# Shamokin Area 7th Grade American History I Common Core

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How did American, African and European societies differ from one another before 1500?

Sections:
1. Societies of the Americas.
2. Societies of Africa.
3. Societies of

8.3.7.A: Classify the social, political, cultural, and economic contributions of individuals and groups throughout United States history.

8.3.7.B: Examine the importance of significant historical documents, artifacts, and places critical to United States history.

8.3.7.C: Compare how continuity and change have impacted U.S. history.
   - Belief systems and religions
   - Commerce and industry

Chapter 1 Section I

1. Explain how the first people came to live in the Americas.
2. Describe the societies that formed as complex civilizations began to rise in the Americas.
3. List some of the ways that pre-contact societies adapted to their unique environments.

Section II

1. Describe how African kingdoms before 1200 and how they were influenced by Africa’s three geographical zones.
2. Identify the ways that later African kingdoms acquired resources.

- Discussions
  - Think-Pair-Share
  - Group
  - Peer Review

- Written and oral responses
  - Open-ended response
  - Summary
  - Pre-write
  - Reading Responses
  - Active Reading

- Graphic organizers
  - Venn Diagram
  - Prediction Guide
  - Character Map
  - Plot Diagram
  - Outline
  - Timeline
  - Web Diagram
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| 1. Describe the social, political, and economic changes that occurred as modern Europe emerged.  
2. Explain how exploration and trade fueled European expansion during the 1400s. |

Europe.

- Technology
- **Politics** and government
- Physical and **human geography**
- **Social** organizations

8.3.7.D: Examine conflict and cooperation among groups and organizations in U.S. history.

- **Ethnicity** and race
- Working conditions
- Immigration
- Military **conflict**
- **Economic** stability

- Bellringer
- Rubrics
- Notebooks/Binders
- Tests
- Quizzes
- Assignments
- Projects
## 2. **CHAPTER 2:**

**European Exploration of the Americas**

How did Europeans transform life in the Americas?

**Sections:**
1. Spain claims an Empire.
2. European competition in North America.
3. The Spanish and Native Americans.

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### Chapter 2 Section I

1. Explain the reasons for European exploration of the Americas.
2. Summarize Spain’s conquests of the Aztec and Inca Empires.

### Section II

1. Describe the competition among European nations to explore the Americas.
2. Explain why, how and where the French and Dutch established colonies in North America.

### Section III

1. Explain how Spain organized its Empire and Colonies.
2. Describe the role of the Church in the Spanish Colonies.
3. Identify the effects of the Columbian Exchange.

### Section IV

1. Define slavery and analyze how it developed in the Americas.
2. Describe the lives of slaves and how slavery led to racism.
# II. UNIT 2: THE ENGLISH COLONIES

## 1. CHAPTER 3: The English Establish 13 Colonies

How did the experience of the early colonists shape America’s political and social ideas?

### Sections:
1. Early Colonies have mixed success.
2. New England Colonies
3. The Southern Colonies
4. The Middle Colonies

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### Chapter 3 Section I

1. Identify the first English Colonies
2. Describe the Founding and Growth of Jamestown.

### Section II

1. Explain why the Pilgrims came to America and describe their early experiences.
2. Describe the society established by the Puritans in Massachusetts Bay.
4. Describe the fight for tolerance of the Quakers and other groups.
5. Identify common features of the New England Colonies

### Section III

1. Explain why Lord Baltimore founded the colony of Maryland.
2. Explain how the economy and social structure of the Carolinas were intertwined.
3. Describe how Georgia evolved into a plantation society.
4. Analyze the common features shared by the Southern Colonies.

### Section IV

1. Summarize the early history of the Middle Colonies
2. Explain how the English seized the Middle Colonies and establish New England to the Southern Colonies.
## 2. CHAPTER 4: The Colonies Develop

What factors allowed each colonial region to grow and prosper?

### Sections:
1. **New England:** Commerce and Religion
2. **The Southern Colonies:** Plantation and Slavery
3. **The Middle Colonies:** Farms and Cities
4. **The Backcountry**

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### Chapter 4 Section I
1. List New England’s major resources
2. Explain the effects of Atlantic trade on New England
3. Analyze the causes of King Philip’s War
4. Summarize the changes that took place in Puritan Society in the late 1600s.

### Section II
1. Describe the Plantation economy in the South.
2. Analyze how the search for cheap labor led to slavery
3. Explain ways that African Americans resisted enslavement.

