

American Republic (3rd ed.) Lesson Plan Overview

Day(s)	Topic	Pages	Support Materials	Bible Integration
Introduction		xi–xv		Biblical reasons for studying history American core values that will be evaluated biblically throughout the book
Chapter 1: Discovery of a New World				
1	The New World	1–4	CD material Activity 1: American Indian Cultures	God's providence Man created in God's image: Critique of animism
2	The Old World Finds the New	5–6	What if News of America Had Reached Europe in AD 1000?	God's providence
3	The Old World Claims the New	6–9	Activity 2: Explorers of a New World	The Providence of God The "Rediscovery" of God's Word Religious reasons for migrating to the New World
4	The English Come to Stay	10–13	CD material Activity 3: Captain John Smith's Account of the Founding of Jamestown	II Thess. 3:10 and laziness The Christian basis for laws in the new colonies
5	Chapter 1 Review			
6	Chapter 1 Test			
Chapter 2: Settling the Thirteen Colonies				
7	Coming to the Colonies	16–19	CD material Activity 1: Founding Your Own Colony	Religious freedom Biblical evaluation of American core values
8	The New England Colonies	19–26	CD material Activity 2: Selection from William Bradford's <i>Of Plymouth Plantation</i>	Pilgrims and the Gospel Religion in America Pilgrims and Providence What if the Pilgrims had landed in Virginia?—example of God's providence Thanksgiving and Deut. 26:10 Bible verses on hard work
9	The Middle Colonies	26–29	The Pennsylvania Dutch	Why does the fall of New Netherland matter? Quakers and their beliefs
10	The Southern Colonies	30–33	Activity 3: Map Study: The Original Colonies	Lack of religious freedom in Virginia and religious toleration in Maryland
11	Chapter 2 Review			
12	Chapter 2 Test			
Chapter 3: Expansion and Establishment				
13	Colonial Diversity	35–38	CD material Activity 1: The Population of the Colonies	The Middle Passage

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14	Colonial Economy	38–43	CD material Activity 2: Early Colonial Differences	Growth for God's Glory The growing economy
15	Colonial Challenges	43–45	CD material Activity 3: Life Among the Indians	Matt. 22:39 and unjust Indian treatment Missions to Indians
16	Colonial Government	46–49	Activity 4: Chapter Review	Government in Scripture Why government? Relief for the poor
17	Chapter 3 Review			
18	Chapter 3 Test			
Chapter 4: Daily Life in the Colonies				
19	Social Class	51–53	Activity 1: All in a Day's Work	Predisposed Condition and social classes Bible's teaching of racial equality Ethics of slavery (perhaps discuss later in Chapter 14)
20	Family Life	53–57	CD material Activity 2: Family Life in New England	God's intent for families
21	Education	57–60	Activity 3: Life on a Southern Plantation	Purpose of education Education and the Christian Harvard today The Loss of Spirituality
22	Religious Background	60–63	Halfway Covenant	Half-Way Covenant Compromise Salem Witch Trials and demon-possession Jews and their poor treatment Religion's impact on culture
23	The Great Awakening	63–68	Activity 4: Scripture in Colonial Society	The need for revival Causes of the Great Awakening The Great Commission The economy and the Great Awakening Scripture in Colonial Society David Brainerd I Cor. 1:20 and human inability to understand God's wonders Disregarding authorities The early "Christians" in America False teaching of Deism and Unitarianism
24	Chapter 4 Review			
25	Chapter 4 Test			
Chapter 5: American Colonies in the British Empire				
26	The French and Indian War	71–75	Activity 1: The French and Indian War CD material	Benjamin Franklin and Rom. 3:10-12 God's raising up leadership
27	Conflict over New British Policies	76–78	CD material Colonial Newspaper	Defeat on the heels of victory Rebellion and Romans 13 Reformation origins for some revolutionary ideas

