HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Union victory in the Civil War was followed by the passage of the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments to the Constitution. Although these amendments were designed to benefit former slaves, southern whites disliked northern “reconstruction” and designed loopholes to disenfranchise black Americans. Likewise, immigrants and indigenous Americans nationwide were relegated to society’s margins.

Attempts at reform came during the turn of the century as populist farmers rebelled against magnates’ control over railroad rates, unionized workers rioted against unfair labor practices, urban progressives campaigned for public health and political reform, and women marched for suffrage. The reform spirit peaked in America’s effort to “make the world safe for democracy” in World War I.

The postwar years brought prosperity and popular culture only to be followed a decade later by crippling depression. New Deal programs attempted to buoy Americans, but prosperity would not return until after World War II. Economic renewal brought political conservatism as Americans forced down dissenting voices in a “cold war” arms and space race with their once socialist ally, the Soviet Union.

Young people responded to this suppression with a counterculture movement against the establishment that culminated in anti-war protests against the Vietnam War; black Americans responded to decades of suppression during the Civil Rights Movement; and Eastern Europeans revolted against Soviet control in a series of nationalist movements that climaxed with the destruction of the Berlin Wall.

The idea of equality continued to grow in the twenty-first century as Americans elected Barack Obama, the nation’s first president from a minority group.

ADDITIONAL LINKS

- Civil War and Reconstruction, 1860-1870
- Chief Joseph Surrenders
- Tenements and Toil
- Women’s Suffrage: Their Rights and Nothing Less
- The Great Gatsby: Primary Sources from the Roaring Twenties (Excellent source to explore for primary sources)

Homes of the poor [1883]

SUGGESTIONS FOR TEACHERS

The number of resources available on this period of history exhausted the space allotted to contain them. To use these sources effectively, try combining sources for student analysis, as individuals or groups, as part of class discussion or document-based writing assignments. Examine several industrial age cartoons for a commentary on the entire age; compare sources on W.E.B. Du Bois to Booker T. Washington; listen or read oral histories; and review the preassembled topical source sets on the additional links.

As you move into the study of the twentieth and twenty-first centuries, photographs become more common. Analyze the photographs and think about: what were these people doing, why were they where they were at, are these photographs staged and taken to emphasize someone or something and, if so, why?
THE CIVIL WAR (1830-1865)

[Dividing the] national [map] [1860]

Scott's great snake. Entered according to Act of Congress in the year 1861 [1861]

Magnus's county map of the United States, showing the forts, railroads, canals, and navigable waters. Published to trace the progress of operations by the government, as they occur, during the War of the Rebellion. [1862?]

TEXTS
- Lincoln's First Inaugural Address
- Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address
- The first edition of Abraham Lincoln's final emancipation proclamation.
- Lincoln's Gettysburg speech.
- Sam Watkins' "Co. Aytch"

"The 54th Massachusetts regiment, under the leadership of Colonel Shaw in the attack on Fort Wagner, Morris Island, South Carolina, in 1863," mural at the Recorder of Deeds building, built in 1943. 515 D St., NW, Washington, D.C. [2010]
RECONSTRUCTION (1865-1877)

The Freedmen's Bureau [1868]

TEXTS

- 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution
- 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution
- 15th Amendment to the Constitution
- Jim Crow in America

Jim Crow [1835-1845?]

Negroes to ride in City railway passenger cars! Morton McMichael declines to say whether he is in favor of, or against, Negroes riding in the City Passenger Railway Cars. Daniel M. Fox declares himself in opposition to all such privileges — Rea [ca. 1868]

"The first vote" [1867]
Westward Expansion after the Civil War (1865-1890)

Barbed wire fence, Cascade County, Montana [1939]


Men on horseback with a large herd of cattle in Cherry County, Nebraska [1900]

Buffalo soldiers of the 25th Infantry, some wearing buffalo robes, Ft. Keogh, Montana [1890]

Geronimos last buffalo [ca. 1906]
THE RISE OF INDUSTRIAL AMERICA (1817-1914)

"How the other half lives" in a crowded Hebrew district, Lower East Side, N.Y. City [ca. 1907]

Before the Trojan horse is admitted the puzzled citizen will have to be shown a little more fully [1909]

The "BRAINS" that achieved the Tammany victory at the Rochester Democratic Convention [1871]

Homes of the poor [1883]

TEXTS & ADDITIONAL LINKS

- How The Other Half Lives - Studies Among The Tenements. [Scribner's magazine. / Volume 6, Issue 6, December, 1889]
- Alicia Ostriker reads Emma Lazarus' "The New Colossus" (Full text of the poem accompanies audio)
- The Jungle (Take a look at MTSU’s TPS “September 2013” newsletter for a link to the full text of, and lesson ideas related to, The Jungle)
- Today in History: March 19 (Provides a quote from William Jennings Bryan’s “Cross of Gold Speech” and information on Bryan)
- Andrew Carnegie – Man of Steel
- Today in History: September 6 (Provides information on Jane Addams and Hull House)

