

## Suggested Resources for “Making America: The Society & Culture of the United States” 13 August 2020

### I. World War I

- Capozzola, Christopher. *Uncle Sam Wants You: World War I and the Making of the Modern American Citizen*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2010.
- Kennedy, David M. *Over Here: The First World War and American Society*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1982.
- Neiberg, Michael. *The Path to War: How the First World War Created Modern America*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2016.

#### Documents:

[The Treaty of Versailles](#)

### II. The Great Depression

- Dallek, Robert. *Franklin D. Roosevelt: A Political Life*. New York: Penguin, 2018.
- Leuchtenberg, William. *Franklin D. Roosevelt and the New Deal: 1932-1940*. New York: Harper, 2009.
- Rauchway, Eric. *The Great Depression and the New Deal: A Very Short Introduction*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2008.
- Wall, Wendy. *Inventing the ‘American Way’: The Politics of Consensus from the New Deal to the Civil Rights Movement*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2008.

#### 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.
- Branch, Taylor. *The King Years: Historic Moments in the Civil Rights Movement*. New York: Simon & Schuster, 2013.
- Klarman, Michael J. *Brown v. Board of Education and the Civil Rights Movement*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2007.

#### 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.
- Freedman, Estelle. *No Turning Back: The History of Feminism and the Future of Women*. New York: Ballantine Books, 2003.
- May, Elaine Tyler. *Homeward Bound: American Families in the Cold War Era*. New York: Basic Books, 2008.
- Rosen, Ruth. *The World Split Open: How the Modern Women's Movement Changed America*. New York: Penguin, 2006.

##### **Documents:**

- [National Organization for Women \(NOW\) Statement of Purpose](#)
- [Documents connected to the Equal Rights Amendment \(ERA\)](#)

##### **Documentary:**

- Feminists: What Were They Thinking. Netflix, 2018.

#### **V. The 1960's Youth Rebellion**

- Cohen, Robert, ed. *Rebellion in Black and White: Southern Student Activism in the 1960s*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2013.
- Cottrell, Robert C. *Sex, Drugs, and Rock 'N Roll: The Rise of America's 1960's Counterculture*. New York: Rowman and Littlefield, 2017.
- Gosse, Van. *The Movements of the New Left, 1950-1975*. New York: Bedford/St. Martin's, 2004.
- Herring, George. *America's Longest War: The United States and Vietnam*. 6th ed. New York: McGraw-Hill, 2020. This is the best one-volume history of the Vietnam War.
- O'Neill, William. *The New Left: A History*. New York: Wiley-Blackwell, 2001.
- Rorabaugh, W. J. *American Hippies*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2015.

##### **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**

- Carter, Dan T. *From George Wallace to Newt Gingrich: Race in the Conservative Counterrevolution, 1963-1994*. Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 1999.

Howe, Ben. *The Immoral Majority: Why Evangelicals Chose Political Power Over Christian Values*. New York: Harper Collins, 2019.

Kruse, Kevin M. and Julian Zelizer. *Fault Lines: A History of the United States Since 1974*. New York: W. W. Norton, 2019.

Rossinow, Doug. *The Reagan Era: A History of the 1980s*. New York: Columbia University Press, 2016.

Wilentz, Sean. *The Age of Reagan: A History, 1874-2008*. New York: Harper, 2009.

Documentaries:

[Reagan](#). American Experience, 2020.

“With God On Our Side:” The Rise of the Religious Right in America. Icarus Films, 2005.

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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:

Boyer, Paul. *American History: A Very Short Introduction*. 2012.

Critchlow, Donald. *American Political History: A Very Short Introduction*. 2015.

Hsu, Madeline Y. *Asian American History: A Very Short Introduction*. 2016.

McMahon, Robert J. *The Cold War: A Very Short Introduction*. 20003.

Troy, Gil. *The Reagan Revolution: A Very Short Introduction*. 2009.

Ware, Susan. *American Women’s History: A Very Short Introduction*. 2015.

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