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What are the  
seven continents  
and where  
are they located?

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Where are the  
geographic regions  
of North America  
located?

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What are some  
physical  
characteristics of  
the geographic regions  
of North America?

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What are the major  
bodies of water in the  
United States?

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What are some ways  
bodies of water in  
the United States have  
supported interaction  
and created links  
to other regions?

USI.3

In which areas did the  
American Indians  
(First Americans) live?

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How did geography and  
climate affect the way  
American Indian  
groups met  
their basic needs?

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Why did European  
countries compete  
for power  
in North America?

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What were  
the obstacles faced  
by the explorers?

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What were the  
accomplishments of  
the explorations?

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What regions of North America were explored and settled by France, England, and Spain?

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What regions were  
explored by Portugal?

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How did the  
American Indians  
and Europeans interact  
with each other?

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What was the  
importance of Ghana,  
Mali, and Songhai?

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How did West African  
empires impact  
European trade?

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Why did Europeans  
establish colonies  
in North America?

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How did climate and  
geographic features  
distinguish  
the three regions  
from each other?

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How did people use  
the natural resources  
of their region  
to earn a living?

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How did political  
and social life evolve  
in each of  
the three regions?

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How did people's lives  
vary among  
different social groups  
in colonial America?

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How did England  
impose its political  
and economic control  
over the colonies?

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What steps did  
England take  
to increase control  
over its colonies?

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Why did many colonists become dissatisfied with England's control over the colonies?

USI.6

What ideas/philosophies  
about government  
were expressed  
in the Declaration of  
Independence?

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Who were some of  
the key individuals  
in the  
Revolutionary War?

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What role did  
key individuals play  
in the  
Revolutionary War?

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What were some of  
the key events  
that occurred during  
the Revolutionary War  
period?

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What advantages  
helped the American  
colonists win the  
Revolutionary War?

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What were the basic  
weaknesses of the  
Articles of  
Confederation?

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What were the basic principles of governments stated in the Constitution of the United States of America and Bill of Rights?

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What were the  
major differences  
between Hamilton  
and Jefferson?

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What were the major national issues and events faced by the first five presidents?

USI.8

What new territories  
became part of the  
United States  
between  
1801 and 1861?

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What factors  
influenced  
westward migration?

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How did the inventions  
affect the lives  
of Americans?

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What were the  
main ideas expressed  
by the abolitionists?

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What were the  
main ideas expressed  
during the  
suffrage movement?

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How did cultural,  
economical, and  
constitutional issues  
create bitter divisions  
between  
the North and the South?

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How did the issues  
of states' rights and  
slavery increase  
sectional tension between  
the North and South?

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Which states  
seceded from  
the Union?

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Which four  
slave states  
stayed in the Union?

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Where were the other  
states that remained  
in the Union located?

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Who are considered  
leaders of  
the Civil War?

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How did Lincoln's view  
of the nature  
of the Union  
differ from Lee's?

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Where did  
critical events of the  
Civil War take place?

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Where were  
the major battles  
fought?

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What are the ways  
location and topography  
influenced important  
developments in the war,  
including major battles?

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What hardships  
were experienced  
during the Civil War?

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How did the Civil War  
change the lives  
of soldiers,  
women, and slaves?

USI.10

What are the  
basic provisions of  
the 13th, 14th, and  
15th Amendments?

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What were the  
Reconstruction policies  
for the South?