### Section III
1. Explain why the Middle Colonies were prosperous.
2. Describe the role of African Americans in building cities.
3. Summarize ways that ethnic diversity encouraged tolerance.

### Section IV
1. Describe the characteristics of the Backcountry.
2. Summarize why so many Scots Irish emigrated to the Colonies
3. Analyze the conflicts that developed as Backcountry settlers pushed west.
**3. CHAPTER 5: Beginnings of an American Identity**

What traditions, events, and forces helped form an American identity?

**Sections:**

1. **Early American Culture**
2. **Roots of American Democracy**
3. **The French and Indian War**

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**Chapter 5 Section I**

1. Contrast the Colonies with older societies.
2. Describe daily life in the Colonies.
3. Identify changes in American Society caused by the Great Awakening.
4. Summarize Enlightenment ideas and how they affected the Colonies.

**Section II**

1. Describe the growth of English rights between 1215 and the late 1600s.
2. Identify issues which created conflicts between England and the Colonies over colonists’ rights.

**Section III**

1. Identify the conflicts created by European claims to Native American lands.
2. Describe events which led to the beginnings and spread of the French and Indian War.
3. Describe the changing attitudes of colonial Americans and Native Americans following the French and Indian War.
### Chapter 6 Section I

1. Identify the reasons why the American colonies and Britain began to grow apart.
2. Describe the ways that the colonists defied the rules of Parliament.

### Section II

1. Identify the ways that Britain tightened its control over the colonies.
2. Explain how the colonists protested British rule.
3. Analyze why colonists felt that Britain was interfering in their economic matters.

### Section III

1. Describe the Intolerable Acts and how colonists reacted to them.
2. Explain why the revolution began.

### Section IV

1. Summarize what happened during the siege of Boston.
2. Describe how the conflict began to spread.
3. Explain why the rebellion became a revolution.
4. Summarize the writing and adoption of the Declaration of Independence.
How was it possible that American patriots gained the independence from the powerful British Empire?

Sections:
1. The Early Years of the War
2. The War Expands
3. The Path to Victory
4. The Legacy of the War

Chapter 7 Section I

1. Describe how the war divided Americans
2. Summarize the problems each side faced while preparing for war.
3. Explain Washington’s strategy and the war in the Middle States.
4. Evaluate Britain’s northern strategy
5. Analyze the effects of the Battles of Saratoga.

Section II

1. Identify the reasons Spain and France entered the war.
2. Summarize the effects of the winter at Valley Forge on the American Army.
3. Explain how and why the fighting spread to the frontier.
4. Explain how the Americans expanded the naval war.

Section III

1. Explain what happened when the war moved to the South.
2. Describe how the war ended.
3. Analyze the reasons the Americans won the war.

Section IV

1. Summarize the costs of the war.
2. Explain the terms of the Treaty of Paris
3. Identify the ideals on which a new nation was created following the revolution.
3. CHAPTER 8: Confederation to Constitution 1776-1791

How did Americans create a national government that respected both the independence of states and the rights of individuals?

Sections:
1. The Confederation Era
2. Creating the Constitution
3. Ratification of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights

Chapter 8 Section I

1. Explain why the states joined together to form a new government.
2. Describe the strengths and weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation.

Section II

1. Identify the reasons why there was a call for the Constitutional Convention.
2. Evaluate the challenges delegates faced at the Convention.
3. Explain how the Convention resolved challenges over slavery.

Section III

1. Explain why the Federalists supported ratification of the Constitution and why the Anti-federalists opposed it.
2. Summarize the battle for ratification of the Constitution.
3. Analyze the Bill of Rights – the first ten amendments to the Constitution.

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### IV. UNIT 4: THE EARLY REPUBLIC

#### 1. CHAPTER 9: Launching a New Republic 1792-1799

What political traditions and tensions first appeared in the early years of the new republic?

**Sections:**
1. Washington’s Presidency
2. Challenges to the New Government
3. The Federalists in Charge

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## Chapter 10 Section I

1. Describe how the Democratic-Republican Party came to power.
2. Summarize Thomas Jefferson’s view of government and democracy.
3. Analyze the impact of *Marbury v. Madison* (1803)

## Section II

1. Identify the boundaries of the Louisiana Purchase and explain how it changed the United States.
2. Describe the Lewis and Clark expedition.

