Suggested Resources for “Making America: The Society & Culture of the United States”  
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I. World War I


**Documents:**  
[The Treaty of Versailles](#)

II. The Great Depression


**Documents:**  
[Letters from children to Eleanor Roosevelt asking for help](#)

**Podcast:**  
[The First Family of Radio: Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt’s Historic Broadcasts](#)

III. The Modern Civil Rights Movement

American Experience Short Video: “The Ongoing Fight.” Covers the role of African American women in the battle for suffrage, the 1964 and 1965 Acts, and efforts to weaken the Voting Rights act today.

**Documents:**  
[Documents regarding race and the law, including an excerpt from the 1964 Act](#)  
[Documents connected to Pres. Lyndon Johnson’s Great Society Programs](#)

**Documentary:**  
Eyes on the Prize Video Series. Although this series dates to the 1980s, it remains an important source on the long civil rights movement because it contains so many interviews with participants. The companion book, *Eyes on the Prize* (New York: Penguin) was edited by Juan Williams and re-released in 2013.
IV. Modern Women’s Movement

American Experience Short Video: “From Women’s Suffrage to the ERA: A Century-Long Push for Equality.” This video also includes Phyllis Schlafly and brings the ERA up to today.


Documents:
- National Organization for Women (NOW) Statement of Purpose
- Documents connected to the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA)

Documentary:

V. The 1960’s Youth Rebellion


Documents:
- Documents connected to the Gay Liberation Movement
- Documents connected to the New Left and SDS
- The Port Huron Statement

Podcast:
- LBJ’s War

VI. The 1980’s Conservative Counterrevolution


Documentaries:

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**Note:** Oxford University Press publishes a series called “A Very Short Introduction.” Most of these are very good, and written by excellent scholars. I recommend the following:


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