

Unit 3: Transforming the Nation–1830s to 1877 (Chapters 11-15) and the Final Exam

Overview

What the Title Tells You about This Unit

We begin with the 1830s when the North and South become different. The North becomes modern and reform-minded; the South does not. (Chapters 11 and 12 show the differences). Making high profits from slavery requires new, fertile land to use. The struggle for whether the land in the territories will be owned by free farmers or by big planters brings new tensions and finally secession. (Chapter 13 shows the events.)

What remains is:

- The Civil War
- Reconstruction and the new trends for the nation

Reading Assignments and Resources to Aid Reading and Analysis

Use of the Word *Chapter*

Unit 3 consists of Chapters 11-15. The word *Chapter* refers:

- a) to numbered parts of your textbook
- b) to the specific Blackboard learning module for that chapter.

Required Textbook (*America: The Essentials Learning Edition*), Chapters 11-15

It can be helpful to examine each chapter just to notice the headings, pictures, and maps to have a feel for the time period. Use the index at the back of the book to look up the individual items in the Study Guide.

Required Blackboard Learning Modules within Unit 3, Chapters 11-15

Blackboard learning modules have a Table of Contents on the left that let you see all of the resources available for the chapter. You can click directly on the one you want. All chapters have links from your instructor and a folder containing specific primaries. (Primaries are also available from the Course Menu on the left.) Some chapters also include resources such as maps.

Graded Work in Unit 3 and the Final Exam

Available dates and due dates are in the Course Schedule.

1. Examine the requirements for your proposal for your Analysis of Primaries and submit to Turnitin.
2. Begin your postings in Collaborate! for Unit 3. You may post either a definition of a concept (or a significant term) or a question about those concepts.
3. Once your proposal is approved, begin work on it. You can submit it to Turnitin for feedback, correct, and resubmit.
4. Complete the 2 parts of the Unit 3 exam before the close of the Unit. There is a study guide for each unit to help you prepare. Notice the additional information available on that study guide for the concepts exam. The 2 parts of the Unit 3 exam are:
 - Unit 3 Objective Exam
 - Unit 3 Concepts Exam (Unit 3 does not have a Written Exam because you will be finishing up your Analysis of Primaries.)
5. Because the review for the Final Exam includes map that may help you with Unit 3 Objectives, the Final Exam Module opens early.
6. Take the Final Exam on the date in the Course Schedule.