

United States History & Government. Regents Review Movies from Learner.org

The New Nation:

Following the War of Independence, Americans disagreed — often passionately — about the form and function of the federal government. This movie (28.25 minutes) explores how those conflicts played out as the new republic defined its identity in relation to other nations.

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Antebellum Reform:

As a response to increasing social ills, the nineteenth century generated reform movements: temperance, abolition, school and prison reform, as well as others. This movie (28.25 minutes) traces the emergence of reform movements instigated by the Second Great Awakening and the impact these movements had on American culture.

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Reconstructing a Nation:

Emancipation was only the beginning of a long road to freedom for those released from slavery. Following the Civil War, an immense economic and political effort was undertaken, focused on reunifying the divided nation. This movie (28.25 minutes) examines the successes and failures of Reconstruction.

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Taming the American West:

Western settlers' assumptions of an endless, bountiful frontier were tested when they moved to the Great Plains and attempted to cultivate the unfamiliar, arid landscape. This experience led to the rise of populist politics, which championed farmers' and industrial workers' critique of political and economic powers. (28.27 minutes)

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Industrializing America:

From factories in San Francisco to sweatshops in New York, productivity flourished — fed by waves of immigrants from Asia and Europe. This movie (28.27 minutes) explores how growing urbanism contributed to changing social norms, from the working classes to the elite.

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The Progressives:

Overburdened cities led Progressives to agitate for reforms on political, economic, and social fronts. While most Americans agreed that government intervention was needed to address large-scale problems such as child labor or food contamination, there was little agreement on proper solutions. (28.27 minutes)

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A Growing Global Power:

Fueled by patriotism, capitalism, and religion, the U.S. extended its reach beyond national borders. New partnerships between government and big business drove an evolving diplomacy that would set the tone for American foreign policy in the twentieth century. (28.27 minutes)

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By the People. For the People:

Plummeting agricultural exports, the stock market crash, and environmental disaster all led to an unprecedented economic depression. Subsequently, a new relationship between individuals and the government arose, with a strong communitarian spirit drawing the nation together before World War II. (28.27 minutes)

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Postwar Tension and Triumph:

This movie (28.27 minutes) examines the tensions of the Cold War era, reflected in divergent dichotomies: a growing suburban, white, middle-class and increasingly ghettoized blacks and Latinos; a faith in scientific progress contrasted with a fear of the bomb; and an idealization of individualism tempered by an anti-Communist call for conformity. Individuals and groups raised their expectations for equality as veterans returned from the global conflict of World War II.

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Global America:

As the turn of the century approached, the pendulum of American politics and social structures began to swing back toward conservatism. With immigration from Asia and the Americas on the rise, the face of America changed rapidly. This unit examines the competing forces of ethnic and American identity in a world dominated by globalization and one remaining "superpower." (28.27 minutes)

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