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28	The Breach Widens	78–81	Activity 3: The Boston Tea Party	Opinion—Boston Tea Party and response to authority Causes of political discontent
29	The Colonies Unite for Action	82–84	Activity 5: The Shot Heard 'Round the World CD material	Was war inevitable?—God's control of history
30	Chapter 5 Review			
31	Chapter 5 Test			
Chapter 6: Independence for the Colonies				
32	Moving Toward Independence	89–91	Activity 1: Map Study: The War for Independence CD material	
33	Debating Independence	92–94	Activity 2: Major Battles	Attitude of Christians—Christian perspective on the War for Independence Scripture for Loyalists and Patriots Biblical reasons advanced by the colonists for independence Judging America Thomas Paine's views toward Christianity Reasons why Loyalists supported the crown
34–35	Battling for Independence	94–100	CD material Activity 4: The Bad Winter	Differences between the French and American Revolutions
36	Winning Independence	100–103	CD material Activity 5: A Young Recruit on the Frontlines in South Carolina	Critical Thinking: Christian views on seeking freedom from England
37	Chapter 6 Review			
38	Chapter 6 Test			
Chapter 7: Confederation and Constitution				
39	Organization and Achievements of Confederation	106–9	CD material Review the Need for Government	Chapter Motivation: Prov. 14:34 and how the Constitution encouraged righteousness Need for government
40–41	Weaknesses of Confederation	110–14	Activity 1: Write Your Own Encyclopedia Entry	
42	Building a Constitution	114–20	Activity 2: The Need for a Constitution CD material	Roger Sherman, example of a Christian statesman 3/5 Compromise and the image of God God and the Federal System
43	The Success of the Constitution	121–22	Activity 3: What God Says About Government CD material	What God says about government Religious rights in the Bill of Rights Biblical principles in the Constitution

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44–46	The Constitution of the United States	122–39	CD material Activity 5: The Powers of Government	Review Questions: Biblical principles in the Constitution
47	Chapter 7 Review			
48	Chapter 7 Test			
Chapter 8: Establishment of the New Government				
49	Challenges for the New Government	142–46	Activity 2: Government Then and Now CD material	Core Values: God's Word, the ultimate authority in all areas of life Morality of paying debts Prov. 20:11 and precedents
50	Foreign Threats to the New Government	147–49	Is Impressment Justifiable?	Thomas Jefferson's denial of man's depravity Contrast between the American and French Revolutions Jefferson's and Hamilton's different views on the French Revolution
51	Continuation of the Government	149–52	CD material Activity 3: What God Says About Honor	What God says about honor
52	Difficulties for President Adams	153–56	Activity 4: Abigail Adams's Letter About Washington D. C. CD material	Adams: A Study in Character
53	Strengthening the Courts	157–58	Activity 5: Words You Need to Know: Precedents	
54	Chapter 8 Review			
55	Chapter 8 Test			
Chapter 9: Growth of a Nation				
56	Triumphs for the Democratic-Republicans	163–65	CD material Activity 1: Map Study	America: A Christian nation?
57	Expansion Westward	165–69	CD material Activity 2: The Journals of Lewis and Clark	America's purchase of the Louisiana Territory, directed by God's providence
58	Troubles for the Growing Nation	169–72	Activity 3: Steps to War CD material	Aaron Burr: Potential leader ruined by pride The Jefferson Bible
59	The War of 1812	173–77	CD material Activity 4: The Sinking of the <i>Guerrière</i>	Critical Thinking: American and Indian relations, and evidences of God's providence in the war
60	Chapter 9 Review			
61	Chapter 9 Test			
Chapter 10: The Era of Good Feelings				
62	A Promising Beginning	180–81	Activity 1: Comparing Presidential Campaigns CD material	Enduring peace achieved only in Christ's reign
63	Foreign Concerns	181–84	Activity 2: The Year that Changed America	

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64	Domestic Affairs	184–86	Activity 3: Map Study CD material	
65	An End to Good Feelings	186–91	CD material Activity 4: Chapter Review	
66	Chapter 10 Review			
67	Chapter 10 Test			
Chapter 11: Jacksonian America				
68	The People's President	194–98	Activity 1: The Inauguration of President Andrew Jackson CD material	Core Values: Individualism and equality and their dangers to Christianity Mark 12:31 and America's treatment of the Indians Gen. 1:26–27, Josh. 9, and the Trail of Tears
69	The Nullification Crisis	199–202	Activity 2: Nullification Crisis CD material	
70	The National Bank	203–4	Activity 4: Jackson on the Bank Veto CD material	Jackson's testimony
71	The Jacksonian Legacy	205–9	CD material Activity 3: Political Cartoons	Religion in Politics Critical Thinking: American treatment of the Indians
72	Chapter 11 Review			
73	Chapter 11 Test			
Chapter 12: Changing American Life				
74	Improving Transportation	212–19	Activity 1: Map Study: Growth of Transportation CD material	Christian use of technology God's Dominion Mandate and Gen. 1:26–28
75	Expanding Communication	220–21	Activity 3: Improvements in Transportation and Communication	Testimony of Samuel F. B. Morse
76	Developing Industry	221–25	CD material Activity 4: Rev. Henry A. Miles on <i>Lowell, As It Was and As It Is</i>	Ex. 21:28–30 and safety
77	Growing Agriculture	226–28	Activity 5: American Inventions	
78	Increasing Sea Trade	228–30	Activity 6: Reforming America	Biblical view of trading Evaluating American trade with Japan
79	Reforming America	230–36	CD material Activity 7: Chapter Review	Response to immigrants Five evidences of true revival Enemies of the gospel and Charles Finney Religious movements Evaluate Modern Revivals Critical Thinking questions: Gen. 1:28, Creation Mandate and agriculture; technology and Christian faith
80	Chapter 12 Review			

