



# Intro to the American History, One Year Condensed

Grade: 5-8 | Ages: 10-13

# Instructor's Guide



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## Sonlight D+E Instructor's Guide

Includes the following resources for teaching all D+E Condensed subjects: full Schedule; Teaching Helps; Geography and Timeline Activities; Study Guides for History, Readers and Read-Alouds (including Discussion Questions and Vocabulary Development); full answers

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# Bible

#### American Indian Prayer Guide

Maloof & Cozzens. 36 weeks' worth of daily prayer for the indigenous peoples of North, South, and Central America. Eye-opening historical and contemporary stories lead directly to prayer. Pb, illus. RA: K-A; R: 3-A

#### Sing the Word: The Heavens Declare

The Harrow Family. Various musical styles, beautifully arranged for children's voices using orchestral and ethnic instruments. Includes all the Scripture verses in this year's Bible program. Audio CD and digital version included in HBL or ASP package.

# **Starting Strong**

Rinehart. A single-volume bind-up of three Bible study books; Never Too Small for God, Stuck Like Glue, and One of a Kind. An excellent tool for teaching preteens how to study the Bible on their own. Includes stories, stickers, questions and activities. Uses, but is not dependent upon, The Living Bible. (Consumable) Pb. R: 4-6

# History

#### American History: A Visual Encyclopedia

Smithsonian. A groundbreaking guide to American history, this reference book explains events, moments, trends, patterns, and people in concise articles designed to appeal to children ages 8 and up. Features more than 750 photos and artworks, plus extensive maps, charts, a state-bystate review, the complete texts of the Declaration of Independence and U.S. Constitution, and much more. Hb. RA: 2-A: R: 4-A

#### Hero Over Here

Kudlinski. Theodore learns that heroism requires moreand less-than he imagined in this story set during the deadly flu epidemic at the end of World War I. Moving. S Pb, illus. **RA**: 1-6; **R**: 4-6

#### **Timeline Figures D+E**

44 Timeline Figures for this program on pre-gummed heavy card stock. Just cut them out, color as desired, and stick in your Timeline Book, Sonlight's Timeline Book, paired with program-specific Timeline Figures, makes creating your own timeline easy.

# In Search of the Source

Anderson & Moore. A translator struggles to help a tribal people understand what the Bible says. Fascinating, thought-provoking, and often funny, these are the stories of a culture's first encounter with God's Word. Pb. **RA:** 4-A; **R:** 6-A

#### The Landmark History of the American People: From Plymouth to the West, Volume 1

Boorstin. A fascinating introduction to American culture as it has shaped and been shaped by events from the Pilgrims to the mid-1800s. Winsomely written by the former Librarian of Congress. Boorstin focuses on the social forces and cultural influences that have made Americans the unique people they are. Completely revised for readability, this full-color edition is profusely illustrated, and includes timelines and maps. Pb. RA: 2-A; R: 3-A

#### The Landmark History of the American People: From Charleston to the Moon, Volume 2

Boorstin. A fascinating introduction to American culture as it has shaped and been shaped by events from the Civil War to the late 20th century. Written by the former Librarian of Congress. Updated full-color edition, completed revised for readability. Now includes timelines, maps and more than twice the illustrations. Pb. RA: 2-A; R: 3-A

#### **Patriotic Kids Songs**

18 patriotic songs by Cooltime Kids. With updated kidsung versions of the all-time greatest patriotic tracks that'll remind you why you love the Red, White, & Blue. Runtime: 44 minutes

#### Pedro's Journal

Conrad. An account of Christopher Columbus' first voyage of discovery to the New World, supposedly written by his young cabin boy. Delightfully realistic. Pb, illus. RA: 3-8; R: 4-8

#### Read-Alouds

#### **Across Five Aprils**

Hunt. Newbery Honor. The powerful story of a young man during the five Aprils of the Civil War. Pb. RA: 3-A; R: 5-A

#### Adoniram Judson

Benge. The thrilling story of America's first foreign missionary, Adoniram Judson. In the face of incredible obstacles, Adoniram and his wife Ann were the spark that spread the fire of the Gospel into Burma. Their evident love for the Burmese people is a compelling story of unswerving dedication and sacrifice. Pb. RA: 2-A; R: 3-A

#### Caddie Woodlawn

Brink. Newbery Medalist. Caddie has great adventures with her two brothers in the Wild West frontiers of Wisconsin in the late 1800s. Indians, raging rivers, massacre scares, loving family life are all here. Caddie is one of my favorite heroines. Pb. RA: 2-A; R: 4-A

#### Carry On, Mr. Bowditch

Latham. Newbery Award. Fascinating true story of the poor apprentice who, shortly after the American Revolution, transformed navigation from an art to a precise science. Bowditch wrote a book that is still a standard reference among mariners. Pb. RA: 3-A; R: 5-A

#### How to Eat a Poem

No author. Seventy charming poems cover a wide range of subjects: poetry, books, words, and imagination; the beauty of the natural world; travel, adventure, sports, and play; love, friendship, sadness, hope, and other emotions. Pb

#### In the Year of the **Boar and Jackie Robinson**

Lord. A ten-year-old Chinese girl emigrates to America. After earning the friendship of the toughest girl in class, she is included in the playground stickball games and becomes a loyal fan of the Brooklyn Dodgers. Humorous and thought-provoking. Pb. RA: 2-A; R: 4-A

#### Johnny Tremain

Forbes. A young apprentice silversmith is caught up in the Boston Tea Party and the American Revolution. An exciting story, winner of the Newbery Award. Pb. RA: 3-A; R: 5-A

