

VICTORY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

6191 SW County Road 344
Trenton, Florida 32693-9801
Tel # (352) 463-1473

A Guide for Individualized *American History Studies* for the secondary school student.

Instructions: Choice of six topics with written themes of 350-500 words and sent to the VCS Office will award the student 1/2 credit for the year. If all 12 topics are studied and themes written and received by VCS Office, the student will be awarded 1 full credit for the year.

For the studies, use of library resources and old and/or out-of-print books are highly recommended. Student also may wish to check the VCS Library for needed resources.

Upon completion of the compositions a Bibliography of resources used must accompany each theme. Before sending to the VCS Office the completed themes must be placed in a clip folder or binder with a cover sheet indicating the following information:

Student's Name
Victory Christian School
American History Independent Studies
Grade level and School Year

Topic List:

- (1) Historical literature and/or non-fiction of topic "**ORPHAN TRAINS.**" (Must reading, "The Orphan Train," by Marilyn Irvin Holt and an audio tape of interviews from descendants of orphan train victims may be purchased for \$12.50 from Audience Services, Horizons Dept., NPR, 635 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Washington DC 20001-3753.);
- (2) **SCOTCH-IRISH** influence in the South (Must reading "Kisatchie" obtainable for \$12 dollars from the Cornwell's and field trip on the "Natchez Trace");
- (3) **ENGLISH/SCOTCH/IRISH** influence in the New England States.
- (4) **OREGON TRAIL** and **PONY EXPRESS** (Recommended reading and viewing--book-"Oregon Trail" by Celia Garth and video by the same name as well as video of "Pony Express" is available from VCS Library.);
- (5) **AMERICAN INDIANS** (Must reading, "Trail of Tears," "The Last of the Mohicans," "Thunder in the Valley," and "Hiawatha");
- (6) **GERMAN** influence in Pennsylvania, Minnesota, North Carolina, and Texas.
- (7) **ACADIANA** (Cajun) **FRENCH** (Movement from Nova Scotia to Southwestern Louisiana - must reading "Evangeline");
- (8) **SPANISH** (Spain, Cuba and Puerto Rico) influence in Florida, Texas, Louisiana, Alabama, California, Mississippi and New York;
- (9) **ORIENTAL** influence in California, Idaho, Florida and other states;
- (10) **JEWISH** influence including the modern "Messianic Jewish" movement (recommend resources from Leader Publications and Jewish Jewels);
- (11) **NEGRO** influence (must reading "Our Say", as well as biographies of inventors, explorers, musicians, etc., field trip to "Tuskegee University.");
- (12) The **SCANDINAVIAN** influence in Minnesota, Illinois, Tennessee and Missouri.