Volume 1: Through Reconstruction

Shifting *Perspectives*

From Barriers to Freedom

STUDENT WORKBOOK

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How to Use This Workbook

Welcome to your companion workbook for Shifting Perspectives: From Barriers to Freedom Volume 1. This workbook is designed to turn your reading experience into an active exploration of U.S. History. Packed with six engaging activities for each chapter, this workbook will help reinforce and deepen your understanding of key concepts and truly own your learning journey. Each chapter features six distinct types of worksheets, each with a specific purpose:

1. **Vocabulary Builder:** Start each chapter by boosting your vocabulary. This section helps you master new words and phrases that are key to understanding the content of the textbook. This isn't your average vocabulary worksheet! It requires you to not only match the vocabulary word and definition, but also to fill in missing words in the definition. This exercise will help the vocabulary words to stick in your memory. Mastering the vocabulary prior to reading the chapter in the textbook will provide a better understanding of the material.
2. **Fact Finder:** History is all about the details! The Fact Finder activity puts your comprehension skills to the test. These activities challenge you to recall details and explain ideas explored in the textbook. By answering questions and completing tasks, you'll solidify your knowledge of important historical details.
3. **Mapping History:** Geography plays an important role in understanding history. The Mapping History activity helps you visualize historical events and develop spatial awareness, connecting locations with the events that unfolded there. Get ready to become a master mapmaker of the past!
4. **Creative Expressions:** History isn't just about facts and dates—it's about stories, ideas and perspectives. The Creative Expressions activity encourages you to explore historical events through creative outlets like creative writing, drawing, creating collages or even designing your own board game.
5. **Think Tank:** Put on your thinking caps! The Think Tank activity will sharpen your critical thinking skills by challenging you to analyze historical events and figures, draw connections and develop your own interpretations. By asking thought-provoking questions and exploring different perspectives, you'll sharpen your critical thinking skills and deepen your understanding of complex issues.
6. **Puzzle Time:** Learning should be fun! Wrap up each chapter with a challenging Puzzle Time activity. These puzzles come in various forms, from crosswords and word searches to cryptograms and missing letters. These activities offer a lighthearted way to review the chapter's content, testing your knowledge and problem-solving abilities.

By engaging with these diverse activities, you'll develop a well-rounded understanding of U.S. History. This workbook fosters not only the knowledge of historical facts but also critical thinking, creativity and spatial awareness, helping you to engage with the past in meaningful ways - understanding the past, and its impact on the present, will equip you to be a leader of tomorrow.

Vocabulary Builder — Chapter 10

Instructions:
Match the word on the left with its definition on the right. Write the letter of the definition in the box next to the word and fill in the missing words.

Vocabulary Word	Definition
☐ 1. infiltrated	a. very important in helping or causing something to _____
☐ 2. stalemate	b. an _____ praising someone's actions
☐ 3. Loyalists	c. person owing _____ to a particular government
☐ 4. resolve	d. joined _____ in order to gain information
☐ 5. instrumental	e. colonists who remained _____ to the British
☐ 6. valiantly	f. a dispute in which _____ side can win
☐ 7. commendation	g. solve or end a _____
☐ 8. subject	h. in a way that is _____ or courageous

Fact Finder: Battles that Shaped America — Chapter 10

The American Revolutionary War was a fight for independence from Great Britain. This worksheet explores several key battles and their significance in the war effort.

Instructions:
For each battle listed below, describe its importance and the outcome. Use your textbook to help you complete this worksheet.

Battles of the Revolution:

1. **Battles of Lexington and Concord:**

   Importance: _____

   Outcome: _____

2. **Battle of Bunker Hill:**

   Importance: _____

   Outcome: _____

3. **Battle of Saratoga:**

   Importance: _____

   Outcome: _____

4. **Battle of King's Mountain:**

   Importance: _____

   Outcome: _____

5. **Battle of Yorktown:**

   Importance: _____

   Outcome: _____

The American Revolution was a fight for independence fought across many battlefields. This mapping activity will help you visualize the locations of key battles discussed in the textbook and get a sense of the geographical scope of the war.

Marking the Battles: Become a history detective! Use your textbook chapter to identify the following battles of the American Revolution. On the blank map, mark the location of each battle with a symbol. Use a blue colored pencil to mark battles won by the Americans and a red colored pencil to mark battles won by the British.

