



Digital Course

Introduction This guide explores the America: History of Our Nation digital course.

Teacher Home Page From your teacher Home page, under My Teacher Resources, click the links to find all of the content you need to teach the program. First, explore the online Teacher’s Edition table of contents.

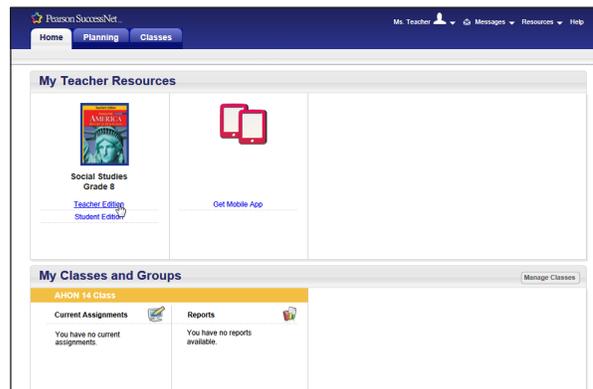
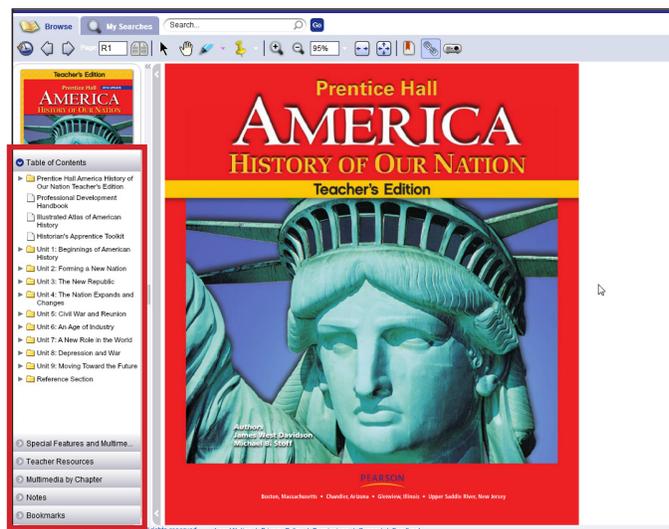


Table of Contents Look at the left column. Each gray area in the sidebar is called a “drawer.” The drawer contains folders of content. The Table of Contents drawer contains PDF pages from the print Teacher’s Edition.



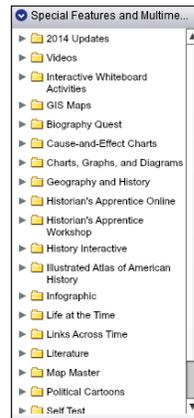
The Table of Contents drawer also includes a Professional Development Handbook, which outlines how the course is organized, and provides an Illustrated Atlas of American History. The Historian’s Apprentice Toolkit includes skill building activities, such as evaluating Internet sources, writing history, and developing chart and geography skills.

Content Organization

Content is organized by unit, chapter, and section. Each chapter contains a Quick Study Guide and Review and Assessment. Professional Development precedes each chapter in the Teacher's Edition. This section helps you organize and plan instruction toward current teaching practices relating to the Essential Questions and differentiated instruction.

Special Features and Multimedia

The next drawer, Special Features and Multimedia, contains twenty-one different folders of resources that you can use to enhance instruction and promote student learning.



2014 Updates

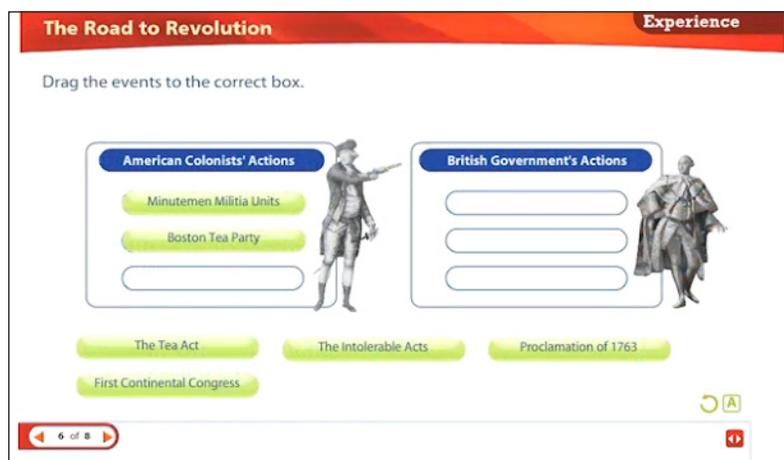
If you use an older publication of America: History of Our Nation, this feature provides up-to-date references to events and facts that affect American history. It also includes the In the News feature, which provides a snapshot of significant current events.

Videos

In partnership with the Public Broadcasting System (PBS), the program provides videos that allow students to visit the times and places they study through high-impact stories.

