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**“America: The Story of Us – Heartland” Video Guide**

1. What was the biggest obstacle in the way of building the transcontinental railroad?
2. Who were the two companies that built the railroad?
3. How does the federal government pay for the railroad?
4. Why were Chinese workers chosen to build the railroad?
5. What happened on May 10, 1869?
6. Where does the railroad trigger a mass migration to?
7. How much of America’s land is given away under the Homestead Act?
8. List several obstacles or challenges for settlers. (Get at least 3)
9. What happened to half the population of western Nebraska by 1892?
10. What happens to the Great Plains?
11. What is “green gold”?
12. Why do so many people come from Norway to America?
13. How many buffalo were roaming the Great Plains in the 1800’s?
14. What new hunter arrives on the Great Plains?
15. Why is there conflict between white people and Indians over the buffalo?
16. How did the horse change the Indian way of life?
17. For what purpose did the cowboy develop?
18. Where did the Texas Longhorn come from?
19. What invention will threaten the cowboy’s way of life?
20. What happened to the open range?
21. Where do most Indians wind up living as settlers moved west?
22. What happened to Lt. Col. George Custer and his men?
23. What happened on December 29, 1890?
24. How did the railroad change time?
25. How did Richard Sears change the way Americans shopped?

**“America: The Story of Us – Cities”**

**Video Guide**

1. What country gave the Statue of Liberty to the United States?

***France***

2. Why was New York City in danger of losing the Statue of Liberty soon after it arrived?

***The cost of reassembling was so huge that NYC didn’t have the money to pay for it.***

3. How did they pay for it?

***Joseph Pulitzer launched the biggest fund raiser campaign ever in the U.S. Donations***

***came from all over the country to pay for the assembly of the statue.***

3. Where did most immigrants arrive as they entered the United States?

***Ellis Island***

4. What critical ingredient was needed to build cities upward?

***steel***

5. How did Andrew Carnegie solve the problem of steel production?

***He used the Bessemer Steel Process that blasts hot air through molten iron. It burns off***

***carbon impurities that produces steel.***

6. Where does Carnegie build his first steel plant?

***Pittsburgh, PA***

7. What was the other breakthrough that allowed buildings to grow so tall?

***the invention of the elevator***

8. What problems do many cities in America face by 1890?

***crime and poverty***

9. How was the problem of identifying criminals solved?

***Chief Inspector*** ***Thomas Burns created a system of picture identification called mug shots. It was known as the Rogues Gallery.***

10. What other problems were plaguing urban streets in the late 1800’s?

***Slums are taking over cities.***

11. What did Jacob Reese use to photograph the desperation of life in the slums of America?

***He uses an explosive powder that produces enough light to photograph in the dark.***

12. What was Reese trying to accomplish with his slide shows of tenement living?

***To show the nation’s wealthy the filth and desperation on their own doorstep.***

13. What were the first two steps accomplished by Reese in his photography?

***Slums are torn down and NY schools build playgrounds. Landlords install indoor toilets instead of outdoor.***

14. What is the biggest cause of disease in New York and other cities in America?

***filth***

15. Who were the “white ducks”?

***Led by Col. George Waring, the white ducks were 2000 sanitation workers who wore white uniforms. They cleaned up the streets of NYC***

16. What were the results of Col. George Waring’s efforts in New York City and other cities in America?

***It saved the lives of thousands of people which led other cities to do the same. Sewer systems were developed to handle human waste in cities all over America.***

17. What other improvements were made in American cities?

***Cities build sewers to handle the waste problem.***

18. What was Thomas Edison’s major invention?

***the electric light bulb***

19. What obstacle did he have to overcome before he could perfect his invention?

***He had to find the right ingredient to make his filament burn slowly in the vacuum.***

20. What material finally worked in his invention?

***carbonized cardboard***

21. Once Edison has invented the light bulb, what followed it?

***power plants***

22. What problem was created when people worked in the tall buildings of cities?

***escaping the building when fire breaks out***

**“America: The Story of Us-Boom”**

**Video Guide**

1. What was called “Black Gold” in the early 1900’s?

***oil***

2. In what state did the oil industry begin in the U.S.?

***Texas***

3. How was oil viewed until the late 1850’s?

***It was an annoyance.***

4. What product was used prior to the use of oil? What had happened to it?

***Whale oil was used, but the whales have been hunted to near extinction.***

5. Why was the land at Spindletop poor for drilling?

***It was too sandy.***

6. What did the Hamill Brothers use to stabilize their drilling operation so they could drill through the sand in Beaumont, (Spindletop) TX?

***mud***

7.How many barrels of oil a day does the well soon pump out?

***over 80,000***

8. What does this do for the United States?

***It becomes the largest oil producer in the world.***

9. How much did oil production in the U.S. increase?

***50%***

10. How did oil and gasoline change America society?

***It made the U.S. mobile.***

11. In the early 1900’s, why were cars only “playthings for the rich”?

***They were hand built and very expensive.***

12. What did Henry Ford do to produce an automobile that was affordable and low cost at the same time?

***Ford introduced the production line or assembly line in which a person only assembled one part at a time.***

13. What did mass production do to the cost of products?

***Prices plummeted.***

14. How does the automobile change cities in America?

***You don’t have to live near work if you own a car. Cities explode outwards, creating giant suburbs .Shopping malls arise.***

15. What was built to get water to Los Angeles? When was it completed?

***An aqueduct was built from Owens Valley to LA. It was completed in 1913.***

16. What was the result for Los Angeles?

***It grew from 250,000 in 1900 to 2 million by 1930.***

17. What was the result for Owens Valley, CA?

***It was a disaster after the lake was sucked dry, creating a giant wasteland. Local farmers tried to blow up the aqueduct over 10 times.***

18. What happened during the Great Migration?

***Black southerners began to move north. Between 1915-30 1.5 million African Americans move to Northern cities, 1/7 of entire African American population of U.S.***

19. What were the events that led to the Chicago Race Riot of 1919?

***Property owners tried to keep blacks from owning homes in Chicago. Even the beaches of Lake Michigan were segregated. A group of black men wandered over to the white beach where they were not welcomed. A white bather threw rocks at a group of black men who thought he was playing around. A rock hit a black man in the head and killed him. The police wouldn’t arrest the white man but instead arrested a black man.***

20. What was the Red Summer?

***During the summer of 1919 numerous riots erupted in 24 cities across America as blacks protested against segregation.***

21. What has happened in America by 1920?

***For the first time more Americans live in urban areas than in rural.***

22. What happened on January 16, 1919?

***Prohibition began with the passage of the 18th Amendment to the Constitution.***

23. What does Prohibition create in America?

***Organized crime***

24. What was the dark side of bootlegging?

***Gangsters who protect the illegal trade of alcohol infiltrate cities.***

25. What is Al Capone ultimately convicted of?

***tax evasion***