

Orientation
Social World Study Guide

History is an account, mostly false, of events, mostly unimportant, which are brought about by rulers, mostly knaves, and soldiers, mostly fools.

-Ambrose Bierce

Overview:

There are (at least) two sides to every story. *This week we will examine what history is, who determines it, and why we study it.* Specifically, we will examine two sides of history through exploration early European colonization of the Americas. For a broader view, we will dialogue about the ethics of written history through the lens of George Orwell's book, *1984*. Our challenge will be to use new information to shift our perspective of history.

Guiding Question: What is History and why does it change when new information is covered?

_____ 1. Review the overview with your class and mark it up.

_____ 2. Complete the pre-reading handout for Chapter 2.

_____ 3. Personal Project: Create a historical marker that commemorates a settlement established by the English, Dutch, French, or Spanish in the Americas. Your marker should include:

- an appropriate title.
- a brief summary that clearly explains (1) how the settlement was established, (2) how Native Americans living near the settlement were treated, (3) how the settlement flourished or failed.
- visuals that illustrate the three main ideas of the summary
- writing that is free from spelling and grammatical errors
- ✓ Take a stance: create your marker from either the perspective of the Native Americans or the settlers.
- ✓ You may use the graphic organizer on page 13 for your rough draft. Your final marker should be submitted on a separate sheet of paper and either typed or in your best handwriting.

_____ 4. Socratic Seminar on *1984*.

_____ 5. Participate in the lesson on "Claiming Land in the Americas" and record notes in your graphic organizer (p. 7)

_____ 6. Independent Work (IW): Read and make sticky notes on pages 17-21 in *History Alive!* Put the sticky notes on your graphic organizer page 8 where they relate.

_____ 7. Complete a) and **one** other activity with your small group to answer the guiding question.

a) Read pages 22-33 in *History Alive!*

Take sticky notes on how one of the following settlements affected the lives of Native Americans:

b) New France (p. 10 of graphic organizer)

c) Jamestown (p. 11 of graphic organizer)

d) New Netherland (p. 12 of graphic organizer)

Putting it all together...

_____ 8. In your small group, put together a short presentation (less than 5 minutes) in which you “rewrite” history to show the Native American perspective of the settlement you studied for the small group activity. Be sure to include all of the information from your graphic organizer from Task six.

_____ 9. Review for the quiz and update all graphic organizers. Organize and compile all your work together.

_____ 10. Chapter 2 Quiz