## Section III

1. Describe the events that led to the War of 1812.
2. Summarize the phases of the War of 1812 as well as its legacy.
### Chapter 11: National and Regional Growth 1800-1844

What forces and events affected national unity and growth?

#### Sections:
1. **Early Inventions and Industry**
2. **Plantations and Slavery Spread**
3. **Nationalism and Sectionalism**

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#### Chapter 11 Section I
1. Identify factors that led to the Industrial Revolution and explain the spread of new manufacturing methods.
2. Describe new inventions that changed transportation, communication, and agriculture.

#### Section II
1. Explain the effect of the cotton gin on slavery in the South.
2. Describe the daily life and culture of African Americans in the South in the mid 1800s.

#### Section III
1. Identify the factors that promoted national unity in the early 1800s.
2. Describe events that increased sectionalism.
3. Summarize how Americans reached agreements with foreign nations to help secure its borders.
5. UNIT 5: A CHANGING NATION

1. CHAPTER 12: The Age of Jackson 1824-1860

What impact did Andrew Jackson’s Presidency have on the nation?

Sections:
1. Jacksonian Democracy and States’ Rights
2. Jackson’s Policy Toward Native Americans
3. Prosperity and Panic

Chapter 12 Section I
1. Explain the political divisions that appeared around the 1824 presidential election.
2. Summarize how democracy changed during Jackson’s presidency.
3. Identify the economic issues that increased tension within the United States.
4. Describe the issue of states’ rights from two opposing points of view.

Section II
1. Explain why Jackson wanted Native Americans to move west.
2. Summarize the effects of the Indian Removal Act on Native Americans.

Section III
1. Identify the causes and effects of Jackson’s destruction of the National Bank.
2. Explain the formation of the Whig Party in the United States.

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Chapter 13 Section I

1. Identify the reasons why the early pioneers moved west.
2. Summarize the challenges people faced in settling the West.

Section II

1. Identify the changes in Spanish Texas that led up to the Texas Revolution.
2. Describe the sequence of events in the Texans’ revolt against Mexico that resulted in the creation of the Lone Star Republic.

Section III

1. Summarize American support for Manifest Destiny
2. Describe the War with Mexico
3. Explain the impact of victory over Mexico.

Section IV

1. Describe how the discovery of gold changed California
2. Explain the final impact of the California Gold Rush.
### 3. Chapter 14: A New Spirit Of Change 1830-1860

How did immigration and social reform change the nation in the mid-1800s?

**Sections:**
1. The Hopes of Immigrants
2. Reforming American Society
3. Abolition and Women’s Rights

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<td>3. Identify specific areas of daily life that some reformers focused on improving.</td>
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VI. UNIT 6: A NATION DIVIDED AND REBUILT

1. CHAPTER 15: The Nation Breaking Apart 1846-1861

What issues and events shattered the nation’s unity and led to civil war?

Sections:
1. Tensions Rise Between North and South
2. Slavery Dominates Politics
3. Lincoln’s Election and Southern Secession

Chapter 15 Section I

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1. Compare and Contrast the economic paths of the North and the South.
2. Summarize the effects of territorial expansion on the debate over slavery.
3. Analyze how the Compromise of 1850 fueled the Union’s crisis.
4. Explain how political tensions resulted in violence.

Section II

1. Explain how the issue of slavery led to political division.
2. Identify the events that brought the nation to the breaking point.

Section III

1. Explain how the 1860 election revealed the divisions in the country.
2. Describe the reasons for, and responses to, the secession of seven states.
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Sections:
1. War Erupts
2. Life in the Army
3. No End in Sight

Chapter 16 Section I
1. Analyze the events that led up to the first shots at Fort Sumter.
2. Explain what strategy each side used to prepare for battle.
3. Summarize the significance of the First Battle of Bull Run for both sides.

Section II
1. Explain why so many civilians volunteered to fight.
2. Summarize ways the Civil War was considered a new kind of war.

Section III
1. Describe Union victories in the West
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**Chapter 17 Section I**

1. Analyze how the Emancipation Proclamation affected the war effort.
2. Identify contributions African-American soldiers made to the Union cause.

**Section II**

1. Describe the disagreements that emerged inside the Union and the Confederacy.
2. Identify economic and social changes caused by the Civil War.

**Section III**

1. Explain the significance of the Battles of Gettysburg and Vicksburg.
2. Analyze why the Confederacy fell.

**Section IV**

1. Describe the losses and costs of the war
2. Analyze how the war transformed the nation.