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81	Chapter 12 Test			
Chapter 13: Westward Expansion				
82	Moving Westward	239–43	Activity 1: Map Study: Manifest Destiny CD material	Chapter Motivation: American core values and Christian principles
83	Acquiring Texas	244–47	A Necessary Fight? CD material	Providence and its distortions A Necessary Fight?
84–85	Settling Oregon, Utah, and California	247–51	Activity 3: Oregon Trail Diary	Bible study on lottery and instant riches Sinfulness of modern American icons and culture
86–87	Fighting for the Southwest	251–55	Activity 4: Map Study: Mexican War and Western Expansion CD material	Viewpoints on the Mexican War Biblical view of Manifest Destiny “Gospel” of American civil religion
88	Increasing Sectional Rivalry	255–56	CD material Activity 5: Chapter Review	
89	Chapter 13 Review			
90	Chapter 13 Test			
Chapter 14: Storm Clouds over the Nation				
91	Differences Between the North and the South	261–64	CD material Activity 1: Differences Between the North and the South	Chapter Motivation: American values Core Values: Biblical view of freedom, antebellum slavery, and forms of government Submission to government vs. social contract theory
92	Slavery in Antebellum America	264–71	Activity 3: Frederick Douglass’s Escape from Slavery	How pro-slavery arguments misinterpret the Bible Biblical view of civil disobedience The Bible’s Role in the Slavery Debate
93	The Slavery Issue Intensifies	271–74	CD material Activity 4: Differing Viewpoints: The Sumner-Brooks Episode	Literature and the road to war Rom. 12:19 and John Brown’s actions
94	The Election of 1860 and Secession	275–77	CD material Activity 5: Map Work: The Divided Nation	
95	Fort Sumter and War	277–81	CD material Activity 6: Account of the Firing on Fort Sumter	Lk. 14:31–32 and counting the cost for war Critical Thinking: Biblical crisis over the slavery question
96	Chapter 14 Review			
97	Chapter 14 Test			
Chapter 15: The States at War				
98	Gearing Up for War	284–88	CD material Activity 1: Comparing Lincoln and Davis	Chapter Motivation: Approaching this subject from a Christian worldview Providence and crisis of faith

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99	Marching into Battle	288–91	CD material Activity 2: Major Battles of the War Between the States	
100	Controlling the Waters	291–93	Activity 4: Soldiers' Accounts of the War	
101	Continuing the War in the East	294–97	CD material Activity 5: Lincoln's Gettysburg Address	
102	Waging Total War	297–301	CD material Activity 6: Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address	Biblical evaluation of total war
103	Ending the War	301–4	CD material Activity 8: Chapter Review	Difficulty of determining whose side God supports in a war The mysteries of providence God's providence in war and history
104	Chapter 15 Review			
105	Chapter 15 Test			
Chapter 16: Reconstruction				
106	Reconstruction and the South	307–8	Activity 1: Lee and Johnson: Their Post-War Attitudes	
107	Presidential Reconstruction	308–11	CD material Activity 2: Major Events of Reconstruction (time line)	Obstinacy and soft words
108–109	Radical Reconstruction	311–17	CD material Activity 4: Interpreting a Reconstruction-Era Political Cartoon	Good and bad reputation
110	Bourbon Reconstruction	317–19	Discussion of Elections and the Electoral College CD material	Contrasting aftermaths of violent events in the Bible and in history
111	Recovery in the South	319–22	CD material Activity 8: Chapter Review	Deut. 15:12–14 and whether or not the government should have given the freedmen land
112	Chapter 16 Review			
113	Chapter 16 Test			
Chapter 17: Industrialism				
114	Resources and People	327–32	CD material Activity 1: Emma Lazarus's Most Famous Poem	Immigration, Good or Bad? Immigrants and Religious Pluralism Reason for the rise of religious pluralism and secularism
115	Transportation and Technology	332–36	CD material Activity 2: Eyewitness Tells of "Last Spike" Driving	Creation mandate Confidence in science
116	New Ways of Doing Business	336–38	Activity 4: Andrew Carnegie: The Gospel of Wealth	I Tim. 5:8 and responsibility for provision The World's Richest People

