

Contents

	Maps and Illustrations	9
	Preface	11
I.	Pre-Columbian America	13
	Was America Discovered?	
	Stages of Development	
	Pre-Columbian Cultures	
	Savage Or Civilized?	
II.	Columbus	20
	Tradition	
	European Expansion	
	Columbus	
III.	The Spanish Conquistadors	27
	The Age of Spain	
	Conquest and Disease	
	"Gold and Greed"	
IV.	The First English Settlement: Virginia	34
	Early Efforts	
	Collapse Averted	
	Foundations Laid	
V.	The Pilgrims and Massachusetts Bay Colony	41
	The Pilgrims	
	The Puritans	
	The Salem Witchcraft Trials	

VI.	Colonial Life	48
	The Colonies Multiply	
	Colonial Living Conditions	
	Benjamin Franklin	
VII.	Background To Revolution	55
	A Series of Wars	
	The French and Indian War	
	Who Should Pay?	
VIII.	The American Revolution	61
	Reasons For Fighting	
	What Was Common Sense?	
	The War of Independence	
IX.	The American Constitution	69
	The Articles of Confederation	
	The Constitutional Convention	
	Ratification	
X.	The Federalists	74
	<i>The Federalist</i>	
	Alexander Hamilton	
	George Washington	
XI.	The Age of Jefferson	83
	Decline of the Federalists	
	Thomas Jefferson	
	James Madison	
XII.	The Age of Jackson	90
	Growth	
	Andrew Jackson	
	The Indian Question	
XIII.	Black Slavery in America	97
	Early History	
	King Cotton	
	Black Living Conditions	
	Memories of Slavery	

XIV. The Civil War	105
The Issue of Slavery	
Manifest Destiny	
Slave or Free?	
The Civil War	
XV. Reconstruction	113
Northern Responses To Victory	
Radical Reconstruction	
"Bourbon" Restoration	
XVI. The Wild West	119
Outlaws	
Cowboys	
Indians	
XVII. The Rise of Urban America	125
Urbanization	
Agricultural Development	
Industrial Development	
Immigration	
XVIII. The Two-Party System	133
Early Groupings	
Conventions	
The Two Parties	
Beyond The Center	
XIX. Progressivism	140
Progress and Poverty	
The Muckrakers	
Progressive Themes	
Representatives	
XX. The American Empire	148
Social Darwinism	
The Spanish-American War	
"The White Man's Burden"	

1864 Advertisement for the Virginia Plantation 35

1877 Advertisement for Virginia 37

1880 Advertisement for Carolina 49

XXI.	European War, American Response	156
	The Reluctant Warriors	
	The War At Home	
	Isolationism	
	The New Deal	
	War Again	
XXII.	Late Twentieth Century America	164
	The "American Century"	
	The Cold War Consensus	
	Protest	
	The Reagan Revolution	
	Money Matters	
	Suggestions For Further Reading	174
	Answers	177