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History of Commerce in the United States 2008

NYS Social Studies Learning Standard for History of the United States and New York

Standard 1 Key Idea 3: Students will study about the major social, political, economic, cultural, and religious developments in New York State and United States history involves learning about the important roles and contributions of individuals and groups.

Standard 4 Economics: Students will use a variety of intellectual skills to demonstrate their understanding of how the United States and other societies develop economic systems and associated institutions to allocate scarce resources, how major decision-making units function in the U.S. and other national economies, and how an economy solves the scarcity problem through market and nonmarket mechanisms.

Catalog Number: DS2506

Title: Turbulent Virginia: Pirate Base, Royal Colony

Imprint: Intelcom, 2004.

Physical Description: Digital Video Streaming, 27 min.

Summary: Documents the failures and achievements of England's first American colonies during the seventeenth century. This program emphasizes how trade competition with Spain, France, and Denmark prompted the founding of American settlements. Beginning with the failed Roanoke Colony and ending with the more successful Jamestown settlement, the program discusses the relationships between settlers and Native Americans while stressing the importance of family life and the cultivation of corn and tobacco. In-depth analysis of early colonial life and the economic, financial, and religious motivations behind it make this program a fascinating study of seventeenth-century American history.

Audience: Junior High, Senior High

Catalog Number: V6060

Title: American History: birth of a nation 1760-1790: Colonial America in the 1760s

Imprint: AIMS, 1994.

Physical Description: Videocassette, , 17 min.

Summary: Describes the young, prosperous and growing America of 1760, as Great Britain is too busy with its continuing French wars to establish control over the headstrong Americans. George Greenville, new Chancellor of the Exchequer, found that running the Colonies cost more than was collected from them and raised taxes on their trade. The Colonists refused to pay more taxes without representation and the seeds of revolution had been planted.

Audience: Intermediate, Junior High

Catalog Number: SA5514

Title: Expanding Our Nation: Roads & Canals

Imprint: Clearvue & SVE, 1996.

Physical Description: Digital Audio Stream, 3 min.

Audience: Intermediate, Junior High

Catalog Number: SA5511

Title: Expanding Our Nation: The Louisiana Purchase & Florida

Imprint: CLEARVUE & SVE, 1996.

Physical Description: Digital Audio Streaming, 3 min.

Audience: Intermediate, Junior High

Catalog Number: SA5513

Title: Expanding Our Nation: Crossing the Appalachian Mountains

Imprint: Clearvue & SVE, 1996.

Physical Description: Digital Audio Streaming, 4 min.

Audience: Intermediate, Junior High

Catalog Number: SA5516

Title: Expanding Our Nation: Oregon Territory

Imprint: Clearvue & SVE, 1996.

Physical Description: Digital Audio Streaming, 1 min.

Audience: Intermediate, Junior High

Catalog Number: DS1174

Title: Location

Imprint: Classroom Media, 2001.

Physical Description: Digital Video Streaming, 25 min.

Summary: Discusses friction of distance and geographical inertia and looks at the historical, environmental, and economic factors that affect the location of homes, businesses, towns, power sources, bridges, canals, and more.

Audience: Junior High

Catalog Number: DS2469

Title: Revolution of a Different Sort

Imprint: Intelcom, 2004.

Physical Description: Digital Video Streaming, 27 min.

Summary: Analyzes how the onset of the Industrial Revolution affected the social, economic, and demographic structure of nineteenth-century American life. Addressing significant factors that incited the Revolution, looking especially at the Eastern European, Irish, and German immigration boom along with the improved use of canals and steam engines, the program discusses impact of the Potato Famine, growth of large urban centers, and increased economic opportunity. Turning to industry, the program assesses the importance of textile mills, entrepreneurs, corporations, and banks to early industrialists, investigating what life was like for the women and men working at factories and in early labor movements. The presentation demonstrates the importance of bolstered communications, especially penny and steam press newspapers and the telegraph, which made up the concurrent Technological Revolution.

Audience: Junior High, Senior High

Catalog Number: DS1394

Title: Just the Facts: Documents of Destiny: Transformation & Industrialization

Imprint: Goldhil, 2003.

Physical Description: Digital Video Streaming, 30 min.

Summary: Looks at post-Civil War documents: Treaty of Fort Laramie, Civil Rights Act of 1875, Compromise of 1877, Chinese Exclusion Act, Dawes General Allotment Act, Interstate Commerce Act, and Sherman Antitrust Act.

Audience: Junior High, Senior High

Catalog Number: DS2467

Title: Pressures from Within

Imprint: Intelcom, 2004.

Physical Description: Digital Video Stream, 27 min.

Summary: Reconsiders the so-called Era of Good Feelings during the presidencies of James Madison and James Monroe, exploring the growing rift between Northerners and Southerners over the issue of slavery. This program tracks the aftermath of the United States' victory over England in the War of 1812, touching on economic and geographic expansion, improved transportation, and a national bank. Such bold moves would require a more powerful central government than Thomas Jefferson and the Constitution had envisioned, leading these outgoing young Americans to rethink former concepts of nationalism. This program examines expansion into not only western territories, but also into the North with its fur trade and the South with its slave plantations, a radical response to the invention of the cotton gin. Important documents emerging from Monroe's presidency, notably the Monroe Doctrine and the Missouri Compromise, are also analyzed, as are the first rumblings of civil war.

