

**READER: HI 17A The American People, 1492-1820**

**UNIT I: INVASION OF AMERICA**

- How to Think Like a Historian
- Writing Guide: Short Essays
- Columbus Letter (also attached to syllabus)

**UNIT II: ATLANTIC BRIDGES**

- Jacques Cartier (1534)
- ESSAY: The Starving Time at Jamestown
- John Smith (1624)
- Richard Frethorne (1623)
- Maryland slavery statute (1664)

**UNIT III: REGIONALISM AND COLONIAL DIVERSITY**

- John Winthrop Defines Community; (1630)
- Anne Bradstreet, two poems; (1650)
- New England Primer (selections, 1683)
- BIOGRAPHY: "'The Examination of Sarah Aghaton'"
- Confession of Ann Foster (1692)

**UNIT IV: EIGHTEENTH-CENTURY SOCIETIES**

- BIOGRAPHY: Benjamin Franklin's Autobiography (1817)
- Navigation Act of 1660 (origins of mercantilism)
- Sarah Knight (1704)
- MAP: The Colonies and their major cities (1732)
- Alexander Falconbridge (1788)
- Olaudah Equiano (memoir, 1789)
- Wm. Byrd to Lord Egmont, Georgia trustee (1732)  
(On evils of over-reliance on slavery)
- South Carolina Slave Stories (collected 1910)

**UNIT V: THE BRITISH EMPIRE**

- BIOGRAPHY: George Whitefield: Transatlantic Revivalist
- Jonathan Edwards (1735)
- John Cleaveland (1742)
- BIOGRAPHY: Domestic Battles of William Byrd
- Cadwallader Colden (1765)
- Philip Fithian (1773)
- Thomas Hutchinson (1765)

**UNIT VI: CONSTRUCTING A REVOLUTION**

- BIOGRAPHY: George the Third: Our Last King
- DEBATE: Carl Degler, "A New Kind of Revolution"  
vs. Gordon Wood, "Radicalism of the Am. Rev."
- Declaration of Independence  
(see Amer. Promise, Appendix I, A-1 to A-3)
- George R. T. Hewes, (Memoir of 1773 Boston Tea Party)
- William Franklin, speech, 1775
- Sarah Osborn (memoir, 1837)
- Judith Sargent Murray, 1790.
- Prince Hall Petition, 1777.
- Thomas Paine (excerpt from *Common Sense*, 1776)

- Jeremiah Greenman (1775-1782)

**UNIT VII: THE EARLY REPUBLIC**

- Two Letters, Shay's Rebellion (1786)
- ESSAY: "Sunrise at Philadelphia"
- Virginia Declaration of Rights (1776)
- James Madison, Federalist #10 (1787)
- U.S. Constitution and Amendments I-X  
(see Amer. Promise, Appendix I, A-3 to A-12)

**UNIT VIII: BUILDING A NATION**

- BIOGRAPHY: Thomas Jefferson
- Big Tree, Cornplanter, and Half-Town, Senecas (1790)
- "1796: The First Real Election"
- Jefferson's First Message to Congress (1801) and Hamilton Rebuttal

**UNIT IX: MYTH, MEMORY, AND NATIONAL IDENTITY**

- Noah Webster (1789)
- Washington Irving, "Rip Van Winkle"

**UNIT X: AN EXPANSIVE NATION**

- ESSAY: "The Louisiana Purchase: A Dangerous Precedent"
- Diaries of the Lewis and Clark Expedition (1805)
- James Madison (1812)
- James Fenimore Cooper, Last of the Mohicans (1826),  
Introduction
- MAP: Eagle Map (1820s)
- Frederick Beechey (1826)

**UNIT XI: SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS**

- Lorenzo de Zavala, 1829
- Essay Exams