

People of the Dream, Chapter Eleven—When The Going Gets Tough

Places Where It Happened

Make your own maps and show:

The Dust Bowl

Pearl Harbor and Battleship Row, including the *West Virginia*

Refer to the map in the link below and other reputable sources:

<http://www.nationalgeographic.org/photo/dust-bowl/>

https://www.azfamily.com/battleship-row-on-dec-7-1941/image_68e47bf2-f9ab-11e8-807e-d38e4b5ead45.html

Explore Some More!

Huge Dust Storm 1934

<https://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/dust-storm-sweeps-from-great-plains-across-eastern-states>

Hoovervilles (Camps of Homeless People)

<https://www.legendsofamerica.com/20th-hoovervilles/>

Polio Epidemic

<https://www.npr.org/sections/npr-history-dept/2015/04/10/398515228/defeating-the-disease-that-paralyzed-america>

Japanese Bombing of Shanghai

<https://www.warhistoryonline.com/war-articles/1937-battle-shanghai-japans-brutal-attack-china.html>

Labor Unrest During the Great Depression

<https://investigatinghistory.ashp.cuny.edu/module10.php>

Franklin D. Roosevelt and Social Security

<https://www.ssa.gov/history/50ed.html>

Father Charles Coughlin

<https://www.nytimes.com/1979/10/28/archives/charles-coughlin-30s-radio-priest-dies-fierce-sermons-stirred-furor.html>

Pearl Harbor Attack

<https://www.britannica.com/event/Pearl-Harbor-attack>

Questions to Think and Write About

During the Great Depression, America faced many challenges all at once. Which one do you think was the biggest? Why?

Which character in this chapter did you relate to most? Why?

What questions does this chapter raise for you?

People of the Dream, Chapter Twelve—Darkest Hour

Places Where It Happened

Make your own maps and show:

Bataan Death March

Japanese-American Internment Camps

Refer to the map in the link below and other reputable sources:

<https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/features/bataan-philippines-map/>

<https://www.britannica.com/event/Japanese-American-internment>

Explore Some More!

Bataan Death March

<https://www.britannica.com/event/Bataan-Death-March>

Minsk and Maly Trostinets

<http://www.deathcamps.org/occupation/maly%20trostinec.html>

Japanese-American Internment Camps

<https://www.archives.gov/education/lessons/japanese-relocation>

Rosie the Riveter

<https://www.defense.gov/Explore/Features/story/Article/1791664/rosie-the-riveter-inspired-women-to-serve-in-world-war-ii/>

Double V Campaign

<https://www.nationalww2museum.org/war/articles/double-v-victory>

Ken Burns and Lynn Novick. *The War*. PBS, 2007. This incredible multi-part documentary on World War Two includes both original footage and interviews with participants, both in the U.S. on the Home Front as well as in Europe and the Pacific. Highly recommend—available online. Covers every World War Two-related topic in *People of the Dream*, plus much more.

Questions to Think and Write About

World War Two brought out both the worst and the best in people; horror and heroism somehow existed side by side. How would you explain this?

Which character in this chapter did you relate to most? Why?

What questions does this chapter raise for you?

People of the Dream, Chapter Thirteen—Liberation

Places Where It Happened

Make your own map and show:

The Battle of Surigao Strait, including the position of the *West Virginia*

Refer to the map in the link below and other reputable sources:

<https://warfarehistorynetwork.com/2017/05/15/how-battle-of-surigao-strait-brought-revenge-for-pearl-harbor/>

Explore Some More!

Sergeant Kazuo Otani

<https://www.cmohs.org/recipients/kazuo-otani>

442nd Regimental Combat Team

https://www.goforbroke.org/learn/history/military_units/442nd.php

Battle of Leyte Gulf

<https://www.britannica.com/event/Battle-of-Leyte-Gulf>

761st Tank Battalion (book)

<http://www.761st.com/18update/2018a/>

Abdul-Jabber, Kareem, and Anthony Walton. *Brothers In Arms: The Epic Story of the 761st Tank Battalion, WW II's Forgotten Heroes*. Crown, 2005. Full length book about the Black tankers who fought under Patton!

<https://www.amazon.com/Brothers-Arms-Battalion-Forgotten-Heroes/dp/0767909135>

Sergeant Ruben Rivers

<https://www.cmohs.org/recipients/ruben-rivers>

Sobibor Concentration Camp

<https://encyclopedia.ushmm.org/content/en/article/sobibor>

USS West Virginia

<https://www.nationalww2museum.org/war/articles/uss-west-virginia-japan-surrender>

<https://www.usswestvirginia.org/>

Nuremberg Trials

<https://encyclopedia.ushmm.org/content/en/article/the-nuremberg-trials>

Questions to Think and Write About

Despite being far behind the Axis when they entered the war, the United States and the Allies managed to win. How do you think they did it?

