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TEACHER INTRODUCTION

Welcome to *America from the Beginning*. You have chosen an exciting U.S. history curriculum for upper elementary/middle school students. Unlike many other U.S. history programs, this curriculum starts the story of America at the beginning from a biblical perspective, explaining how the very first inhabitants got to this land. We strive to show God's plan for this nation from the beginning to the present day. In addition, we have included events from world history in each unit to help your children better understand how U.S. history fits in with what was going on in the rest of the world. Each unit also includes many fun activities to make learning more meaningful and exciting.

This curriculum consists of three parts: the **Student Text**, the **Teacher Supplement**, and the **Reproducibles CD-ROM**. The **Student Text** contains the daily reading and activities, as well as

review questions for each lesson. It is the heart of the curriculum. The **Teacher Supplement** contains answers to all of the questions and quizzes as well as teaching tips for each unit. It also contains a list of optional resources for those who want to add biographies and other supplemental resources. The **Reproducibles CD-ROM** contains all of the reproducible pages including worksheets, maps, time lines, quizzes, and tests on CD-ROM so you can print them directly from your computer.

This curriculum contains 18 units. Each unit should take two weeks to complete. There are three lessons per week, six lessons per unit. In addition to the lessons, there are several activities that can be done on lesson days, or on non-lesson days, depending on how much time you want to spend each day. You can choose from the following suggested formats:

OPTION 1	OPTION 2
WEEK 1 Monday – Lesson 1 Wednesday – Lesson 2 + Map Work Friday – Lesson 3 + Hands-on Activity	WEEK 1 Monday – Lesson 1 Tuesday – Lesson 2 Wednesday – Map Work Thursday – Lesson 3 Friday – Hands-on Activity
WEEK 2 Monday – Lesson 4 + Time Line Wednesday – Lesson 5 (activity day) Friday – Lesson 6 + Final Activity + Quiz	WEEK 2 Monday – Lesson 4 Tuesday – Time Line Wednesday – Lesson 5 (activity day) Thursday – Lesson 6 Friday – Final Activity + Quiz

TEACHER INTRODUCTION

WEEK 1

Lesson 1 introduces the main events covered in the unit. Your children will learn about many important things that happened. Lesson 2 introduces some of the interesting people. This lesson helps your children connect with the people who actually lived through the events they are learning about. Lesson 3 continues with the events of the time period with a special emphasis on what everyday life was like for the people then. This lesson also includes a Technology Meter, which tells your children about some of the inventions or technology of the time. The end of Lesson 3 contains a hands-on activity that helps your children really get involved in learning about the time period. This activity can be done the same day as Lesson 3 or on another day that week. These three lessons take you through the first week of the unit.

WEEK 2

Lesson 4 teaches your children what was going on in the rest of the world during the time the events were taking place in the United States. This helps your children connect world history with American history. Lesson 5 is an activity day. This lesson usually includes some new material along with an activity such as writing, memorizing, or creative crafts. The final lesson, Lesson 6, is a review day. This lesson reviews the major events from the unit. It may also introduce fun facts or tie up loose ends from the previous lessons. At the end of Lesson 6 there is a final hands-on activity that will really help cement what your children have learned.

Each unit also includes map work as well as building a time line.

Your children will assemble a U.S. history notebook as they complete all of the activities in the curriculum. This will give your children a keepsake to help them remember their study of United States history. The notebook will have three sections. One section will include the map work done in each unit. The second section will contain the time line sheets. Your children will add people and events to this time line as they go through the lessons. Finally, the third section will contain all of the crafts, writing, and other fun things that are done along the way.

So what makes *America from the Beginning* unique? First, as the name states, this curriculum shows how God had a plan for the United States from the very beginning, starting with the events in Genesis. Second, this is a very hands-on curriculum. You and your children will be doing many fun activities, which will make learning enjoyable for all of you. Part of our goal is to make this study interesting and fun as well as educational. If your children are interested and are having fun, they will learn and retain more of this history. Third, this curriculum helps your children connect world events with the events in U.S. history, an aspect that is missing in most American history curricula. Also, the students will learn about technology and see how having the latest inventions often changed the course of history. Finally, this curriculum is complete. Many other curricula give you activities, or events, or biographies, but not all three. We put everything together for you, so you don't have to pull from several sources. So kick back and enjoy your study of American history.

