

**United States History**  
**Unit One – The Nation’s Early Development**  
**Chapter 1 – The Nation’s Beginnings to 1824**  
**Outline**

**I. Many Cultures Meet**

**A. American Indians**

- 1) Ancient People’s Migrate to the Americas

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- 2) Cultures Share Many Traits

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- 3) Agriculture leads to the Growth of Civilizations

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**B. The Europeans**

- 1) Renaissance Changes Europe

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- 2) Age of Exploration leads to Voyages of Discovery

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**C. The West Africans**

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**D. First Encounters in America**

1) The Conquistadors

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2) The Columbian Exchange

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**II. The American Revolution**

**A. European Colonies in America**

- 1) England Establishes Colonies in Virginia

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- 2) New England Colonies

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- 3) Middle and Southern Colonies

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**B. Democratic Ideals in the American Colonies**

- 1) English Traditions

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- 2) The Enlightenment and Great Awakening

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**C. Causes of the American Revolution**

- 1) Taxes and Traditional Rights

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- 2) Colonial resistance

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**D. War for Independence**

- 1) Americans Declare their Independence

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- 2) The War if Fought

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**III. The Constitution**

**A. A Confederation of States**

- 1) Articles of Confederation

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- 2) The Northwest Treaty

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- 3) Troubles Grow in the 1780s

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**B. The Constitutional Convention**

- 1) The Great Compromise

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**C. Struggle Over Ratification**

- 1) Federalists Argue for Ratification

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- 2) Antifederalists Argue Against Ratification

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- 3) A Bill of Rights Leads to Ratification

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**IV. The New Republic**

**A. Government and Party Politics**

- 1) Government Under Washington

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- 2) Hamilton's Financial Plan Stirs Debate

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- 3) Democratic Republicans Challenge Hamilton

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**V. Struggle Over Foreign Policy**

- 1) America Has Strained Relations With Europe

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- 2) Alien and Sedition Acts

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**VI. Jefferson, Madison, and the War of 1812**

- 1) The Supreme Court Issues a Landmark Decision

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- 2) American Purchases Louisiana

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- 3) Jefferson's Embargo

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- 4) The War of 1812

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**VII. Growing Differences Between North and South**

- 1) Industry Grows in the North

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- 2) Cotton Boom in the South

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**VIII. The Monroe Doctrine**

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