

The activities in this unit cover the period of America's History from 1875-1899. Each activity can be used independently so you may choose those that fit your lesson plans and time schedule.

Contents	Page
Historic Maps:	
The United States in 1875, 1880, and 1890.....	1-3
The National Gazette:	
Headlines from 1875 - 1887	4
Headlines from 1888 - 1899	5
You Make the Headlines.....	6
Political Parties and Politics:	
Democrats vs Republicans.....	7
Political Party Time Line.....	8
Party Platform, Campaign Buttons, and Campaign Speeches.....	9-11
Pick Your Party.....	12-13
Presidential Elections	14
The Presidents (Grant, Hayes, Garfield, Arthur, Cleveland, Harrison, and McKinley).....	15-21
Population and Immigration:	
The United States Population	22
Immigration.....	23
Who, What, When, Where:	
American Time Line (Government and Politics).....	24
American Time Line (Literature).....	25
American Time Line (Science and Industry)	26
Put Them in Their Place.....	27-28
Race:	
Plessy vs Ferguson.....	29
Williams vs Mississippi	30
Booker T. Washington.....	31
Wars:	
The Indian Wars	32
The Spanish American War.....	33
Economics and Business:	
Prices, Inflation, and Deflation	34-35
The Pullman Strike.....	36
You Were There (The Panic of 1893).....	37
United States Agriculture	38
Protective Tariffs.....	39-40
A Day In The Life:	
A Day in the Life of a Frontier Family	41
A Day in the Life of a Cowboy	42
A Day in the Life of a Country Store Keeper.....	43
A Day in the Life of a Textile Worker	44
A Day in the Life of a Railroad Worker	45
A Day in the Life of a Boston School Teacher.....	46

By 1880 there were 38 states in the Union.

On August 1, 1876, Colorado was admitted to the Union as the 38th state.

The 1880 United States Census recorded a population of 50,155,783. The center of population was located at eight miles west by south of Cincinnati, Ohio in western Kentucky. Designate this on the map with a star.

New York became the first state with a population greater than 5 million.

Throughout the 19th century, transportation improved making it easier for the population to spread westward. On the right, list six types of transportation that were available to Americans in 1880.

Types of transportation available in 1880:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

What new form of transportation would be invented before the turn of the century?

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 United States territories.

- Arizona Terr.
- Idaho Terr.
- Montana Terr.
- Utah Terr.
- Wyoming Terr.
- Dakota Terr.
- Indian Terr.
- New Mexico Terr.
- Washington Terr.



1. Place an X through each headline that would not have appeared from the Hayes thru Cleveland administrations.

<p>STATEHOOD FOR ARIZONA Arizona has become the 40th state in the union. Who's next? New Mexico!!!</p>	<p>"I WILL FIGHT NO MORE, FOREVER" With the last of his people dying of starvation, Chief Joseph of the Nez Perce has surrendered to federal troops. The Indians will be evacuated to a reservation.</p>	<p>PENDLETON ACT The new Pendleton Act has established a three man civil service commission and set rules for filling federal jobs.</p>
<p>GARFIELD SHOT!!! President shot in railroad station in Washington. Vice-President Hayes serving as president.</p>		<p>EDISON DOES IT AGAIN At Menlo Park, New York, Thomas Edison has demonstrated his new incandescent lamp. After many failures, a filament of carbonized cotton thread worked.</p>
<p>STATUE OF LIBERTY The Statue of Liberty has been unveiled and dedicated by President Chester Arthur. The statue is a gift from Great Britain in honor of the 100 years of American Independence.</p>	<p>PHOTOGRAPHY George Polaroid has patented a new film which he plans to market in box cameras.</p>	<p>GERONIMO The Sioux Chief Geronimo has surrendered to federal troops in Arizona.</p>
<p>KNIGHTS OF LABOR A new political party known as the Knights of Labor has been formed. At their convention they nominated Chester Arthur as their candidate for president of the United States.</p>	<p>NEW RECORDING DEVICE Thomas Edison has filed for a patent on a new device he calls "The Phonograph", for recording and replaying sound. He did not know when the new device would be available to the public.</p>	<p>ELECTION OF 1888 CLEVELAND WINS SECOND TERM President Cleveland has defeated the Republican candidate Benjamin Harrison to win a second term as president of the United States.</p>
<p>COMMERCE COMMISSION The Interstate Commerce Act has established an interstate commerce commission to regulate commerce between the states.</p>		<p>WILD WEST SHOW Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show will be in town for two days next week. A sell out is expected. KODAK No, It's not a bear Yes, you can buy one</p>

Name: _____ Class: _____ Period: _____

Place the number of each historic event by the year in which it took place. The first one is done for you as an example.

YEAR	EVENT
1875	7
1876	_____
1877	_____
1878	_____
1879	_____
1880	_____
1881	_____
1882	_____
1883	_____
1884	_____
1885	_____
1886	_____
1887	_____
1888	_____
1889	_____
1890	_____
1891	_____
1892	_____
1893	_____
1894	_____
1895	_____
1896	_____
1897	_____
1898	_____
1899	_____

1. The Spanish American War.
2. The Homestead Steel strike.
3. The Salvation Army is founded in the United States.
4. Grover Cleveland is elected president.
5. The Monroe Doctrine invoked in Venezuelan boundary disputes.
6. The Church of Christ, Scientist is organized by Mary Baker Eddy.
7. The "Whiskey Ring" scandal.
8. The Pullman Strike.
9. The Chinese Exclusion Act.
10. Benjamin Harrison is elected president.
11. Nez Perce Indian War.
12. The Supreme Court rules on Plessy v. Ferguson.
13. The Interstate Commerce Act is passed.
14. The Pendleton Act establishes a civil service commission.
15. President Garfield is assassinated.
16. Eugene V. Debs founds the American Railway Union.
17. The Populist Party is founded.
18. Custer and his troops are killed in the Battle of the Little Big Horn.
19. The Oklahoma land rush.
20. The Knights of Labor is organized.
21. The Sherman Antitrust Act.
22. The Washington Monument is dedicated.
23. The U. S. acquires the Phillipines, Puerto Rico, and Guam.
24. 20 striking coal miners are killed at Hazelton and Latimer, PA.
25. The Haymarket Riot takes place in Chicago.

