

0.0 US History Foundation

(Day 2)

The Major Eras of US History from 1877 to present and its defining characteristics

- 11 **2nd Industrial Revolution**: Rapid Industrialization driven by entrepreneurs and innovators.
- 12 **Immigration**: People from Europe, and Asia change American culture as they fought to establish lives in a new land. Cities grow and a mass culture begins to develop.
- 13 **Westward Expansion**: Migration to the western frontier and the conflict with Native Amer.
- 14 **The Progressive Era**: Reformers work for equality in political rights and economic opportunity
- 15 **World War I**: The US allies with Great Britain, and France to fight Germany, but the cause falls short of its promise and leaves many disillusioned.
- 16 **The Roaring 20's**: The US experiences an economic boom spurred on by technological innovation
- 17 **The Great Depression & New Deal**: Unemployment, poverty, and hunger were widespread during this Era. Franklin D. Roosevelt's "New Deal" sponsored programs to bring direct relief to Americans while increasing the size and scope of the US government.
- 18 **World War II**: Aggressive dictators try to expand their empires. The US joins the war after the attack on Pearl Harbor. World War II ends the Great Depression and the US becomes a super power.
- 19 **Post War America**: A Cold War rivalry developed between the US and the USSR. The economy is booming. The population moves shifts from cities to suburbs. Minority discontent grows.
- 20 **Civil Rights Reform in the 1960's**: After WWII a growing civil rights movement challenged discrimination in the US. The face of the movement is Martin Luther King who advocates non violent protest. The Kennedy and Johnson administrations pass laws to increase civil rights.
- 21 **The Vietnam War**: The US responds to USSR aggression all over the world and is drawn into a conflict in South Vietnam.
- 22 **The Era of Change**: The 60's were a period of rapid social and cultural change
- 23 **America in the 80's & 90's**: A conservative movement brings Ronald Reagan to the presidency. Reagan's policy of "Peace Through Strength" helps end the cold war. Conservatives announce the "Contract With America" reduces government spending and balances the budget.
- 24 **America in the 21st Century**: Globalization has changed the national economy and tied the U.S. more closely to the world. Attacks on September 11th 2001, shaped domestic security and foreign policy