beginning of professional baseball, the growing popularity of Mark Twain, the popularity of P.T. Barnum's traveling circus, the changes in lifestyles brought on by rail transportation, the railway strike of 1877, and the opening of relations with Mexico. (Video File: [AmericanTestimony-Unit-6-Part-1-Twilight-of-the-Frontier-Era-13min.mp4](#))
- Part 2 - THE NEW RELIGIONS (15 minutes, 11 seconds). Explores the promotion of non-traditional thought, including the English translation of the Communist Manifesto, as well as the emergence of Darwinism. The segment also covers the new influx of European immigrants, the rise of the Social Gospel movement, the Moody revivals, the founding of the Christian Science religion, the presidential election of 1880, and the assassination of President Garfield. (Video File: [AmericanTestimony-Unit-6-Part-2-The-New-Religions-15min.mp4](#))
- Part 3 - PROGRESS AND PAIN (14 minutes, 45 seconds). Explores the age of invention, Booker T. Washington's founding of the Tuskegee Institute, Clara Barton's establishment of the Red Cross, the resurgence of art and literature, the popularity of "Wild West" shows, the difficult presidency of Chester Arthur, the election of Grover Cleveland (as well as his White House wedding), France's gift of the Statue of Liberty, the construction of early skyscraper buildings, the onset of labor riots, and the contributions of America's "Captains of Industry," (Video File: [AmericanTestimony-Unit-6-Part-3-Progress-and-Pain-15min.mp4](#))
- Part 4 - COURSE CORRECTIONS (17 minutes, 24 seconds). Examines the increase in leisure activities, the trend toward reparations to the Indians, the election of Benjamin Harrison, the expansion of trade with Latin America, the stance against German aggression in the Pacific, the Oklahoma Land Run, the passage of the Sherman Anti-Trust Act, the failed currency manipulation schemes of the government, and the modernization of the navy. Also included in this segment are the Wounded Knee skirmish, the deadly Homestead union strike, the return of Grover Cleveland to the White House, the onset of the economic depression of 1893, the Pullman Strike, and the Supreme Court's rejection of the income tax. (Video File: [AmericanTestimony-Unit-6-Part-4-Course-Corrections-17min.mp4](#))
- Part 5 - "A SPLENDID LITTLE WAR" (18 minutes, 32 seconds). The segment begins with benign events, including the advent of motion pictures and the admission of Utah to the union; then turns to the Cuban revolt against Spain, the election of William McKinley, the mysterious explosion of the USS Maine, and passage of the Teller Amendment. Thereafter, a chronological account of the Spanish-American War is presented, from Dewey's naval victory in the Philippines to the charge of the Rough Riders at San Juan Hill in Cuba. Also covered are the American annexations of Wake Island and Hawaii, Spain's surrender, the granting of independence to Cuba, and the U.S. acquisitions of Puerto Rico, Guam and the Philippines. (Video File: [AmericanTestimony-Unit-6-Part-5-A-Splendid-Little-War-19min.mp4](#))
- Part 6 - THE TUMULTUOUS TURN OF THE CENTURY (22 minutes, 15 seconds). Recounts American charity in elevating living conditions in Cuba and the Philippines, the destruction of Galveston by hurricane, the assassination of President McKinley, the surrender of Filipino rebels, Theodore Roosevelt's interventions in business and labor crises, the construction on the Panama Canal, and the Wright Brothers' first airplane flight in 1903. The segment also includes Theodore Roosevelt's contribution to the settlement of the Russo-Japanese War, the deadly San Francisco earthquake, the admission of Oklahoma to statehood, and the Pacific tour of the "Great White Fleet" as a show of American naval superiority. (Video File: [AmericanTestimony-Unit-6-Part-6-Tumultuous-Turn-of-the-Century-22min.mp4](#))



Part 7 - WINDS OF CHANGE (11 minutes, 46 seconds). Covers the election of William Howard Taft, the Communist infiltration of labor unions, "Dollar Diplomacy" (a paying of funds to settle disputes in Latin America), Theodore Roosevelt's return to politics (as a third-party presidential candidate), and Woodrow Wilson's victory in the election of 1912. (Video File: [AmericanTestimony-Unit-6-Part-7-Winds-of-Change-12min.mp4](#))