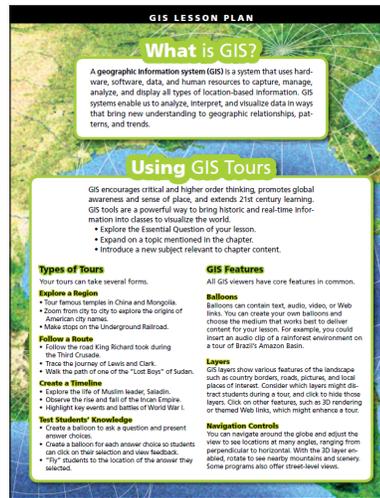
Interactive Whiteboard Activities

The program also provides interactive whiteboard activities connected to some of the units in the text. These activities engage students and help them connect to, experience, and understand the content.



GIS Maps

The Geographic-Information Systems (GIS) Maps folder contains sample lesson plans. They give suggestions and tips on how to use GIS maps in the American history classroom and how to create interactive multimedia tours.



Biography Quest

The Biography Quest feature highlights an interesting figure in history and asks students to find the answer to an intriguing question about that person through Internet research.

Historian's Apprentice Online

Another special feature, Historian's Apprentice Online—which is organized by unit—is part of the Historian's Apprentice Learning System. It provides activities and links to resources to help students learn how to think like historians.



Literature

The Literature feature allows students to experience American history through works of literature.

Skills for Life

Skills for Life—part of the Historian's Apprentice Learning System—contains lessons that you can use to teach students life skills, such as Identify Bias or Give a Multimedia Presentation.

Teacher Resources

The next drawer, Teacher Resources, contains all of the same resources found in the Teacher’s Resource Library DVD. These resources are organized by unit, chapter, and section.

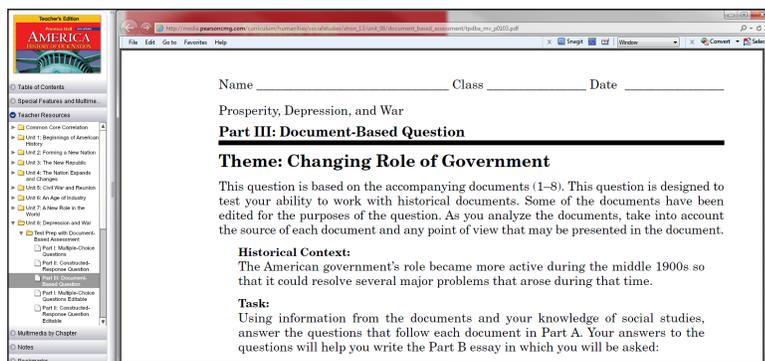


Common Core Correlation

This first folder contains correlations of the program to the Common Core State Standards.

Test Prep with Document-Based Assessment

Test Prep with Document-Based Assessment allows students to use a variety of practice materials to read, evaluate, analyze, and interpret different kinds of written and visual documents. They apply critical thinking and other skills to a number of documents and images that relate to major themes in United States history.



Reading and Notetaking Study Guide

The Reading and Notetaking Study Guide provides vocabulary practice, summaries of every section of the Student Edition, and note-taking support.

Adequate Yearly Progress Monitoring Assessments

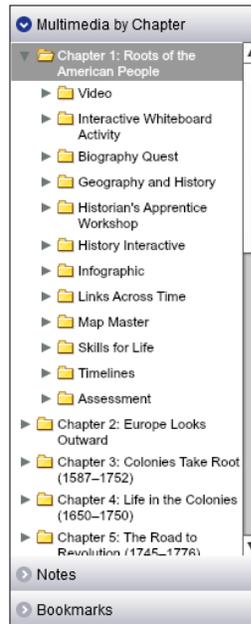
Adequate Yearly Progress Monitoring Assessments provide a year-long assessment plan that helps identify students’ strengths and weaknesses, monitor progress, and prepare students for exams.

Additional Resources

Additional resources are available in this drawer, including lecture notes in PowerPoint format, editable lesson plans, quizzes, rubrics, English language learner resources, and more.

Multimedia by Chapter

This drawer provides easy access to all of the program’s multimedia organized by chapter.



Notes and Bookmarks

The next two drawers—Notes and Bookmarks—are tools within the online Teacher’s Edition that store personalized notes or bookmarks.

Online Student Edition

The online Student Edition has a similar structure and organization to the online Teacher’s Edition that includes a Table of Contents, Special Features and Multimedia, Multimedia by Chapter, Notes, and Bookmarks. The online Student Edition also contains a Glossary with vocabulary words from the text. Students can click interactive links to access activities, media resources, and the 2014 Updates from point-of-use.

Review

This guide explored the America: History of Our Nation digital course.