# Little Britches

Moody. Classic true story of ranching in Colorado in the early 1900's. A delight. Pb, illus. RA: 3-A; R: 5-A

#### Miracles on Maple Hill

Sorensen. A heartwarming Newbery Medal winner. Dad has returned from World War II a changed man: withdrawn, touchy, unable to work. The family moves back to the family farm where dad gets the healing he needs. Includes a great description of maple sugaring. Pb. RA: 2-A;

# Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry

Taylor. Newbery Medal winner about the post-Civil War South. The Taylors are one of the few black families to own land: a cause for racial tensions and strife. A story of overcoming unjust opposition. Pb. RA: 3-A; R: 6-A

#### Walk the World's Rim

Baker. A 14-year-old Indian joins Cabeza de Vaca's 16th Century expedition through the Southwest. A vivid portrait of Mexican life and the harsh conditions of a primitive Indian tribe. Pb. RA: 3-A; R: 5-A

#### The Witch of Blackbird Pond

Speare. Newbery Medal. A girl who was raised in luxury in the Caribbean struggles to adjust to Puritan New England. Pb. RA: 3-A; R: 5-A

#### Readers

#### Blood on the River

Carbone. Twelve-year-old Samuel Collier is a lowly commoner on the streets of London. So when he becomes the page of Captain John Smith and boards the

Phoebe the Spy by the Great Horn Spoon!			
	his good fortune. Pb.  By the Great Horn Spoon!  Fleischman. To save his sister's home, young Jack and his butler rush off to California to join the '49ers in their hunt for gold. Fun! Pb. RA: 2-A; R: 4-8  Freedom Train: The Story of Harriet Tubman  Sterling. Fascinating biography of Harriet Tubman, a black woman who risked her life helping other slaves reach freedom on the Underground Railroad. Pb. RA: 1-7; R: 4-7  The Great Turkey Walk  Karr. "Git along, little turkeys"? Yep! In this sure-fire funny-bone tickler, part tall-tale but mostly solid historical yarn, fifteen-year-old Simon Green proves he's a man, and worthy of respect, as he escorts a thousand turkeys on a turkey drive (the turkey equivalent of a cattle drive). Great fun! Pb. RA: 1-A; R: 4-A  The Great Wheel  Lawson. Engrossing story about the first—and largest—Ferris Wheel ever built. Told by one of the workers who built it. Newbery Honor. Pb. RA: 2-A; R: 4-A  The Lewis & Clark Expedition  Neuberger. A highly readable account of the quintessentially American adventure of discovery and hardship as Meriwether Lewis and William Clark led their men on an exploration of "the interior parts of North America." Pb, illus. RA: 2-A; R: 4-A  Old Yeller  Gipson. The touching Newbery Honor story about a boy and the dog he loves. Set during frontier days in the Texas hill country. Pb. RA: 3-A; R: 4-A  Om-kas-toe  Thomasma. Om-kas-toe is a member of the Blackfeet Indian tribe in the early 1700s—before horses. He has the privilege of helping to bring the first elk dog (horse) into his tribe. An exciting, authentic look at life among the American Indians prior to the coming of European men. Pb,	Griffin. Dramatic true story of a little black girl who foiled a plan to kill George Washington. Pb. RA: K-A; R: 3-6  Pocahontas and the Strangers  Bulla. Familiar story of a young Indian girl who saved the life of John Smith, an early American frontiersman. Pb. RA: 1-A; R: 3-6  Sarah, Plain and Tall  MacLachlan. Newbery Award-winning story of a frontier American widower who advertises for a wife and gets Sarah. Poignant. Beautiful. Pb. RA: 1-A; R: 3-A  The Seventeenth Swap  McGraw. Eric wants to get a special gift for his friend Jimmy. Since he doesn't have money, he has to wheel and deal through seventeen swaps. Along the way, he learns some surprising things about himself—which is why the seventeenth swap is best of all. Pb. RA: 2-A; R: 4-A  A Summer of Sundays  Eland. Middle child Sunday Fowler is too young for her sisters and too old for her brothers. How can she stand out in such a large family? Her opportunity comes when the family moves to a small town so her father can renovate the town library, and she discovers a mysterious manuscript in the basement. Charming. Pb. RA: 3-7; R: 4-7  Shades of Gray  Reeder. Thought-provoking story of a boy who was orphaned by the Civil War as he struggles to forgive "the enemy"—and discover what true courage is all about. Pb. RA: 2-A; R: 4-A  The Sign of the Beaver  Speare. Newbery Honor. A white boy left alone in the Maine wilderness barely manages to survive. This is the inspiring story of the boy's friendship. Pb. RA: 3-A; R: 5-A  Thimble Summer  Enright. Newbery Medal winner about a mid-American farm family in the early 20th Century. Charming. Pb.:	Brady. Ten-year-old Ellen Toliver must conquer he timidity to take a secret message through enemy line during the Revolutionary War. Fast-paced novel gives a good feel for the era. Illustrated. Pb. RA: 2-A; R: 4-A  Turn Homeward, Hannalee  Beatty. Two thousand Georgia textile workers were shipped North against their will to work in Yanke mills. Twelve-year old Hannalee was one of them. This is the true story of how she fulfilled her promise to return home Pb. RA: 3-A; R: 4-A  What's the Big Idea, Ben Franklin?  Breezy biography by award-winning author give insights into Franklin's intriguing life and personality.  The Wright Brothers  Reynolds. A delightful account of the exploits, the family life, and the character of the two bike builder who are credited with the first powered flight. Pb. RA: 2-A