## ***Unit 7: Collectivism and the First World War (1912-1928)***

- Part 1 - MR. WILSON AND "COLONEL" HOUSE (21 minutes, 6 seconds). Covers the advent of automobile production, the sinking of the Titanic, the ideological development of Woodrow Wilson, the president's endorsement of the Marxist policies of personal aide Edward Mandell House, the implementation of such collectivist government edicts as the graduated income tax and the central banking monopoly, passage of stricter antitrust legislation, the federal takeover of interstate commerce, Wilson's racial segregation of the federal government, Marcus Garvey's "back to Africa" movement, the death of the first lady, and the president's quick remarriage. (Video File: [AmericanTestimony-Unit-7-Part-1-Wilson-and-House-21min.mp4](#))
- Part 2 - THE GROWING INTERNATIONAL CRISIS (22 minutes, 3 seconds). Encompasses President Wilson's interference in Mexican affairs, the opening of the Panama Canal, the assassinations of Austrian Archduke Franz Ferdinand and his wife, Austria's declaration of war on Serbia, Germany's declarations of war on Russia and France, the German invasion of Belgium, England's declaration of war on Germany, Wilson's proclamation of American neutrality, the German sinking of the British passenger ship Lusitania, Poncho Villa's raids on US border towns, Wilson's dispatch of troops to Mexico, the scandal of the Zimmermann telegram (in which Germany sought an alliance with Mexico to battle the US), the Bolshevik revolution in Russia, and the US declaration of war on Germany. (Video File: [AmericanTestimony-Unit-7-Part-2-The-Growing-International-Crisis-22min.mp4](#))
- Part 3 - UNRESTRAINED AUTHORITY (14 minutes, 13 seconds). Examines the roots of Bolshevism, then provides a chronology of these events: the Wilson administration's elevation of income tax rates, the implementation of the military draft, the government takeover (through the Lever Act) of food and fuel production, the arrival of American troops in France, the government takeover of domestic arms manufacturing, Lenin's rise to power in Russia, the Russian Communist peace treaty with Germany, the legislation to prohibit liquor, Woodrow Wilson's issuance of his Fourteen Points, legislation to grant women the right to vote, and the executive branch's takeover of federal agencies during wartime (through the Overman Act). (Video File: [AmericanTestimony-Unit-7-Part-3-Unrestrained-Authority-14min.mp4](#))
- Part 4 - THE "GREAT WAR" AND ITS AFTERMATH (24 minutes, 15 seconds). This segment provides a brief chronology of America's actions in World War I, including the invasions of Murmansk and Archangel in Russia, the numerous battles to drive the Germans out of France, the exploits of Alvin York and Eddie Rickenbacker, the collapse of the Central Powers countries, and the Armistice ending the war. Thereafter, pertinent details are presented on the ill-conceived Treaty of Versailles, the economic decimation of Germany, the haphazard redrawing of national boundaries in Central Europe, the massacre of the Russian royal family, the Bolshevik-inspired labor and race riots in the US, Woodrow Wilson's battle against Congress for US admission in the League of Nations, and the White House cover-up of the president's near-fatal stroke. (Video File: [AmericanTestimony-Unit-7-Part-4-The-Great-War-and-Aftermath-24min.mp4](#))
- Part 5 - RETURN TO NORMALCY (25 minutes, 27 seconds). Covers the onset of monetary inflation, the Marxist agitation over the Sacco and Vanzetti murder case, the election of Warren G. Harding, the policies that restored economic normalcy, the Washington disarmament conference, the economic boom and enhanced quality of life (electricity and plumbing in homes), the Teapot Dome Affair, the death of President Harding, the enactment of the Dawes Plan to aid bankrupt Germany, the Soviet rise of Joseph Stalin, the model presidency of Calvin Coolidge, and the "roaring twenties" era of prosperity. The segment concludes with the Scopes Monkey Trial, Charles Lindbergh's solo flight across the Atlantic, the signing of the Kellogg-Briand Pact, and the fruits of "Coolidge Prosperity." (Video File: [AmericanTestimony-Unit-7-Part-5-Return-to-Normalcy-25min.mp4](#))

