

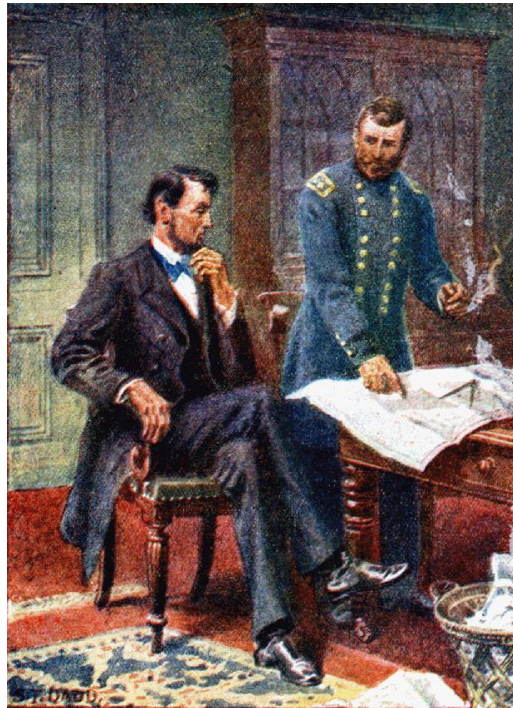
# UNITED STATES - 1883 TO 1865 – SUMMARY

## WASHINGTON PRESIDENT TO CIVIL WAR

The United States History division of the Young Readers collection begins with stories of the founding fathers, the constitution, and the first presidents, and continues to the early 20th century. George Washington, Andrew Jackson, and [Abraham Lincoln](#) are a few of the American Presidents of most interest to young readers, but many favorite stories of early American history have to do with adventure, exploration, and invention rather than politics.

The United States were founded during the heydays of the industrial revolution, and the spirit of invention was part of American culture from its earliest years. Many of the American histories featured in the Young Readers collection include stories of inventors such as [Eli Whitney](#) (cotton gin), [Robert Fulton](#) (steam ship), and [Samuel Morse](#) (telegraph). The age of invention continued throughout the 19th century, with the introduction of canals, cross country railroads, agricultural equipment, the telephone, and [Thomas Edison's](#) light bulb. By turn of the 20th century, the automobile had been invented, telephones were common, and airplanes were just around the corner.

Explorers and early settlers were just as important to the American experience as inventors, and their stories are just as exciting to young readers. [Daniel Boone](#), [Lewis](#) and [Clark](#), and [Buffalo Bill](#), were only a few of hundreds of American pioneers. James' Otis' [Colonial Children](#) series is a wonderful introduction to American pioneer life and features the stories of children who settled western territories, as well as the original colonies.



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In terms of conflicts, the [American Civil War](#) was by far the most important war in early American history and it involves many stories and characters of interest to younger students. Pratt's [American History Stories - IV](#), covers the civil war in age-appropriate detail, and a simplified version of [Uncle Tom's Cabin](#) is also available to help younger students understand the problems with slavery. Short stories from other conflicts, such as the [War of 1812](#), the [Texas War of Independence](#), and the [Mexican American War](#) are mentioned in several books intended for children, but none are covered in as much detail as the Civil War.

The Heritage Classical Curriculum, because it draws on history books written prior to 1923, only deals with American History until the close of World War I. This, however, is a suitable break point, since the progressive philosophy of government ushered in at that time fundamentally changed the nature of American government.

Most of the Young Reader [Study Questions](#) that relate to Early American history are taken from [America First](#) by Evans, the third and fourth volumes of the [American History Stories](#) series by Pratt, and selections from Baldwin's [Famous Stories](#) series.

# UNITED STATES - 1883 TO 1865 – CHARACTERS

## WASHINGTON PRESIDENT TO CIVIL WAR

### EARLY REPUBLIC

|                         |           |  |
|-------------------------|-----------|--|
| <b>Daniel Boone</b>     | 1734–1820 | Explored the Kentucky and Tennessee Valley. Opened a road for settlers through Cumberland Gap.                                     |
| <b>Thomas Jefferson</b> | 1743–1826 | Third President. Author of the Declaration of Independence. Founder of Democrat-Republican Party.                                  |
| <b>Eli Whitney</b>      | 1765–1825 | Inventor of the Cotton Gin, and also interchangeable parts for rifles.   |
| <b>Andrew Jackson</b>   | 1767–1845 | Hero of the <i>Battle of New Orleans</i> , President of U.S., and founder of Democratic Party.                                     |
| <b>Meriwether Lewis</b> | 1774–1809 | With William Clark, followed the Missouri river to its source, crossed the Rockies and followed the Columbia to the Pacific Ocean. |
| <b>William Clark</b>    | 1770–1838 | Led an expedition up the Missouri River, map-making, gathering information, and looking for a passage to the Pacific Ocean.        |
| <b>Davy Crockett</b>    | 1786–1836 | Tennessee Frontiersman and congressman. Involved with Texas independence. Died at the Alamo.                                       |
| <b>Sam Houston</b>      | 1793–1863 | Founder of the state of Texas, and first governor.   |
| <b>Tecumseh</b>         | 1768–1813 | Shawnee Hero. Tried to unify tribes against the colonists. Fought for Britain during War of 1812.                                  |

