

The activities in this unit cover the period of America's History from 1775-1799. Each activity can be used independently so you may choose those that fit your lesson plans and time schedule.

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The Northwest Ordinance, enacted in 1787 by Congress under the Articles of Confederation, established the Northwest Territory. This region was bounded by the Great Lakes, the Ohio River, and the Mississippi River. The ordinance established a government for the territory and provided that it would form no fewer than three nor more than five states. It also barred slavery from the territory.

December 7, 1787: Delaware ratified the Constitution and became the 1st state to enter the union.

December 12, 1787: Pennsylvania became the 2nd state.

December 18, 1787: New Jersey became the 3rd state.

January 2, 1788: Georgia became the 4th state.

January 9, 1788: Connecticut became the 5th state.

February 6, 1788: Massachusetts became the 6th state.

April 28, 1788: Maryland became the 7th state.

May 23, 1788: South Carolina became the 8th state.

June 21, 1788: New Hampshire became the 9th state. With its ratification, the Constitution became effective, though not declared until March 4, 1789.

June 25, 1788: Virginia became the 10th state.

July 26, 1788: New York became the 11th state.

Nov. 21, 1789: North Carolina became the 12th state.

May 29, 1790: Rhode Island became the 13th state.

The first U.S. census was authorized in 1790. The population was placed at 3,929,625 including 697,624 slaves and 59,557 free blacks. The most populous state was Virginia with 747,610 people and the largest city was Philadelphia with a population of 42,444.

1) Designate each state with its two letter initials. For the small states on the east coast, place the initials to the side and draw an arrow.

2) Label each of the following:

- New Spain
- Northwest Territory
- Oregon Country
- Republic of Vermont
- Spanish Florida
- Territory South of the Ohio River




1. Place an X through each headline that would not have appeared from 1775 through 1788.

<p>COMMON SENSE</p> <p>Thomas Jefferson's pamphlet "Common Sense" is a best seller throughout the colonies.</p>	<p>CONVENTION PROPOSES NEW CONSTITUTION</p> <p>Representatives meeting in Philadelphia to amend the Articles of Confederation have proposed a new constitution for the nation.</p>	<p>FARMERS REBEL</p> <p>Farmers in Massachusetts led by Daniel Shay have attempted to seize the arsenal in Springfield.</p>
<p>INDEPENDENCE!</p> <p>Representatives at the Second Continental Congress have signed a declaration of our independence from England.</p> <p>FREEDOM HAS A PRICE!! TO ARMS!!</p>		<p>RHODE ISLAND RATIFIES</p> <p>With the ratification of the constitution by Rhode Island, this new form of government for the nation can now go into effect.</p> <p>Washington expected to be our first president.</p>
<p>"GIVE ME LIBERTY OR GIVE ME DEATH"</p> <p>Thomas Paine has shocked members of the second Virginia convention by making a speech against British arbitrary rule.</p> <p>IS THIS TREASON?</p>	<p>FEDERALIST PARTY</p> <p>A new political party known as the Federalists has been formed by Alexander Hamilton.</p>	<p>FEDERALIST ESSAYS AGAINST NEW CONSTITUTION</p>
<p>TREATY OF LONDON</p> <p>War with England officially ended with the signing of the Treaty of London.</p> <p>The new republic stretches from the Great Lakes to Florida and from the Atlantic to the Mississippi.</p>	<p>BRITISH SURRENDER AT YORKTOWN!</p> <p>General Cornwallis has surrendered to General Washington at Yorktown, Virginia.</p>	<p>WAR</p> <p>MINUTEMEN DEFEAT REDCOATS AT LEXINGTON AND CONCORD</p> <p>THE STRUGGLE HAS BEGUN!!</p>
<p>ARTICLES OF CONFEDERATION</p> <p>The Continental Congress meeting in Washington D. C. has adopted the Articles of Confederation which must now be ratified by several colonies.</p>		<p>British Captain surrenders ship to John Paul Jones. During battle Jones was head to say</p> <p>"I HAVE NOT YET BEGUN TO FIGHT"</p>
		<p>NEW FLAG</p> <p>Thirteen stars and thirteen alternating red and blue stripes.</p>

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The chart below lists 30 of the famous and infamous during the period from 1775 to 1799. Put each name in as many categories as is appropriate on this and the following page.

1. George Washington
2. Patrick Henry
3. John Adams
4. Sam Adams
5. Benjamin Franklin
6. Richard Henry Lee
7. Thomas Jefferson
8. Ethan Allen
9. Nathan Hale
10. Alexander Hamilton
11. Benedict Arnold
12. Horatio Gates
13. John Paul Jones
14. Thomas Paine
15. Daniel Boone
16. Nathanael Greene
17. Noah Webster
18. Daniel Shay
19. John Jay
20. John Fitch
21. Samuel Slater
22. Eli Whitney
23. Gilbert Stuart
24. Paul Revere
25. Casimir Pulaski
26. Baron Johann DeKalb
27. Duncan Phyfe
28. John Murray
29. John Dickinson
30. Charles L'Enfant




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Government and Law




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Business and Industry



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The Military



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