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117–118	Effects of Industrial Expansion	338–43	CD material Activity 5: Chapter Review	Lk. 10:7 and man's sin in capitalism Gen. 1:26–27 and James 3:9, man in God's image The Dangers of Materialism Christian Principles Critical Thinking: Dangers of Materialism
119	Chapter 17 Review			
120	Chapter 17 Test			
Chapter 18: The Last Frontier				
121	The Miners	347–48	Activity 1: Mining Methods in the Old West	Core Values: Greed and national values in the West Get-rich-quick schemes
122–123	The Cowboys	349–53	CD material Activity 2: A Cowboy in Dodge City, 1882	
124	The Homesteaders	354–58	Activity 3: Ranchers and Farmers Collide in Nebraska, 1884	
125	The Outlaws and the Lawmen	358–60	Activity 4: The Death of Billy the Kid, 1881	
126	The Indians	360–62	CD material Activity 5: Massacre at Wounded Knee, 1890	Treatment of the American Indians
127	Chapter 18 Review			
128	Chapter 18 Test			
Chapter 19: America and the World				
129	Imperialism in the Late Nineteenth Century	365–67	CD material Activity 1: "The White Man's Burden"	The Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions Core Values: Conflict between God's word and American values Social Gospel Multiculturalism Biblical worldview of Imperialism Shift in missionary focus and imperialism's effect on the gospel's reception
130–131	The Spanish-American War	367–72	CD material Activity 4: The United States Declares War on Spain, 1898	Was U.S. involvement justified? The burdens of victory
132	American Foreign Policy	373–77	CD material Activity 6: Chapter Review	Christian principles in foreign policy Critical Thinking: Humanitarian work and spiritual needs
133	Chapter 19 Review			
134	Chapter 19 Test			
Chapter 20: Progressivism				

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135–136	Changes in American Life	380–83	Activity 2: Booker T. Washington	Chapter Motivation: Lk. 18:23–25 and how wealth can draw people away from the Lord Progressive Education contrasted to Christian Education Core Values: Rejection of the Bible Is leisure time good?
137	Different Religious Attitudes	383–87	Activity 3: Billy Sunday Blasts Liquor	Challenges to faith Enemies of the Gospel Reform and outreach
138	Progressivism	387–91	Activity 4: Progressivism	Rom. 13:4 and the responsibility of government
139	Roosevelt and Progressivism	391–92	CD material Activity 6: The Progressive Presidents	
140	Taft and Progressivism	393–94	CD material Activity 5: Roosevelt's Speech Following Assassination Attempt	
141	Wilson and Progressivism	395–96	CD material Activity 7: Find the Message (chapter review)	
142	Chapter 20 Review			
143	Chapter 20 Test			
Chapter 21: World War I				
144	The War as America Watched	401–3	CD material Activity 1: Experiences of World War I	Review Imperialism and Progressivism When is a war just?
145	Effects of the European War on America	403–6	Activity 2: The Sinking of the Lusitania, 1915 CD material	
146	The United States at War	406–8	Activity 5: U.S. Preparedness: The Run-Up to War	
147	American Forces "Over There"	409–11	CD material Activity 6: The Heroism of Sgt. Alvin C. York	Sgt. York and a Christian's perspective on war
148	The End of the War	412–13	CD material Activity 8: Wilson's Fourteen Points	Student Activity 7: What God Says About War and Peace Man's attempts to ensure peace
149	Chapter 21 Review			
150	Chapter 21 Test			
Chapter 22: The 1920s: A Decade of Change				
151	The Postwar Environment	416–18	CD material Activity 1: The Washington Naval Treaty	Age of sin "Freedom" from moral restraint

