

# American history

## From The Boston Tea party until the end of the Civil War

<b>The Slave Trade</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ When did the slave trade start?</li><li>➤ Why was there such a need for slaves in the “New World”?</li><li>➤ Where were the slaves taken from?</li><li>➤ What was the condition on board the slave ships?</li><li>➤ How did many people view the slaves?</li><li>➤ Who helped open the eyes of the citizens to the unrighteousness of slavery? (Take a look at Uncle Tom’s Cabin).</li><li>➤ Did the African Americans participate in the Civil War?</li><li>➤ What was the “underground railroad”?</li></ul>
<b>Native Americans (Indians)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Who are the Native Americans?</li><li>➤ Tell about the most prominent tribes, where they lived and how their life styles were. (Tents, clothing, hunting, art, smoking, buffaloes etc.)</li><li>➤ How were they treated by the settlers who started to move to North America in the 17th century? (laws).</li><li>➤ Where do most Native Americans live today and why? How have the authorities tried to make up for the wrongdoing against these tribes.</li></ul>
<b>The Declaration of Independence</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ What was so special about the Declaration of Independence?</li><li>➤ Who was Thomas Jefferson and what was his role in writing it?</li><li>➤ Recite some lines of the Declaration that you find interesting and explain (what is new about the thought, and how has it affected peoples thinking?)</li><li>➤ How did these events spread a new area in Europe (e.g. France, Denmark and Iceland)?</li><li>➤ Were blacks, women and children included in the words of the declaration where it says: “all men are created equal”?</li><li>➤ Which rights does it guarantee? This involves the constitution which has to be defined and explained what it is.</li></ul>
<b>Who was the first president of the United States?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Find out interesting biographical facts about George Washington the first president of the US as well as a list of all the presidents of the first century of American independence.</li><li>➤ Which ones of them have made a name for themselves? And tell us about those presidents.</li></ul>

<p>In 1803 the United States doubled its size. How did that happen?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Find out what the Louisiana Territory was. After who was it named?</li> <li>➤ Why did Napoleon Bonaparte sell it?</li> <li>➤ Who was the president of the US at the time?</li> <li>➤ Who were Lewis and Clark and what kind of expedition did they undertake and why?</li> </ul>
<p>How did the United States gain Florida?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Which Indian tribes were prominent in Florida?</li> <li>➤ Under whose ruler ship was in the beginning of the 19th century?</li> <li>➤ Make a research on the events that led to Florida becoming American territory.</li> <li>➤ When did this take place?</li> </ul>
<p>The Industrial Revolution</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ When did the industrial Revolution spread throughout North-America?</li> <li>➤ What changes took place due to it, good and bad.</li> <li>➤ Which role did the railroads play?</li> <li>➤ Who were the first factory workers?</li> <li>➤ How were children used as cheap labour?</li> <li>➤ What was the difference between the Northeast and the South in this respect?</li> </ul>
<p>The Pioneers and Gold rush</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Who were the pioneer and where did they mainly go?</li> <li>➤ Why were the miners called forty- niners and what does the expression mean?</li> <li>➤ In which famous song are they referred to?</li> <li>➤ How were black persons and Chinese people treated in California during the gold rush?</li> </ul>
<p>Abraham Lincoln and the Gettysburg Address</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Who was the president of the United States when the Civil War broke out?</li> <li>➤ Who was he?</li> <li>➤ Make a biographic profile of Abraham Lincoln.</li> <li>➤ Why did the Southerners not like it when Lincoln won the elections in 1860?</li> <li>➤ What was one of the big issues that started the war?</li> <li>➤ Where is Gettysburg?</li> <li>➤ What was the reason for holding a special ceremony there?</li> <li>➤ What was so special about Abraham Lincolns talk there?</li> <li>➤ Put his speech in full into your assignment.</li> <li>➤ What is your opinion on this talk?</li> </ul>

The War of  
Brothers –Or the  
Civil War

- Relate the story of the war chronologically. Also put it in historical context: causes and consequences.
- Why is it called a Civil war?
- Make a timeline.

The Civil War  
1861-1865

- Dig deeper into the causes of the war. To what extent was it fought over the issue of slavery?
- Why was there such a difference between the South and the North?
- What was it like to be a soldier in the Civil War?
- Which American words were adopted during the Civil War?
- Who was Johnny Clem?
- And what was George's McClellan's "problem"?