

Synthesis Task - Unit 3A - Building a Nation

Unit Essential Question	What events and forces shaped the evolution of an <i>American</i> identity?
Directions	Annotate the timeline below. Which of the events illustrate an example of the growth of America socially, politically, or economically? Annotate these events as: SC (social change), EC (economic change), or PC (political change). Use the timeline and your annotations to respond to the written task on the following page.

Timeline of American History - 1800 - 1850

1800	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Second census: US population equals 5.3 million, including one million African Americans, of whom 900,000 are enslaved. ● Federal capital moved to Washington DC from Philadelphia ● Thomas Jefferson (Democratic - Republican) is elected president
1802	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Alien & Sedition Acts expire, are not renewed
1803	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Louisiana Territory purchased from France for \$15 million, Lewis & Clark expedition begins in St Louis ● Supreme Court declares its right to review the constitutionality of laws (judicial review) in <i>Marbury v. Madison</i> ● Ohio enters as the 17th state
1807	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Congress bans the importation of new African slaves
1810	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Third Census: US population totals 7.2 million, including 1.4 million African Americans (of whom 1.2 million are enslaved). Population west of the Appalachian Mountains is 1 million
1811	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Construction begins on Cumberland Road in Maryland [the first major improved highway in the United States built by the federal government - the road connected the Potomac and Ohio Rivers and was a main transport path to the West for thousands of settlers]
1812	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● War of 1812 begins - USA vs. Great Britain over borders, trade, and the freedom of the seas ● James Madison Elected President
1814	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● USA wins the Battle of Fort McHenry, inspiring the composer Francis Scott Key to write the Star Spangled Banner ● USA defeats Great Britain in the War of 1812
1815	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● British are defeated at the Battle of New Orleans (two weeks after Treaty of Ghent is signed) ● American settlers begin large migration to the "Old Southwest" (Alabama and Mississippi).

1816	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congress passes the first tariff that is intended to protect U.S. industry rather than raise revenue • Second Bank of the United States begins its twenty-year charter • James Monroe elected President
1817	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction of the Erie Canal begins
1818	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connecticut abolishes property ownership as a requirement for voting, allowing many more men to vote in elections
1819	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supreme Court upholds right of federal government to charter a national bank, thus affirming that it holds “implied powers” beyond those stated in the Constitution (McCulloch v. Maryland) • U.S. acquires Florida from Spain by treaty
1820	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4th census: US population totals 10 million, including 1.7 million African Americans, of whom 1.5 million are enslaved, population west of the Appalachian Mountains is 2.2 million • Missouri Compromise is passed by Congress - Missouri admitted as a slave state, Slavery is banned in the Louisiana Territory north of 36°30’
1821	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Santa Fe Trail is opened from Independence, MO to Santa Fe, NM • First American settlers arrive in Texas
1822	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cotton mills with women workers begin production in Lowell, Mass.
1823	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monroe Doctrine: US warns Europe not to interfere in Western Hemisphere affairs and proclaims intention to remain uninvolved in European wars
1830	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5th census: US population totals 13 million, including 2.3 million African Americans, of whom 2 million are enslaved, population west of the Appalachian Mountains is 3 million, more than 25% of the US population • Indian Removal Bill is passed by Congress to forcibly resettle southeastern Indian tribes to territory west of the Mississippi River
1838	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trail of Tears: Cherokees are forcibly removed from Georgia to Indian territory in present day Oklahoma
1840	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sixth census: US population totals 17 million, including 3 million African Americans, of whom 2.5 are enslaved, population west of the Appalachian Mountains is 5 million, more than 1/3 of the US population
1842	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First wagon train reaches Oregon Territory via the Oregon Trail • Massachusetts enacts 10 hour work day for children under 12
1845	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Irish potato famine begins: 1.5 million Irish emigrated to US in the next decade
1850	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seventh Census: US population totals 23.2 million, including 3.5 million African Americans, of whom 3 million are enslaved

Synthesis Task - Unit 3A - Building a Nation Writing Task

In a well organized essay, that includes an introduction, several body paragraphs, and a conclusion, explain your answer to the following synthesis questions:

- What events and forces shaped the evolution of an *American* identity?
 - How did America change socially, politically, and economically between 1800 and 1850?

You may use your work and thinking in the timeline above to complete this task. You are not limited to the examples of growth that are listed in the timeline above. You may develop your own to address the written task.

Guidelines:

In your essay, be sure to:

- Develop all aspects of the task
- Support your claims with relevant facts, examples, and details
- Use a logical and clear plan of organization, including an introduction and a conclusion that are beyond a restatement of the question