What do you think the World War Two experience was like for the people who lived it? Choose one person and research their story. How did the war change their life?

Which character in this chapter did you relate to most? Why?

What questions does this chapter raise for you?

People of the Dream, Chapter Fourteen—One Nation

Explore Some More!

Montgomery Bus Boycott

<https://www.nps.gov/articles/montgomery-bus-boycott.htm>

Ralph David Abernathy

<https://kinginstitute.stanford.edu/encyclopedia/abernathy-ralph-david>

Rosa Parks

<https://www.biography.com/activist/rosa-parks>

Rufus Lewis

<https://www.crmvet.org/nars/lewisr.htm>

Eyes On The Prize

<https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/films/eyesontheprize/>

This incredible documentary includes interviews with most major participants in the Civil Rights Movement, plus archival photos and footage. Highly recommended! I loved using clips in class.

Questions to Think and Write About

American kids grow up playing soldier. Do we glorify war too much?

Why did white segregationists feel so threatened by Black equality?

Which character in this chapter did you relate to most? Why?

What questions does this chapter raise for you?

People of the Dream, Chapter Fifteen—Liberty & Justice For All

Places Where It Happened

Make your own maps and show:

Redlining

Vietnam, including the Gulf of Tonkin and the Tet Offensive

Refer to the maps in the link below and other reputable sources:

<https://www.npr.org/sections/thetwo-way/2016/10/19/498536077/interactive-redlining-map-zooms-in-on-americas-history-of-discrimination>

https://www.macmillanhighered.com/BrainHoney/Resource/6696/digital_first_content/trunk/test/hewittlawson1e/asset/maps/26_1.html

Explore Some More!

March on Washington

<https://www.nps.gov/articles/march-on-washington.htm>

Little Rock Nine

<https://www.biography.com/news/little-rock-nine-60th-anniversary>

Birmingham Church Bombing

<https://www.nps.gov/articles/16thstreetbaptist.htm>

Freedom Summer

<https://kinginstitute.stanford.edu/encyclopedia/freedom-summer>

<https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/films/freedomsummer/>

Andrew Goodman

<https://andrewgoodman.org/who-we-are/about-andy/>

Selma March

<https://www.britannica.com/event/Selma-March>

Rev. James Reeb

<https://www.uua.org/re/tapestry/adults/river/workshop5/175806.shtml>

Haight-Ashbury District and the Summer of Love

<https://theculturetrip.com/north-america/usa/california/articles/what-was-san-franciscos-summer-of-love/>

Gulf of Tonkin Incident

<https://www.usni.org/magazines/naval-history-magazine/2008/february/truth-about-tonkin>

Redlining

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/wonk/wp/2018/03/28/redlining-was-banned-50-years-ago-its-still-hurting-minorities-today/>

Robert C. Weaver

<https://time.com/4175137/first-african-american-cabinet-member/>

Fair Housing Act

<https://www.britannica.com/topic/Fair-Housing-Act>

Tet Offensive

<https://www.npr.org/2018/01/29/580811124/military-victory-but-political-defeat-the-tet-offensive-50-years-later>

Questions to Think and Write About

The mid- to late 1960s were a time of great change and challenge in America. Some people were exhilarated by the times, while others felt threatened and terrified. How do you think you would have felt?

Which character in this chapter did you relate to most? Why?

What questions does this chapter raise for you?

People of the Dream, Chapter Sixteen—Two Hundred Years

Explore Some More!

Vietnam War Protests

<https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/features/two-days-in-october-student-antiwar-protests-and-backlash/>

Ken Burns & Lynn Novick. *The Vietnam War*. 10-Part PBS Documentary. I can think of no better way to get better acquainted with the whole Vietnam War experience. Interviews with participants plus first-rate analysis and powerful visuals will help you realize why the Vietnam War changed America.

<https://www.pbs.org/kenburns/the-vietnam-war>

Black Panthers in Philadelphia

<https://www.nytimes.com/1970/09/01/archives/panthers-raided-in-philadelphia-3-more-policemen-wounded-14-blacks.html>

Mother Bethel AME Church

<https://philadelphiaencyclopedia.org/archive/mother-bethel-ame-church-congregation-and-community-2/>

U.S. Bicentennial

<https://www.thehenryford.org/collections-and-research/digital-collections/expert-sets/101697>

Questions to Think and Write About

Why do you think the Vietnam War became so controversial?

Divisions over the Vietnam War made coming home especially difficult for Vietnam vets. Learn about the stories of Vietnam veterans in your community.

America's 200th birthday in 1976 offered an opportunity for a country that had just been through some very difficult years to celebrate and reflect. Consider how hard times can make you appreciate things more.

Which character in this chapter did you relate to most? Why?

What questions does this chapter raise for you?

