**Things to Include in your book/website by topic**

**Colonization (1600s-1730s)**

* Name of the original English colonies (13) – feel free to organize them by region
* When the first settlement was founded, why was it founded (Jamestown)
* Type of people who settled in the colonies
* Why people were settling in the colonies
* Major similarities/differences between the colonies or colonial regions
  + Similarities/differences in the types of people, religion, economy/work, government, etc.

**Revolution (1730s – 1780s)**

* Describe the relationship between England and its colonies before the Revolution
* Seven Years War/French and Indian War
* Taxes and Acts passed by England (Navigation/Sugar/Stamp/Tea/Intolerable)
* Early efforts by the colonists to resist England
  + 1st Continental Congress
  + Boston Tea Party
* Early violence - Boston Massacre, Lexington and Concord
* Common Sense
* Patriots/Loyalists/Neutralists
* Declaration of Independence
* The war effort
  + Strengths and weaknesses of both sides
  + American allies
  + End of war

**Constitution (1770s-1780s)**

* Articles of Confederation
  + Why we needed this? Strengths and Weaknesses
  + Shay’s Rebellion
* Constitutional Convention
  + Debates/Compromises
* Constitution
  + What it is?
  + What’s included (articles/bill of rights)
  + Principles of the Constitution

**Slavery (1620s – 1850s)**

* When the first slaves arrived in America
* African slave trade
* Why America had slaves
* How slavery expanded across the US
* Different views in the North and the South
* Abolition
* Debates/laws over slavery
  + Missouri Compromise/Kansas-Nebraska Act/Abraham Lincoln

**Civil War (1850s – early-1860s)**

* What events led to the Civil War – how did they lead to the war
  + Missouri Comp/Kansas-Nebraska Act, Dred Scott, Raid on Harpers Ferry
* Lincoln’s Election
  + How did the South React?
* South Carolina’s secession and how the war started
* Strengths and Weaknesses of the North and the South
* Emancipation Proclamation
  + Shifting towards a moral war
* How the war ends

**Reconstruction (mid-1860s – 1870s [1890s])**

* Assassination of Lincoln
* Republican Congress and Andrew Johnson
  + Different Reconstruction plans
* Reconstruction amendments
* African Americans voting and new gov’t positions
* Freedman’s Bureau and Civil Rights Acts
* KKK origins and Black Codes
* End of Reconstruction
* Failures of Reconstruction