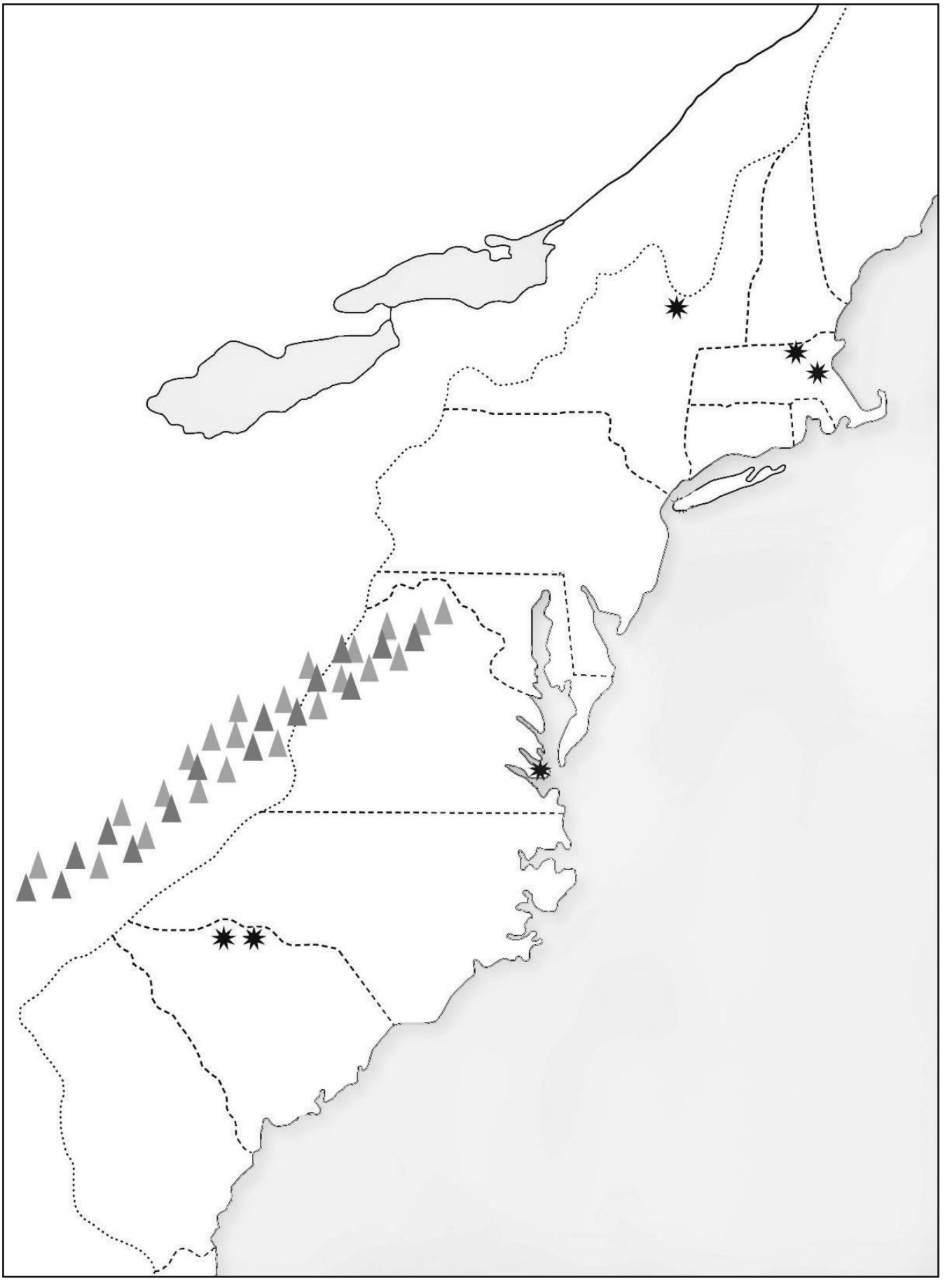
- Lexington & Concord: These battles are considered the "shot heard around the world" that marked the start of the war. You can use one symbol for both locations.
- Bunker Hill: A costly British victory but a turning point for the Continental Army.
- Saratoga: A major turning point victory for the Americans, securing crucial foreign aid.
- King's Mountain: A pivotal victory for the Continental Army in the Southern theater.
- Cowpens: Another key American victory in the South, weakening British forces.
- Yorktown: The final major battle of the war, leading to British surrender.