## **Unit 8: The “New Deal” Autocracy and World War 2 (1928-1945)**

- Part 1 - HERBERT HOOVER’S CRISIS (13 minutes, 17seconds). Explores the consequences of government attempts to regulate agricultural production and banking practices in the United States, leading to the Wall Street panic of 1928. Also covers the American Socialist movement, Japan’s invasion of Manchuria, and the Bonus Expedition march on Washington. (Video File: [AmericanTestimony-Unit-8-Part-1-Herbert-Hoovers-Crisis-13min.mp4](#))
- Part 2 - FDR (16 minutes, 25seconds). Describes the personal and political journey of Franklin D. Roosevelt to the White House, and recounts the early missteps of legislative acts conceived by his "Brain Trust" (such as the National Recovery Act, the Tennessee Valley Authority, etc.). (Video File: [AmericanTestimony-Unit-8-Part-2-FDR-16min.mp4](#))
- Part 3 - PROLONGING THE DEPRESSION (17 minutes, 21 seconds). Examines the ways that programs designed to alleviate the depression actually worsened it, causing the immediate 40% drop in the value of the dollar. The segment also includes passage of the Tydings-McDuffie Act (granting future independence to the Philippines), the rise of Adolf Hitler in Germany, the abandonment of the first New Deal in favor of FDR’s Second New Deal (a series of socialist policies to redistribute the nation’s privately-earned assets), the Supreme Court’s rejection of certain New Deal as unconstitutional, the passage of the Social Security Act, the Italian invasion of Ethiopia, FDR’s declaration of neutrality toward European conflicts, and the accumulation of power by Germany’s Adolf Hitler and Italy’s Benito Mussolini. (Video File: [AmericanTestimony-Unit-8-Part-3-Prolonging-the-Depression-17min.mp4](#))
- Part 4 - THE AGE OF THE AGGRESSORS (14 minutes, 50 seconds). Covers the German takeover of the Rhineland (formerly under the dominion of France), Hitler’s rearmament of Germany (in violation of the Versailles Treaty), the Spanish Civil War, FDR’s attempt to pack the Supreme Court with like-minded justices, the labor union shutdown of major American industries, Japan’s atrocities in China, Germany’s invasions of Austria and Czechoslovakia, the pacifistic British response, FDR’s replacement of the Common Law system (America’s sole legal system since the nation’s founding) with a Statutory Law system, the adaptation of Keynesian economics (“spend freely today, pay the bill later”), Italy’s invasion of Albania, the signing of the Nazi-Soviet Pact between Hitler and Stalin, Germany’s invasion of Poland, and England and France’s declarations of war on Germany. (Video File: [AmericanTestimony-Unit-8-Part-4-The-Age-of-the-Aggressors-15min.mp4](#))
- Part 5 - THE DAWN OF WORLD WAR 2 (17 minutes, 33 seconds). Covers the geopolitical division of Poland between Germany and the Soviet Union, the Soviet invasions of Finland and the Baltic nations, Germany’s invasions of Norway and Denmark, FDR’s dispatch of naval patrols around Greenland, the German drive to France (invading the Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg in the process), the humiliating defeat of British forces at Dunkirk, the surrender of France to the Germans, Japan’s closure of Chinese ports, the enactment of America’s first peacetime military draft, the German bombing raids on London, America’s Lend-Lease policy toward Great Britain, Germany’s attack on former ally Russia, the US naval escalation in Iceland, the Japanese invasion of southern Indochina, FDR’s oil embargo against Japan, the Atlantic Charter meeting between Roosevelt and Winston Churchill, the German naval skirmishes with American warships in the Atlantic, and Japan’s failed negotiations with the United States. (Video File: [AmericanTestimony-Unit-8-Part-5-Dawn-of-World-War-2-18min.mp4](#))
- Part 6 - AMERICA ENTERS THE WAR (15 minutes, 10 seconds). Covers the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, FDR’s declaration of war, the abandonment of American forces in the Philippines and various Pacific islands, the Japanese invasion of Manila, FDR’s internment of American civilians of Japanese descent, Jimmy Doolittle’s bombing raid on Tokyo, General MacArthur’s evacuation of the Philippines, the Bataan Death March, the Battle of Midway, the beginning of the atomic bomb project, the brutal battle at Guadalcanal, General Eisenhower’s invasion of North Africa, Enrico Fermi’s inducement of the first atomic chain reaction, the Allies’ conference at Casablanca, the Battle of Kasserine Pass (Tunisia), General MacArthur’s victory in New Guinea, Admiral Halsey’s campaign in

the Solomon islands, General Patton's invasion of Sicily, and the ouster of Benito Mussolini. (Video File: [AmericanTestimony-Unit-8-Part-6-America-Enters-the-War-15min.mp4](#))

