

Exploring OurHistoryAtlas.com

The Web site **OurHistoryAtlas.com** includes maps, graphs, photo tours, and research links to provide you with information about United States history. Use these resources for research, reports, and presentations. This study guide will give you a quick tour of the site.

- Find OurHistoryAtlas.com on the Internet at http://www.ourhistoryatlas.com
- When you are there, put in your User Name and Password. (Your teacher will give you these.)
- At the top of the home page, there are five buttons, one for each major section of the site. Click on the button labeled **Maps**.

Introduction: Maps

There are three types of maps on this site—history maps, outline maps, and reference maps.

History Maps

- 1. Click on **History Maps** in the yellow bar on the left side of the screen. Click on **Unit 1: Three Worlds Meet**. Then click on **To the Indies by Sea**.
 - **a.** Study the map legend. Which two Portuguese explorers tried to reach the Indies in the late 1400s?_____
 - **b.** Which explorer sailing for Spain also tried to reach the Indies? _____
- 2. Click on Unit 4: The United States Expands. Then click on Indian Lands, 1820–1850.
 - a. Study the map. What color represents Indian Territory? _____
 - **b.** What do the names next to the purple arrows represent?

Outline Maps

- **3.** Click on **Outline Maps**. Then click on **With Present Boundaries**. Then **World**.
 - a. What do the squiggly blue lines represent? _____
 - **b.** What do the red lines represent?



Reference Maps



- 4. Click on **Reference Maps**. Then click on **Europe**.
 - **a.** What is the easternmost country in Europe?_____
 - **b.** What three European countries are located along the Prime Meridian?

Introduction: Graphs

Graphs show patterns of change over time. On this site you will find line graphs, circle graphs, and bar graphs.

- **5.** On the top of the screen click on **Graphs**. In the yellow bar to the left click on **Unit 2: Colonial America**. Then click on **White and Black Colonial Population**, 1750.
 - a. Which colony had the largest number of blacks in 1750?
 - **b.** Which colony had the largest number of whites in 1750?
- 6. In the yellow bar click on Unit 6: Modern America. Then click on Foreign-Born Population.
 - a. In the year 2000, the largest group of foreign-born Americans were from which region? _____
 - **b.** What was the total population of foreign-born Americans in 2000?

Introduction: Photos

There are a variety of photographs with captions on this site that offer a glimpse of the people, places, and events in U.S. history.

- **7.** On the top of the screen, click on **Photos**. Then click on **Unit 2: Colonial America**. Now click on **Page 1**.
 - a. What crop helped Jamestown colonists build a stable economy?
 - **b.** Click on **Page 2**. Which colony held the Salem Witch Trials?_____

Introduction: Links

Web site links are available to help you further research historical topics.

8. On the top of the screen, click on **Links**. Then click on **Unit 3: A New Nation**. Which site would help you find information about George Washington's home?