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152	Prosperity and Materialism	419–21	CD material Activity 3: The Impact of Technology in the Twenties	“The Man Nobody Knows” Parallels to the Modern Church Growth Movement
153	The Roaring Twenties	422–27	CD material Activity 5: Darrow versus Bryan in the Scopes Trial	Why was Prohibition a failure? The Rise of Evolution and Liberalism The Fundamentalist movement
154	Republican Administrations	428–29	Activity 4: Herbert Hoover on the Role of Government	
155	Chapter 22 Review			
156	Chapter 22 Test			
Chapter 23: The Great Depression				
157–158	The Bubble Bursts	432–38	Activity 1: Crash!	Dangers of Credit Spiritual questions The Great Depression—Judgment for Sin?
159–160	FDR and the New Deal	438–43	CD material Activity 3: Roosevelt's First Inaugural Address	
161	The New Deal Faces Opposition	443–46	Activity 5: Huey Long's Plan to “Share the Wealth” CD material	
162	Consequences of the New Deal	446–47	CD material Activity 8: Chapter Review	
163	Chapter 23 Review			
164	Chapter 23 Test			
Chapter 24: World War II				
165	Storm Clouds Gather	450–52	Activity 1: Prelude to World War II	
166–167	War Erupts	452–56	CD material Activity 2: The War Begins: Chronological Order	Dunkirk: Providential control over history
168–169	America Enters the War and Turns the Tide	456–62	CD material Activity 4: Life for a Japanese-American Internee	
170–171	America Wins in the Pacific	463–68	Activity 8: A Marine's Journal from Guadalcanal CD material	Look Ahead
172	Chapter 24 Review			
173	Chapter 24 Test			
Chapter 25: Recovery, Cold War, and Coexistence				

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174	Home from the War	473–79	CD material Activity 1: Jackie Robinson Breaks Baseball's Color Barrier, 1945	Chapter Motivation: Looking for God's control in the events of the fifties and sixties Recording industry Religion in the 1940s and 1950s
175	The Postwar World	479–82	Activity 2: Understanding the United Nations	A Christian Perspective of the United Nations Lasting world peace under Jesus
176	Cold War Crises	482–87	Activity 4: Two Views of the Firing of General MacArthur CD material	
177	The Eisenhower Era	487–90	CD material Activity 5: Chapter Review	Critical Thinking: Why should Christians oppose Communism?
178	Chapter 25 Review			
179	Chapter 25 Test			
Chapter 26: The Sixties—Nation in Crisis				
180	The Kennedy Administration	493–98	CD material Activity 1: Kennedy's Inaugural Address, 1961	
181	The Johnson Administration	499–503	CD material King's "I Have a Dream" Speech	King's "I Have a Dream" Speech Viewpoints on Civil Rights
182	The Vietnam War	503–9	CD material Activity 4: One Soldier's Experience in Vietnam	Proverbs 14:31 and Johnson's War on Poverty
183	The Nixon Administration	509–17	CD material Activity 5: The Resignation of Richard Nixon	Stewardship and the Biblical view of modern environmentalism
184	Chapter 26 Review			
185	Chapter 26 Test			
Chapter 27: The Conservative Surge				
186	The Ford Administration	520–22	CD material Activity 1: Ford's Dilemma: The Nixon Pardon	
187	The Carter Administration	522–26	CD material Activity 2: The Story Behind the Camp David Accords	
188	The Reagan Administration	526–32	CD material Activity 4: The Attempted Assassination of Reagan—in His Own Words	

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189	The Bush Administration	532–36	CD material Activity 5: Federal Spending Under Recent Presidents	
190	Chapter 27 Review			
191	Chapter 27 Test			
Chapter 28: Bridge to the 21st Century				
192	A New Face in Washington	539–42	CD material Activity 1: Hillary Clinton and the Health-Care Debate	Core Values examined Homosexuality and the Bible Does Character Matter?
193	The Republican Revolution of 1994	542–44	Activity 2: Contract with America!	
194	Culture Wars	545–48	Activity 3: What the Bible Says About Modern Issues	Christian Worldview Discuss the Modern Generation Communications Technology What the Bible Says About Modern Issues
195	Domestic Difficulties of the Second Term	549–52	Activity 4: Ending the Welfare State Through the Power of Private Action CD material	
196	Foreign Policy in the Clinton Administration	552–56	Activity 6: Chapter Review	Biblical response to UN and NATO
197	Chapter 28 Review			
198	Chapter 28 Test			
Chapter 29: A New Millennium				
199	The Bush Administration	559–66	CD material Activity 1: “Let’s Roll!” The Story of the Passengers of United Flight 93	Why Did it Happen?
200	America in the New Millennium	567–76	Activity 2: The Faith of George W. Bush	Immigration: Balancing Law and Obligation Intelligent Design, Creationism, and Evolution Marriage and the Family Popular Culture Activities The Growing Problem of an Obese Society Christian use of technology Christians and the Environment
201	America and the World	577–82	Activity 3: Katrina: A True Story of Grace CD material	Love and I Cor. 13 Christian view of natural disaster
202	Chapter 29 Review			
203	Chapter 29 Test			