Video Information

The Unfinished Nation, Part II

History 12

A survey of political and social developments in American history from the Reconstruction period (1865) to the present.

All DVDs are closed captioned.

Lesson 27 - The Meeting Ground
The American West—a place of convergence. Contrasting experiences of Native American tribes; Spanish-speaking communities of Mexican Americans in New Mexico, Texas, and California; Chinese immigrants, and African Americans. The impact of the Homestead Act and the experiences of native cultures.

Lesson 28 - The Legendary Frontier

Lesson 29 - A New Corporate Order

Lesson 30 - The Age of the City
Industrialization shifts economic power and population to cities. Increase in immigration and ethnic neighborhoods; nativist reaction. City planning and infrastructure; urban transportation. Housing for wealthy, middle class, poor families. Threat of poverty, fire, disease. Growth of political machines, bossism. Consumerism. New leisure pastimes.

Lesson 31 - Political Stalemate

Lesson 32 - Imperial Ambition
Stirrings of imperialism. Arguments for and against joining the imperial race. American interest in the Caribbean; determination to maintain hegemonic power in hemisphere. Spanish-American War and role of the press. “Glorious little war” in Cuba vs. experience in the Philippines. Territorial acquisitions.

Lesson 33 - The Progressive Impulse
Lesson 34 - Three Presidents and the Office
Theodore Roosevelt, the “accidental” president, in perspective. His relationship with the press, big business and reform efforts, conservation, his own political party. Contrast of Taft’s style and tenure in office. Progressive Roosevelt challenges both Taft and Wilson in 1912. Wilson solidifies presidential power, walks path between Progressive and Democratic ideals. Foreign policy highlights of the three administrations.

Lesson 35 - The Road to War

Lesson 36 - A Truce, Not Peace

Lesson 37 - The New Era

Lesson 38 - The Great Depression
Events leading to the stock market crash and Great Depression. How the Depression affects various population segments: Unemployment and relief efforts. Herbert Hoover’s attempts to alleviate the Depression. Election of Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

Lesson 39 - A Chaos of Experimentation
The presidency of Franklin Delano Roosevelt. New Deal legislation. Agencies created in response to crises. Changes to programs resulting from criticism of New Deal. The effect of policies on various groups, including women and minorities.

Lesson 40 - Between the Wars

Lesson 41 - America at War
American mobilizes for World War II. Strategies employed on both the Pacific and European fronts. U. S. becomes arsenal of allies; residual effects of economic boom. War, the American people and their culture: minorities, women, and labor. Internment of Japanese Americans.

Lesson 42 - Taking the Offensive
Roosevelt runs for fourth term; survives only a few months in office. An unprepared vice president—Harry Truman—takes office. The liberation of Europe and defeat of Germany. The Pacific offensive. The Manhattan Project, dropping of the atomic bomb in Hiroshima and Nagasaki; lingering debates over its use.
Lesson 43 - The Collapse of Peace

Lesson 44 - The Cold War II
Election of 1948. Fair Deal revised. The Korean War. The crusade against subversion: Alger Hiss, the Rosenberg Case, McCarthyism

Lesson 45 - The Affluent Society

Lesson 46 - The Other America

Lesson 47 - Restless Society

Lesson 48 - A Nation Torn

Lesson 49 - The Crisis of Authority I

Lesson 50 - The Crisis of Authority II

Lesson 51 - From the “Age of Limits” to the Age of Reagan

Lesson 52 - The Age of Globalization