Colonial Compass: The 13 colonies were the heart of the American Revolution. Carefully label each of the 13 colonies on the map.

Waterways: Bodies of water played a role in the war effort. Locate and label the following on your map:

- Atlantic Ocean
- Chesapeake Bay
- Delaware Bay
- Lake Ontario
- Lake Erie

Mountain Range: Label the mountain range depicted on the map by the group of triangles.



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Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden ↑ ↓ → ← and ↘

REVOLUTIONARY
INDEPENDENCE
INSURRECTION
CONTINENTAL
LOYALISTS
ARMISTEAD
LEXINGTON
STALEMATE
SARATOGA
PATRIOTS
CONGRESS
YORKTOWN
COWPENS
DUNMORE
CONCORD
QUEBEC
BUNKER
REVERE
MUSKET
FRENCH

Additional Activity Examples from Other Chapters

Fact Finder: New Nation and the Constitution — Chapter 11

Instructions:
Read each question carefully and choose the best answer from the options provided.

1. What was the first written constitution of the United States?
   a) The Magna Carta
   b) The English Bill of Rights
   c) The Articles of Confederation
   d) The United States Constitution

2. The Constitutional Convention was held in which year?
   a) 1776
   b) 1781
   c) 1787
   d) 1791

3. Which document influenced the U.S. Constitution by outlining the principle of Parliamentary Supremacy?
   a) The Magna Carta
   b) The English Bill of Rights
   c) The Iroquois Constitution
   d) John Locke's writings

4. How many houses of Congress were proposed in the Virginia Plan?
   a) One
   b) Two
   c) Three
   d) Four

5. The Three-Fifths Compromise was related to which of the following?
   a) The election of the President
   b) The counting of enslaved people for representation
   c) The division of powers among the branches of government
   d) The establishment of the Supreme Court

6. Which amendment abolished slavery and involuntary servitude, except as punishment for a crime?
   a) 10th Amendment
   b) 13th Amendment
   c) 14th Amendment
   d) 15th Amendment

Creative Expressions: Visualizing the Bill of Rights Chapter 11

The Bill of Rights, the first ten amendments to the U.S. Constitution, guarantees fundamental freedoms and protects citizens from government overreach. This chapter explored the importance of these amendments in getting the Constitution accepted.

In this assignment, you can choose one of two creative options to represent the Bill of Rights:

Option 1: Illustrated Guide

Create a mini illustrated guide to the Bill of Rights!

- Divide your page into sections, one for each of the first ten amendments.
- Briefly summarize each amendment in 1-2 sentences.
- Use illustrations to visually represent the key right or protection provided by each amendment.

Option 2: Visual Representation

- Create a visual representation that shows the influence of the Bill of Rights on the Constitution.
- You can create a drawing, collage or a combination of both.
- Consider incorporating symbols of the Constitution (parchment paper, scales of justice) and the Bill of Rights (numbered list, key phrases).
- Depict how the Bill of Rights strengthens and protects the principles in the Constitution.
- You can show people exercising their rights, a shield protecting citizens or a spotlight shining on the Bill of Rights.
- You can also show how these rights haven't always been fair for everyone, especially for African Americans. Maybe you could show someone being left out or not getting the same protection as others.
- These are all ideas to get your creativity flowing. You can use some or none of these ideas.

Continue Learning with the Companion Workbook

This workbook sample offers a brief look at how the Shifting Perspectives workbook supports and extends the textbook.

The full workbook is designed to help students actively engage with each chapter through a varied set of activities, ensuring that learning remains meaningful and engaging throughout the course.

In the complete workbook, students will:

- Strengthen understanding through vocabulary development and comprehension activities
- Practice higher-order thinking with critical thinking and analysis exercises
- Build geographic and visual literacy through maps and visual-based tasks
- Reinforce learning through puzzles and interactive activities
- Express understanding creatively through writing and creative expression pages

Each chapter includes a different combination of activities, allowing students to interact with the material in multiple ways while avoiding repetitive formats.

Complete the Experience

The Shifting Perspectives Workbook is available:

- As a companion to the textbook for guided, chapter-by-chapter learning
- As part of the Textbook + Workbook Bundle, designed to work together as a complete instructional resource

To access the full workbook and bundle options, visit:

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Thank you for exploring this workbook sample.
We hope it supports thoughtful learning, engagement and meaningful connections to history.