

# History and Culture of the US and Canada

## Chapter 5

### Section 1- History and Governments

# History of the United States

- The First Americans
  - 15,000 years ago- Asian nomadic hunters followed herds across Bering Land Bridge
  - Eventually settled across Americas- became known as Native Americans
  - Developed multiple cultures based on local resources

# History of the United States

- The Colonial Era
  - 1492- Columbus set out from Spain to reach Asia- landed in Caribbean
  - Spain set up colonies (overseas settlements tied to a parent company)
    - Got lots of \$\$\$\$ , colonies in South America, Mexico, and SW USA
  - French colonies- eastern Canada, Great Lakes, MS River valley
  - British- Atlantic coast

# History of the United States

- ◎ 1763- British beat French in a war- won their colonies
- ◎ British colonists became resentful of British taxes and trade policies
  - ◎ Fighting broke out
  - ◎ 1776- colonists declared independence- 1783, Britain recognized

# History of the United States

- Expansion and Growth
  - After independence- controlled ME-GA
  - 1800s- expanded to Pacific coast
    - Treaties (or war) or annexation (declare ownership of a particular area)
  - Throughout 1800s- US population growth
    - High birthrate, better public health, millions of European immigrants
  - Economy changed- new farm machines, factories (Industrial Revolution), transportation

# History of the United States

- Southern states- agriculture and slavery
- Northern states- industry
- 1861- southern states withdrew from US
- Civil War- north led by president Lincoln (1860)
- War lasted 4 years- ended 1865
- 1800s- factories continued to develop, European immigrants worked them

# History of the United States

- A World Leader
  - US military fought in WWI and WWII
    - US opposed oppressive regimes (governments)
    - Factories turned into war factories
  - After WWII, US and Soviet Union 2 major powers
    - Rivalry for leadership- Cold War- democracy/capitalism vs. communism
    - Ended when SU broke up in 1991- fall of Berlin Wall

# History of the United States

- Blacks, Latinos, and women have gained many rights in US in 1900s
  - Leaders: MLK Jr, Cesar Chavez, Rosa Parks
- 2000- terrorism (violence against civilians by individuals or groups)- has become an issue
- 9/11/2001- 2 planes hit World Trade Towers in NYC, 1 hit Pentagon, 1 taken down in rural PA- 3k ppl died
  - US overthrew Taliban leaders in Afghanistan
  - Overthrew Saddam Hussein in Iraq