

## U.S. HISTORY I -Week 1

### BLOCK LESSONS ONE AND TWO (Days 1 through 4)

Part I: Create a poster-size illustrated timeline of American history marking the most significant events from 1800 (Jefferson is elected) up through 1918 (end of World War I). Your timeline must include at least 10 events, but no more than 20. Your timeline must include events from each of the following:

- Louisiana Purchase
- The War of 1812
- Trail of Tears
- Manifest Destiny
- The Mexican War
- The Civil War
- Reconstruction
- Spanish-American War
- Teddy Roosevelt as president
- Panama Canal
- World War I

Part II: On separate paper write a narrative chronology of our history that explains each event, its significance, and tells the story of the United States during this time period. Your narrative must be at least 1-typed page (double-spaced, 12-point font, with 1-inch margins).

### BLOCK LESSON THREE (Days 5 and 6)

Part I: Find a newspaper or internet article which addresses a current event whose central issue concerns the U.S. Constitution. For example, the article might be about Freedom of Speech or the president's powers under Article II.

Part II: Write a one-page (double-spaced, 12-point font, with 1-inch margins) essay which:

1. Summarizes the article, including the central constitutional issue;
2. Cites where in the Constitution the particular issues can be found (*e.g., Article II, Section 2 or Amendment One, Freedom of Speech*) and
3. Lists and explains ways could the issues in the article affect your life.