# Guided Reading Activity

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## The United States

### Lesson 2  *History of the United States*

**Essential Question:**  Why is history important?

### Early America

> **Directions:**  Use your text to decide whether each statement is true or false. Write *T* or *F* in the blank. If a statement is false, rewrite it correctly.

_____  **1.** Native American people have always been in North America.

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_____  **2.** Native American people used resources from their environments to satisfy their needs.

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_____  **3.** The first permanent European settlement on land that would become the United States was built in Florida.

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_____  **4.** The first Europeans to settle in the western United States were the French.

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_____  **5.** In the early 1600s, the first English colonists settled along the Gulf Coast of North America.

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_____  **6.** There were conflicts between different groups of European settlers.

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_____  **7.** Native Americans helped both Great Britian and France during the French and Indian War.

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_____ **8.** Britian reduced the amount of taxes on American colonists when they complained.

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_____ **9.** In 1783, Great Britian refused to recognize its former thirteen colonies as an independent nation called the United States of America.

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_____ **10.** The French helped the Americans during their struggle for independence.

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## A Free Republic

**Directions:**  Complete the time line by filling in key events in U.S. history.

1787 _____

1803 _____

1845 _____

1846 _____

1848 _____

1861 _____

1865 _____

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## A World Leader

> **Directions:**  Use your text to answer the following questions.

**1.** How did the United States support Allied forces in World War I and World War II before actually entering the war?

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**2.** Why is the Cold War called the Cold War, and what was the relationship between the United States and the Soviet Union during this time?

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**3.** How did leaders like Martin Luther King, Jr., work toward gaining equal rights for all citizens?

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**4.** What were some effects of the economic boom after World War II?

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**5.** What is a major challenge the United States has faced in the 2000s?

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