Audience: Junior High, Senior High

Catalog Number: DS2609

Title: Political Stalemate

Imprint: Intelcom, 2004.

Physical Description: Digital Video Streaming, 27 min.

Summary: Assesses the issues and problems that ended the political deadlock between Republicans and Democrats in the years following the Civil War and Reconstruction. The program stresses the importance of civil service reform and big business regulation in the 1880s and 1890s and notes how the administrations of Rutherford B. Hayes, James Garfield, Grover Cleveland, and William Henry Harrison attempted to control the American economy with such initiatives as the Interstate Commerce Act and the Pendleton Act. Historians examine the growing divide between the two established political parties and chronicle how American industrialization and the threat of inflation created the Populist Party. A look at the election of 1896 and the incendiary speeches of William Jennings Bryan illustrates the fight against the gold standard and reveals how William McKinley became the new voice for Republicans.

Audience: Junior High, Senior High

Title: DS2774

Title: Destination America: Episode One: The Golden Door

Imprint: PBS, 2005.

Physical Description: Digital Video Streaming, 60 min.

Summary: Surveys the history of immigration to America, reflecting on early Mexican immigration, the movement of families and communities from Norway and Scandinavia into the Midwest, and the impact of famine on Ireland and Irish relocation. The program highlights issues related to economics, politics, and social and religious persecution and considers the ways in which America's cities and geography have influenced living patterns and community building.

Audience: Junior High, Senior High

Catalog Number: V1747

Title: Henry Ford

Imprint: FFH, 1988.

Physical Description: Videocassette, 10 min.

Summary: Henry Ford, machinist by trade and resident of Detroit, changed the face of the world in which he lived. He built a better car in a better way by pioneering the assembly line, and made owning a car part of the American way of life.

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Catalog Number: V1720

Title: Andrew Carnegie

Imprint: FFH, 1988.

Physical Description: Videocassette, 12 min.

Summary: A poor Scottish immigrant who came to America to make his fortune, Andrew Carnegie created not only a personal fortune but also the U.S. steel industry. His belief that money should be spent to benefit society led to his support for many philanthropies

Audience: Junior High, Senior High

Catalog Number: DS2655

Title: Working World: The Economy & Work

Imprint: Intelcom, 2005.

Physical Description: Digital Video Stream, 27 min..

Summary: Glimpses the state of the American work environment at the beginning of the twenty-first century and observes how such factors as globalization and trade deregulation will impact the everyday worker. Beginning with a labor strike at a California grocery store, the program discusses how the availability of inexpensive labor overseas and the transformation of the American economy from a manufacturing to a service-driven market has decreased the bargaining power of unions and drastically changed the face of the middle class. Economists and sociologists note how a lack of strong trade regulations harms workers all over the world by allowing multinational companies to control salaries and health-care benefits. Although organizations like the United Nations may step in to force companies to provide better pay and work environments worldwide, the presentation suggests job training in technical skills will help Americans adjust to the changing labor markets.

Audience: Junior High, Senior High

Catalog Number: DS2525

Title: World of Uncertainty

Imprint: Intelcom, 2004.

Physical Description: Digital video Streaming, 27 min.

Summary: Explores the economic, political, and social changes caused by a maturing and increasingly diverse American population as well as the impact of a growing global economy. The program examines the foreign and domestic policies created under Bill Clinton, highlighting NAFTA, and discusses the scandal and impeachment trial during his second term. Touching on the uncertainty surrounding the presidential election of 2000, the program introduces both candidates, George W. Bush and Al Gore. The last part of the program examines foreign policy and terrorism in America and abroad, specifically looking at George W. Bush's administration and handling of Osama bin Laden, al-Qaeda, and Saddam Hussein in Iraq following the September 11 attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City.

Audience: Junior High, Senior High



Catalog Number: DA84, SO269

Title: Choking in the fast lane

Imprint: Landmark, 2006

Physical Description: DVD, Digital Video Streaming, 52 min.

Summary: Power play traces the development of oil as the primary commodity of our day, from the crude oil and kerosene of the 1800s through the automotive revolution and the enormous energy demands of today's military. The 21st century finds oil the power of nations, and its' power all-pervasive. The western world teeters on the brink of a new geopolitical energy race; what are the political, social, and ecological implications?

Audience: Senior High

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Websites

[The Erie Canal: A Brief History](#)

"The Erie Canal was the engineering marvel of the 19th Century." This is an account of its planning and development, including the initial idea from New York's then-Governor DeWitt Clinton, the canal's role in increasing commerce and westward migration, and its designation as a national heritage corridor. The site provides a link to a longer account of this history and to the music for the Erie Canal song. From the New York State Canal System.

<http://www.nyscanals.gov/cculture/history/>

[Measuring the Economic Impact of Wal-Mart on the U.S. Economy](#)

This study, released in November 2005, provides an analysis of "the national and region impact of the nation's largest retailer on the U.S. economy ... [on] the national, city, and county level." The study focuses on Wal-Mart in the Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington area of Texas. Includes a summary and the full report. Also includes links to related articles, some of which come to differing conclusions. From Global Insight, a financial forecasting company.

<http://www.globalinsight.com/MultiClientStudy/MultiClientStudyDetail2438.htm>

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