Part 7 - THE ROAD TO VICTORY (20 minutes, 50 seconds). Covers the Allies' conference in Cairo, FDR and Churchill's Teheran meeting with Joseph Stalin, the battles of Monte Cassino and Anzio in Italy, the US victory in the Gilbert Islands, FDR's implementation of direct payroll deductions as a means of seizing income taxes from wage earners, the German defeat at Stalingrad, the American liberation of Rome, the D-Day invasion of Normandy, the American victory at Saipan, the Battle of the Philippine Sea, American victories at Guam and Tinian, the Allied march through France, the liberation of Paris, the Battle of Leyte, the infiltration of FDR's White House by Stalinist American spies, and the Allied conference at Yalta. The segment concludes with General MacArthur's triumphant return to the Philippines, the brutal battles at Iwo Jima and Okinawa, the massive German surprise assault at Bastogne (the Battle of the Bulge), the death of Franklin D. Roosevelt, Harry Truman's ascension to the presidency, the Soviet invasion of Berlin, the execution of Mussolini, the suicide of Hitler, the German surrender, Truman's Potsdam Conference with Churchill and Stalin, the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the Japanese surrender, and the discovery of the Nazi death camps. (Video File: [AmericanTestimony-Unit-8-Part-7-The-Road-to-Victory-21min.mp4](#))

## ***Unit 9: Cold War America (1945-1968)***

Part 1 - WAR'S AFTERMATH (13 minutes, 25 seconds). Covers the postwar discovery of Nazi atrocities, the ceding of Eastern Europe and portions of Asia to Soviet control, the communist influence over the United Nations, the convening of war crimes tribunals, Douglas MacArthur's democratic reform of vanquished Japan, President Truman's betrayal of Chiang Kai-shek, the geopolitical break-up of postwar Germany, and the Venona code-breaking revelations of a Soviet infiltration in the executive branch of the US government. (Video File: [AmericanTestimony-Unit-9-Part-1-Wars-Aftermath-13min.mp4](#))

Part 2 - GLOBAL COMMUNISM (18 minutes, 2 seconds). Covers the postwar labor union strikes, the granting of independence to the Philippines, Joseph Stalin's control over Soviet satellite nations in Europe, Mao Tse-tung's communist drive across China, the Truman Doctrine in Greece and Turkey, passage of the Taft-Hartley "right to work" act, the implementation of the Marshall Plan in Europe, the Supreme Court's hostile ruling on the Everson v. Board of Education case, the Soviet blockade of East Berlin, the U.S. commencement of the Berlin Airlift (continual supply drops by air), the uncovering of Soviet spy rings in America, the arrests of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg (spies who delivered America's atomic bomb secrets to the Soviets), and the close election of 1948. (Video File: [AmericanTestimony-Unit-9-Part-2-Global-Communism-18min.mp4](#))

Part 3 - CHINA, KOREA, AND THE LOSS OF AMERICAN RESOLVE (18 minutes, 58 seconds). This segment begins with the formation of NATO, the Soviet Union's detonation of an atomic bomb, the communist overthrow of China and the exile of Chinese nationalists to Formosa (Taiwan), the Soviet-backed communist invasion of South Korea, and the political exploitation of the communist threat by Senator Joseph McCarthy. Thereafter, the segment focuses on the events surrounding the Korean War, including: the near-defeat of American forces at the time of General MacArthur's arrival, the strategically-brilliant US invasion at Inchon, the liberation of South Korea, the U.N.'s shocking about-face on war goals (no longer victory in Korea – just "containment of the aggressor"), Communist China's invasion of Korea, the restoration of Japan as an independent nation, President Truman's removal of General MacArthur from command, the public backlash against Truman, and MacArthur's "Old Soldiers" address to Congress. (Video File: [AmericanTestimony-Unit-9-Part-3-China-Korea-Loss-of-Resolve-19min.mp4](#))

