

UNIT GUIDE: ESTABLISHING THE AMERICAN NATION

Instructions:

- This unit explores the development of the Original Colonies from their establishment up to and including the American Revolution.
- This unit guide is intended to help the parent and student understand how to use the unit resources. Check-off each task as they are completed.

Activities Checklist		
Theme	Files	Completion Checklist
<p style="text-align: center;">The Original Colonies</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Summary:</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>This package focuses on the establishment of the original colonies and how each developed uniquely.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Time Frame:</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">3.5 Hours</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2.1 Activities Package—The Original Colonies • 2.2 Lecture—Jamestown • 2.3 The 13 Colonies Map • 3.1 Fact or Fiction: The Original Colonies • 3.1 Instructions—Fact or Fiction... 	<p>Check off each activity as you progress through the activities package, “The Original Colonies.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Activity 1: Exploration (<i>Animated Map</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> Activity 2: Jamestown (<i>Powerpoint</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> Activity 3: Mapping <input type="checkbox"/> Activity 4: Southern (<i>Online Textbook</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> Activity 5: Northern (<i>Online Textbook</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> Activity 6: Middle (<i>Online Textbook</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> Activity 7: The Differences (<i>Review</i>) <p>Interactive Quiz:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Instructions: Visit the website below and click on the "Interactive Quizzes" link. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Select the appropriate quiz for the recently completed topic. <p style="text-align: center;">homeschoolamericanhistory.com</p> <p>Extension Activities (optional):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Secrets of the Dead: Death at Jamestown (Documentary) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Notes: Watch after Activity 2. <input type="checkbox"/> America in 1607 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Notes: This is an online animation of Jamestown. Students can explore it after completing Activity 2. Search: “National Geographic America 1607” <input type="checkbox"/> Fact or Fiction? The Original Colonies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Notes: Use the file, “3.1 Fact or Fiction...” and “3.1 Instructions—Fact or Fiction...” → Fun activity to do after the activities package has been completed. → Helps students with researching skills and composing proper citations in MLA Format.

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<p>Life in the Colonies</p> <p><u>Summary:</u></p> <p><i>This activities package communicates how the colonies developed after establishment.</i></p> <p><u>Time Frame:</u></p> <p><i>2 Hours</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4.1 Activities Package—Life in the Colonies • 4.2 Lecture—The Origins of Slavery in America • 4.3 Lecture—The Enlightenment and Great Awakening 	<p>Check off each activity as you progress through the package, “Life in the Colonies.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Activity 1: Slavery (<i>Powerpoint</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> Activity 2: Memories (<i>Online Interactive</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> Activity 3: Change (<i>Powerpoint</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> Activity 4: Review (<i>Summary Skills</i>) <p>Interactive Quiz:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Instructions: Visit the website below and click on the "Interactive Quizzes" link. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Select the appropriate quiz for the recently completed topic. <p style="text-align: center;">homeschoolamericanhistory.com</p> <p>Extension Activity (optional):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> “Roots” (1977 Movie/Mini-series) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Notes: Show episodes (Part I and II) from the mini-series that connect with the themes covered in the package. → <u>Viewer Discretion</u>: Some scenes contain nudity when slaves were captured and imprisoned.
<p>The Road to Revolution</p> <p><u>Summary:</u></p> <p><i>This activities package highlights the key events and themes that contributed to the start of the American Revolution.</i></p> <p><u>Time Frame:</u></p> <p><i>2 Hours</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6.1 - Activities Package: The Road to Revolution 	<p>Check off each activity as you progress through the package, “The Road to Revolution.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Activity 1: Overview (<i>Map Animation</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> Activity 2: The Events (<i>Online Textbook</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> Activity 3: Simulation (<i>Online Interactive</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> Activity 4: Analysis (<i>Q and A</i>) <p>Interactive Quiz:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Instructions: Visit the website below and click on the "Interactive Quizzes" link. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Select the appropriate quiz for the recently completed topic. <p style="text-align: center;">homeschoolamericanhistory.com</p> <p>Extension Activity (optional):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> John Adams (HBO Mini-series) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Sections from this mini-series correlate to the events covered in the package.

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<p>The American Revolution</p> <p><u>Summary:</u></p> <p><i>This activities package highlights the sequence of events and developments that occurred during the Revolutionary War.</i></p> <p><u>Time Frame:</u></p> <p><i>4 Hours</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7.1 Activities Package: The American Revolution • 7.2 Lecture—A New Nation Emerges • 11.2 Evaluation Option 2—Movie Alternative—The Patriot—Critique Guide 	<p>Check off each activity as you progress through the package, “The Road to Revolution.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Activity 1: War Begins (<i>Online Textbook</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> Activity 2: Key Facts (<i>Online Textbook</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> Activity 3: Battles (<i>Online Textbook</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> Activity 4: The War (<i>Online Map Animation</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> Activity 5: Analysis (<i>Online Video Clip</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> Activity 6: New Nation (<i>Powerpoint</i>) <p>Interactive Quiz:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Instructions: Visit the website below and click on the "Interactive Quizzes" link. → Select the appropriate quiz for the recently completed topic. <p style="text-align: center;">homeschoolamericanhistory.com</p> <p>Extension Activity (optional):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> “The Patriot” (Movie). → Notes: This movie connects with one of the writing evaluation options. See file, “11.2 Evaluation Option 2—The Patriot—Critique Guide.” → <u>Viewer Discretion</u>: There are a number of very violent scenes in the movie.
<p>Unit Themes and Truths</p> <p><u>Summary:</u></p> <p><i>This activity encourages students to evaluate the main themes and truths from the unit.</i></p> <p><u>Time Frame:</u></p> <p><i>45 Minutes</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9.1 Drawing Conclusions: Parent-Student Conversation 	<p>Check off each activity as you progress through the parent-student discussion, “Drawing Conclusions.” Use file, “9.1 Drawing Conclusions...”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Task 1: Unit Themes <input type="checkbox"/> Task 2: Unit Truths <input type="checkbox"/> Task 3: Deeper Thinking Questions

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Unit Evaluations

This evaluation should be introduced and completed earlier in the unit.
Complete one of the evaluation options listed below:

- Option #1—Twitter Activity
- Option #2—Mini-Project—Life in the Colonies

Evaluation:	Files	Description
Twitter Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8.1 Editable Version—Twitter Activity... • 8.1 Printable Version—Twitter Activity... 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students create a dialogue among key figures of the American Revolution using the pre-designed template! • <u>Note:</u> There is a printable version (most commonly used) or an editable version which students can modify on a computer. If the editable version is chosen make sure the student opens and saves the file in PDF Reader, not in their web browser which will not allow them to save their work. Print on larger sized paper for best results.
Mini-Project: Life in the Colonies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5.1—Mini-Project—Life in the Colonies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A smaller differentiated project that helps students learn about how colonists lived.

Writing Skills Evaluations

This evaluation should be introduced and completed midway through the unit.

- American Revolution Essay

Alternatively, the student could choose one of the additional options below.

- "The Patriot" Movie Critique Essay
- DBQ Essay

Evaluation:	Files	Description
Writing Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11.2 Evaluation Option 2 - Movie Critique - The Patriot • 11.3 Evaluation Option 3 - DBQ Teacher Instructions • 11.3 Evaluation Option 3 - DBQ Writing Guide 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each evaluation allows students to develop their writing and communication skills. • In each case there are very clear guides that helps the student organize their work during the preparation phase.