"Busted!" [1899]
THE PROGRESSIVE ERA (1890-1920)


Texts & Additional Links
- The souls of black folk: essays and sketches / by W.E. Burghardt Du Bois. (Full text of Du Bois' famous book)
- Booker T. Washington and the Atlanta Compromise (Click on the photograph of the document entitled “Booker T. Washington’s Atlanta Exposition Speech” for the full text of that speech.)
- The colored American, July 04, 1903, Page 14, Image 14 (Newspaper article discusses the differences between Du Bois and Washington, with a bias toward Washington. Also note the advertisement for whitening cream entitled “Black-No-More.” Gives interesting perspective on views on race.)

A bear was on the engine of the President’s Special, it was in a bad humor and snarled viciously at the President when he went near it [1903]

Illinois - The anarchist-labor troubles in Chicago The police charging the murderous rioters in old Haymarket Square on the night of May 4th / [1886]

Gompers, Samuel, President, A.F. of L. 'Wets' Demn. At Capitol [ca. 1919]

Deserting the old idol [1899]
The sky is now her limit [1920]

The yellow pest - putting its nose into everything [1898]

The Progressive Era (1890-1920) continued

Texts & Additional Links

- The commoner., October 14, 1910, Image 1 (Quotes from, and analysis of, Theodore Roosevelt’s “New Nationalism” speech. Keep in mind this newspaper was edited by rival William Jennings Bryan.)
- The "march of the flag,” beginning of greater America (1898) (Text of Albert Beveridge’s speech)
- Mark Twain (Excerpts from his anti-imperialist essays and articles)
- Wilson's Fourteen Points (Text)

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U.S. Marines in France Digging in. Training for modern warfare consists mostly in digging one trench after another, and our boys, realizing the importance of this training, go at it with a will. [1917-1919]

Theodore Roosevelt in Rough Riders uniform [ca. 1890-1900, printed ca. 1927]

Sgt. Alvin C. York

Woodrow Wilson, full-length portrait, seated at desk, facing slightly left [1913?]

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Ida B. Wells, head-and-shoulders portrait, facing slightly right [1891]

Portrait of F. Scott Fitzgerald [1937]

Portrait of Langston Hughes [1936]

Three base ball stars here for the World Series. L. to R: George Sisler, Babe Ruth and Ty Cobb [1924]

WEST FRONT, GENERAL VIEW FROM NORTHWEST - Union Gospel Tabernacle, 116 Fifth Avenue, North, Nashville, Davidson County, TN

Louis Armstrong, head-and-shoulders portrait, facing left, playing trumpet [1953]

TEXTS & ADDITIONAL LINKS

- Today in History: September 24 (Includes information about F. Scott Fitzgerald, the famous last line from The Great Gatsby, and a link to another famous 1920s novel by Fitzgerald, This Side of Paradise, under the link of the same name.)
- Drafts of Langston Hughes's poem "Ballad of Booker T.," 30 May-1 June 1941.
- Today in History: February 1 (Scroll down to the subtitle “Langston Hughes” and click on the link “The Negro Speaks of River” for the full text of his poem.)
- Woman Journalist Crusades Against Lynching (Information on the work of Ida B. Wells with a link in the “Probing Further” section to her book Lynch Laws in Georgia)
- Today in History: May 5 (Information on the Scopes Trial)
THE GREAT DEPRESSION & BETWEEN THE WARS AND WORLD WAR II (1921–1947)

Group (Bonus Army?) in front of U.S. Capitol, Washington, D.C. [1932]

Migrant mother with child, near Harlingen, Texas [1939]

Carpenter at work on Douglas Dam, Tennessee (TVA) [1942]

Dust bowl farmers of west Texas in town [1937]

Second atomic bombing of Nagasaki, Japan [1945]

Crimean Conference--Prime Minister Winston Churchill, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, and Marshal Joseph Stalin at the palace in Yalta, where the Big Three met [1945]

TEXTS & ADDITIONAL LINKS

- Franklin Delano Roosevelt
  First Inauguration, March 4, 1933
  (Under the subheading “Transcription,” click on the link entitled “Inaugural Address, March 4, 1933” for full text of the address)

- The Grapes of Wrath: Scrapbooks and Artifacts
  (An excellent source of Depression Era photographs)

- September 2014 MTSU TPS Newsletter: Tennessee Valley Authority
  (Source of lesson ideas)

- American Life Histories: Manuscripts from the Federal Writers’ Project, 1936–1940
  (Depression Era oral histories)

- “A Necessary War”: December 1941–December 1942
  (Oral Histories of Pearl Harbor, the Bataan Death March, Guadalcanal, and America’s Japanese internment camps.)