Part 4 - THE EISENHOWER YEARS (23 minutes, 58 seconds). Covers the ratification of the 22nd Amendment, the communist scandal in the American film industry, the election of Dwight D. Eisenhower, the political backlash against Senator Joseph McCarthy, the struggle against racial segregation, the Geneva Accords mandate to create North and South Vietnam, the signing of the SEATO alliance, Nikita Khrushchev's rise to power in the Soviet Union, the formation of the Warsaw Treaty Organization (a Soviet counterpart to NATO), the Supreme Court ruling in the Brown v. Board of Education case, Rosa Parks' role in the fight against racial segregation on public buses, the Soviet crackdown in Poland and Hungary, and the military skirmish over the Suez Canal. (Video File: [AmericanTestimony-Unit-9-Part-4-The-Eisenhower-Years-24min.mp4](#))

Part 5 - COEXISTENCE (13 minutes, 8 seconds). Recounts the Soviet launch of the world's first space satellite (Sputnik), the launch of the US Explorer satellite, the founding of NASA, the admission of Alaska to the union, the communist overthrow of Cuba, Vice President Nixon's tour of the Soviet Union, the U-2 spy plane incident, the admission of Hawaii as the fiftieth state, the wave of lunch-counter "sit-ins" to oppose racial segregation, the presidential campaign of 1960 (including the Nixon – Kennedy debate), passage of the 23rd Amendment, the disastrous Bay of Pigs invasion, the Soviet launch of the first human in space (Yuri Gagarin), the launch of the first American in space (Alan Shepard), Khrushchev's construction of the Berlin Wall, Kennedy's dispatch of military personnel to Vietnam, the establishment of the Peace Corps, and the activist Supreme Court's legal assault against school prayer. (Video File: [AmericanTestimony-Unit-9-Part-5-Coexistence-13min.mp4](#))

Part 6 - KENNEDY AND JOHNSON (26 minutes, 29 seconds). Covers the Cuban Missile Crisis, the escalation of US military presence in South Vietnam, the civil rights march on Washington, the

assassination of John F. Kennedy, the passage of a new Civil Rights Act, the Gulf of Tonkin Incident (allowing President Johnson to escalate American presence in Vietnam), the onset of Operation Rolling Thunder (sustained bombing of North Vietnam), the unfurling of Lyndon Johnson's "Great Society" wealth redistribution program, the eruption of the Watts Riots, the upsurge in campus anti-war protests, the government's imposition of "rules of engagement" restrictions on American troops, the Tet Offensive in Vietnam, the assassinations of Martin Luther King and Robert F. Kennedy, the youth riots at the Democratic Convention in Chicago, Richard Nixon's election victory, and the advancement of the American space program (from the Apollo 1 tragedy to the lunar orbit of Apollo 8). (Video File: [AmericanTestimony-Unit-9-Part-6-Kennedy-and-Johnson-26min.mp4](#))

## ***Unit 10: The Polarized Nation (1968-2006)***

Part 1 - NIXON'S CHALLENGE (17 minutes, 06 seconds). Covers Richard Nixon's dealings with the crisis in Vietnam, the rampant student war protests, the celebration of the Apollo 11 moon mission, the tragedy of the Kent State University riots, the federal treasury's abandonment of the gold standard, Nixon's diplomatic journey to China, the signing of the Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty between the US and Soviet Union, the first stage of American withdrawal from South Vietnam, remaining Apollo moon missions (including the near-tragic Apollo 13 flight), and the conclusion of America's war in Vietnam. (Video File: [AmericanTestimony-Unit-Ten-Part-1-Nixons-Challenge-17min.mp4](#))

