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Contemporary Community Curriculum

Historical Periods of American History for Collaborative Wall Collections Mural

1600-1800

Native Americans, early European immigration, early exploration of continent, slavery, American Revolution, trading.

1800-1850

Louisiana Purchase 1803, Lewis and Clark explore the west 1804-1806. first U.S. railroads 1830, Indian removals 1830, Gold Rush 1848. continued immigration to and conquest of continent.

1850-1900

Early industrialization--steam engines, Civil War, Emancipation 1863, Reconstruction, immigration from China, Europe, Africa.

1900-1950

First air flight 1903, first Ford Model T 1908, WWI 1917, Women vote 1920, Great Depression, WWII 1941-1945, post-war prosperity.

1960-1980

Vietnam war, peace movement, Civil Rights era, Free speech, Astronauts land on moon 1969, Women's Movement..

1980-present

What significant movements and events should be included here?

In preparation for creating a collaborative symbolic mural, you will need to bring information with you concerning one of the historical periods above. We will be creating art works based on specific historical references. I have selected general categories you might pursue, but these are only suggested topics. Use history texts, encyclopedias, or family interviews to identify additional topics for your assigned time period. Bring resource materials to create visual symbols--books, photographs, xeroxes, printouts from the internet. Be creative in the material you bring. Consider diagrams, charts, logos, trademarks, flags, maps, and other materials as well as images to visually represent the era.