- “Pride of Our Nation”: June 1944–August 1944
  (Oral histories of D-Day and Saipan)

- “A World Without War”: March 1945–December 1945
  (Oral histories of Okinawa, German concentration camp liberation, and VE and VJ Day)
**The Cold War (1945-1975)**

Lyndon B. Johnson, head-and-shoulders portrait, facing left [1964]

Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, separated by heavy wire screen as they leave U.S. Court House after being found guilty by jury [1951]

John F. Kennedy motorcade, Dallas, Texas, Nov. 22, 1963 [1963, printed ca. 2003]

Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir standing with President Richard Nixon and Henry Kissinger, outside the White House [1973]

A man and a woman watching a film footage of the Vietnam war on a television in their living room [1968]

Anti-Vietnam war protest and demonstration in front of the White House in support of singer Eartha Kitt [1968]

**Texts & Additional Links**

- **Today in History: January 5** (Provides links about Truman’s desegregation of the armed forces, the Truman Doctrine, and Truman’s struggles with MacArthur)

- **For European Recovery: The Fiftieth Anniversary of the Marshall Plan** (Check out the information and links under the subtitles “Overview,” “Exhibition Items,” and “Learn More”)

- **Churchill and the Great Republic Cold War and Long Sunset** (Provides links and information about Churchill’s perspectives on the Cold War, Churchill’s “Iron Curtain” Speech in Missouri, and Churchill’s relationship with Truman, Eisenhower, and Kennedy)

- **November 2013 MTSU Teaching with Primary Sources Newsletter: The Cold War** (Includes lesson ideas and primary documents)

- **John F. Kennedy Inauguration, January 20, 1961** (Under the subheading “Transcription,” click on the link entitled “Inaugural Address, January 20, 1961” for full text of the address)

- **Robert Frost Reads Poem at JFK’s Inauguration: January 20, 1961**

- **Tim O’Brien: Bookfest 02** (Thirty-minute webcast with Tim O’Brien, the author of *The Things They Carried*. Requires Real Player.)
MODERN UNITED STATES (1945-1979)

Governor George Wallace attempting to block integration at the University of Alabama [1963]

Teenage girls add to graffiti on bottom of Elvis movie poster [1956]

Senator [Robert Kennedy] and CBCC’s Donald F. Benjamin join kids at playground [1966]

Martin Luther King and Malcolm X waiting for press conference [1964]

TEXTS & ADDITIONAL LINKS

- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (Links to MLK’s “Letter from a Birmingham Jail,” his “I Have a Dream” speech, and his Nobel Prize acceptance speech.
- Baseball and Jackie Robinson
- Today in History: December 1 (Look under the subtitle “Rosa Parks Arrested” for information about Parks and the Montgomery Bus Boycott)
- Brown v. Board at Fifty: “With an Even Hand”: Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas (Information, pictures, and links about the case)
- Brown v. Board at Fifty: “With an Even Hand”: The Aftermath (Information about school desegregation, the Little Rock Nine, George Wallace and the University of Alabama, and more)
- The Civil Rights Act of 1964: A Long Struggle for Freedom
- Books That Shaped America: 1950 to 2000 (Scroll down the list to find summaries of Silent Spring, The Feminine Mystique, the Autobiography of Malcolm X, and The Words of Caesar Chavez.)
- The Feminine Mystique at 50
- Caesar Chavez
- Hope for America: Performers, Politics and Pop Culture: Polarization in the 1960s (Discusses anti-war protests and Nixon’s “Silent Majority”)
President Ronald Reagan talks to Republican Senators at his desk in the Oval Office of the White House, Washington, D.C. [1986]

President Bush poses for his official portrait in the Roosevelt Room (blue tie) [2003]

Berlin Wall in Los Angeles, California [2012]

First Lady Hillary Clinton and President Bill Clinton at the 1997 dedication of the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial in Washington, D.C. [1997]

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Presidential candidate Barack Obama waves to the audience at the Democratic National Convention, Denver, Colorado, August 25-28, 2008 [2008]

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- Ronald Reagan: First Inauguration, January 20, 1981 (Under the subheading “Transcription,” click on the link entitled “Inaugural Address, January 20, 1981” for full text of the address)
- 21ST ANNIVERSARY OF "TEAR DOWN THIS WALL" -- (Senate - June 12, 2008) (Provides excerpts from Reagan’s Brandenburg Gate, “Tear Down This Wall,” speech.)
- William J. Clinton: First Inauguration, January 20, 1993 (Under the subheading “Transcription,” click on the link entitled “Inaugural Address, January 20, 1993” for full text of the address)
- Democratic National Political Conventions: 1832-2008 (Scroll to the bottom of the document for a summary of the 2008 Convention)
- Deciding on War in Iraq: Institutional Failures (Scholarly article analyzing the beginnings of the war in Iraq)
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