Part 2 - LOSING PUBLIC CONFIDENCE (16 minutes, 37 seconds). Covers the Watergate scandal, the resignation of Vice President Spiro Agnew (on tax evasion charges), the controversial Supreme Court decision in the Roe v. Wade case, the resignation of Richard Nixon, the Gerald Ford presidency, communist atrocities in southeast Asia, Jimmy Carter's rise to the presidency, the proclamation for eventual US surrender of the Panama Canal, the Camp David Peace Accords between Israel and Egypt, Carter's diplomatic abandonment Taiwan in favor of Communist China, White House support for the Sandinista regime in Nicaragua, the federal government's meddling with domestic fuel production, and the onset of the energy crisis in America. (Video File: [AmericanTestimony-Unit-Ten-Part-2-Losing-Public-Confidence-17min.mp4](#))

Part 3 - THE CARTER CRISIS AND THE REAGAN REVOLUTION (20 minutes, 23 seconds) Recounts the flight of the "Boat People" from communist Vietnam, the excessive rise in unemployment and inflation, the overthrow of the Shah of Iran, the American hostage crisis in Iran, the failed SALT II negotiations with the Soviet Union, Carter's fatally botched attempt to rescue the American hostages in Iran, the election of Ronald Reagan, the release of the American hostages, the conclusion of the energy crisis, the assassination attempt on President Reagan, the restoration of economic growth in America, Reagan's firm handling of the air traffic controllers' strike, the president's public denouncement of Soviet communism, the American Embassy bombing in Beirut, the Soviet downing of a Korean Airlines passenger jet, the bombing of American and French military housing units in Beirut, the US war victory against communist invaders in Grenada, the onset of a health crisis triggered by rampant sexual depravity, passage of the Deficit Reduction Act, and the political standoff over the crisis in Nicaragua. (Video File: [AmericanTestimony-Unit-Ten-Part-3-Carter-Crisis-Reagan-Revolution-20min.mp4](#))

Part 4 - TRIUMPH OVER TYRANNY (22 minutes, 42 seconds). Encompasses Reagan's Strategic Defense Initiative, the terrorist hijacking of an American airliner in Greece, Reagan's bombing of Lebanon, the American capture of terrorists who hijacked the Italian cruise ship Achille Lauro, the explosion of the space shuttle Challenger, passage of the Tax Reform Act (reducing income tax rates), the increase in wayward congressional spending, American air strikes on Libya (the center of the terrorist cabal), the Iran-Contra controversy, Reagan's diplomatic trumping of the Soviet Union, the presidency of George Bush (the elder), the collapse of communism in Eastern Europe, the demolition of the Berlin Wall, the overthrow of Czechoslovakia's communist dictatorship, the American capture of Panamanian dictator Manuel Noriega, the fall of Soviet tyranny, the rise of new republics in the former Soviet Union, the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait, and America's Gulf War with Iraq. (Video File: [AmericanTestimony-Unit-Ten-Part-4-Triumph-Over-Tyranny-23min.mp4](#))

Part 5 - POLITICAL GRIDLOCK (22 minutes, 36 seconds). Covers George Bush's reversal on his "no new taxes" pledge, the geopolitical restructuring of central and eastern Europe, the presidential election victory of Bill Clinton, the first bombing attack on the World Trade Center in New York, the deadly outcome of the federal law enforcement raid on the Branch Davidian religious group, the ambush and killing of American troops in Somalia, US intervention in Haiti, the Clintons' Whitewater real estate investment scandal, the return of a Republican majority in Congress (after four decades), Clinton's deployment of American troops to Bosnia, the bombing of the federal building in Oklahoma City, the Welfare Reform Act, the "Chinagate" campaign finance controversy, the deployment of U.S. "peacekeeping" forces in Kosovo, Osama bin Laden's bombing of the US embassies in Kenya and

Tanzania, the impeachment--but not removal--of President Clinton, and the contested presidential election of 2000. (Video File: [AmericanTestimony-Unit-Ten-Part-5-Political-Gridlock-23min.mp4](#))

Part 6 - THE WAR ON TERROR (13 minutes, 21 seconds). Covers the 9-11 attacks on New York's World Trade Center and the Pentagon, the US wars against Afghanistan and Iraq, the Space Shuttle Columbia tragedy, the capture of Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein, and the contentious mid-term congressional election of 2006. (Video File: [AmericanTestimony-Unit-Ten-Part-6-The-War-on-Terror-13min.mp4](#))