People of the Dream, Chapter Seventeen—City On A Hill

Explore Some More!

Reagan Defense Buildup

<https://www.baltimoresun.com/news/bal-te.pentagon08jun08-story.html>

Nuclear Freeze Movement

https://www.armscontrol.org/act/2010_12/LookingBack

PTSD (Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder)

<https://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/topics/post-traumatic-stress-disorder-ptsd/index.shtml>

<https://www.ptsd.va.gov/>

Gorbachev and *Glasnost*

<https://www.britannica.com/place/Russia/The-Gorbachev-era-perestroika-and-glasnost>

Fall of the Berlin Wall

<https://now.tufts.edu/articles/fall-berlin-wall-was-heaven-earth>

<https://youtu.be/kAHhS43P2hE>

Questions to Think and Write About

Ronald Reagan is credited with helping win the Cold War with his defense buildup and his summit meetings with Gorbachev. Reagan's critics point to all the money spent on the military while domestic programs were cut. How do you think Reagan should be remembered?

The end of the Berlin Wall marked a very hopeful time for the world. What factors contributed to the peaceful collapse of communism in Eastern Europe?

Which character in this chapter did you relate to most? Why?

What questions does this chapter raise for you?

People of the Dream, Chapter Eighteen—Will The Circle Be Unbroken?

Places Where It Happened

Make your own map and show:

The Persian Gulf War, 1991

Refer to the map in the link below and other reputable sources:

<https://kids.britannica.com/students/article/Persian-Gulf-War/276372>

Explore Some More!

1991 Gulf War—Iraqi Prisoners

<https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/fullarticle/385465>

Gulf War Environmental Damage

<http://pure.iiasa.ac.at/id/eprint/7427/>

Vietnam Veterans Return to Vietnam

<https://www.stripes.com/news/special-reports/1968-stories/returning-to-vietnam-50-years-after-fighting-veterans-go-back-and-gain-new-perspective-1.559319>

Oklahoma City Bombing

<https://www.fbi.gov/history/famous-cases/oklahoma-city-bombing>

Columbine High School Shooting

<https://www.britannica.com/event/Columbine-High-School-shootings>

Questions to Think and Write About

The 1991 Gulf War was a huge military success with very few American casualties. We did what we came to do and got out, avoiding “mission creep.” What lessons should we learn for future applications of U.S. military force?

Domestic terrorism became more of a threat during the 1990s. How do you think America should respond to it?

Which character in this chapter did you relate to most? Why?

What questions does this chapter raise for you?

People of the Dream, Chapter Nineteen—New Enemies

Places Where It Happened

Make your own map and show:

The Iraq War, including the battle for Fallujah

Refer to the map in the link below and other reputable sources:

<https://www.csis.org/analysis/us-strategy-and-war-iraq-and-syria>

Explore Some More!

Attack on the Pentagon, 9/11/2001

https://www.army.mil/article/238930/army_leaders_share_stories_of_the_911_pentagon_attack

United Flight 93

<https://www.flight93friends.org/>

9/11 Commission Report (there is also a graphic novel version available for purchase)

<https://www.9-11commission.gov/report/911Report.pdf>

Muslims in America After 9/11

<https://911memorial.org/learn/students-and-teachers/lesson-plans/muslims-america-after-911-part-i>

No Child Left Behind

<https://www.edweek.org/policy-politics/no-child-left-behind-an-overview/2015/04>

Battle for Fallujah

<https://permanent.fdlp.gov/gpo54728/FALLUJAH.pdf>

ICE Immigration Raids

<https://www.immigrantdefenseproject.org/raids/>

Freddie Gray Protests

<https://www.vox.com/2016/7/27/18089352/freddie-gray-baltimore-riots-police-violence>

Opioid Epidemic in America

<https://www.hhs.gov/opioids/about-the-epidemic/index.html>

Questions to Think and Write About

America faced many challenges after 9/11. Choose one and recommend how we should handle it.

Which character in this chapter did you relate to most? Why?

What questions does this chapter raise for you?

People of the Dream, Chapter Twenty—Connecting

Explore Some More!

George Floyd Protests, Minneapolis

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George_Floyd_protests_in_Minneapolis%E2%80%93Saint_Paul

African American Burial Grounds

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/davidanderson/2019/02/13/new-legislation-seeks-to-protect-lost-african-american-burial-grounds/>

Questions to Think and Write About

How did your family come to America?

What challenges has your family faced? How have those challenges shaped who you are?

Which character in this chapter did you relate to most? Why?

What questions does this chapter raise for you?

One theme in America's history is people coming here to pursue their dreams. In what way is the "American Dream" a universal hope of people everywhere?

All sorts of people have endured hardship throughout history—sometimes in pursuit of their dreams, sometimes at the hands of others. Why has the struggle to achieve our dreams often been so hard?

What will be your takeaways from this book?