### CIVIL WAR AND AFTER

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|------------------------------|-----------|--|
| <b>Abraham Lincoln</b>       | 1809–1865 | President of the United States during the American Civil War.  |
| <b>Robert E. Lee</b>         | 1807–1870 | General of the Confederate Army during the American Civil War.   |
| <b>Stonewall Jackson</b>     | 1824–1863 | Leading Confederate General of the American Civil War, especially notable at Bull Run. Died at Chancellorsville.                     |
| <b>Ulysses Grant</b>         | 1822–1885 | Commander and Chief of the Union forces in the Civil War, and President of the United States.  |
| <b>William Sherman</b>       | 1822–1885 | American Civil War General. Marched "From Atlanta to the Sea."   |
| <b>Clara Barton</b>          | 1821–1912 | Civil War Nurse and Humanitarian. Founder of the American Red Cross.   |
| <b>Alexander Graham Bell</b> | 1847–1922 | Inventor of the telephone, and also a founder of a school for the deaf.  |
| <b>Thomas Edison</b>         | 1847–1931 | Prolific inventor, responsible for improvements in the light bulb, movies, phonograph, and many others.                              |
| <b>Booker T. Washington</b>  | 1856–1915 | Former slave who became an important leader of newly freed negroes. Emphasized education, job training, clean-living, and self-help. |
| <b>Theodore Roosevelt</b>    | 1858–1919 | Progressive Republican who served as the 26th President of the United States.  |
| <b>Wilber and Orville</b>    | 1871–1948 | Inventors of the first practical airplane. The Wright brothers were self-educated bicycle shop owners.                               |

## UNITED STATES - 1883 TO 1865 – TIMELINE

### WASHINGTON PRESIDENT TO CIVIL WAR

- 1783 States ratify the **Constitution**—[George Washington](#)
- 1793 [Eli Whitney](#) invents the Cotton Gin
- 1804 Lewis and Clark explore the **Louisiana Purchase**.
- 1812-14 [War of 1812](#).
- 1829 [Andrew Jackson](#), and Indian fighter, becomes first "commoner" president.
- 1836 [Battle of the Alamo](#), Texas wins its independence from Mexico.
- 1837 [Samuel Morse](#) invents the Telegraph.
- 1846 [Mexican American War](#), Mexico cedes California, Arizona and New Mexico to U.S.
- 1849 Gold found in California, Westward expansion begins.
- 1861-65 [American Civil War](#), Battle of Gettysburg, **Emancipation Proclamation**.
- 1869 First **Transcontinental Railroad** completed
- 1877 Last Major Indian battle, [Chief Joseph](#) surrenders to U.S. army.
- 1879 [Thomas Edison](#) invents the first light bulb.
- 1898-99 [Spanish American War](#)—Spain loses Cuba and the Philippines to the U.S.
- 1917 United States becomes involved in World War I

## UNITED STATES - 1883 TO 1865 – RECOMMENDED READING

### WASHINGTON PRESIDENT TO CIVIL WAR

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| Eggleston - <a href="#">Great Americans for Little Americans</a> | <a href="#">Daniel Boone and His Swing</a> to <a href="#">The Author of "Little Women"</a> (27) |
| Evans - <a href="#">America First</a>                            | <a href="#">Nolichucky Jack</a> to <a href="#">Sergeant York</a> (50)                           |
| Eggleston - <a href="#">American Life and Adventure</a>          | <a href="#">The River Pirates</a> to <a href="#">Adventures in Alaska</a> (14)                  |
| Hamilton - <a href="#">The Story of Abraham Lincoln</a>          | <i>entire book</i>  |
| Pratt - <a href="#">American History Stories - III</a>           | <i>entire book</i>  |
| Pratt - <a href="#">American History Stories - IV</a>            | <i>entire book</i>  |
| Marshall - <a href="#">Stories from Uncle Tom's Cabin</a>        | <i>entire book</i>  |
| Otis Kaler - <a href="#">Seth of Colorado</a>                    | <i>entire book</i>  |
| Otis Kaler - <a href="#">Hannah of Kentucky</a>                  | <i>entire book</i>  |
| Otis Kaler - <a href="#">Philip of Texas</a>                     | <i>entire book</i>  |
| Otis Kaler - <a href="#">Benjamin of Ohio</a>                    | <i>entire book</i>  |
| Otis Kaler - <a href="#">Martha of California</a>                | <i>entire book</i>  |
| Otis Kaler - <a href="#">Antoine of Oregon</a>                   | <i>entire book</i>  |

