

America Today

Week 32 • Monday • How History Shapes Our World

Reading Time

Welcome to your final week of history! You have traveled through thousands of years — and now we arrive at TODAY.

America today is a country of more than 330 million people from every corner of the world. It has fifty states, from sunny Florida to snowy Alaska. Its people speak many languages, enjoy many foods, and celebrate many traditions.

But here is the big secret of this whole year: today did not just happen. Every part of your world — your town, your rights, your school, even your breakfast — was shaped by the history you have learned. This week, you will connect all the pieces!

Reading Questions

1. About how many people live in America today?

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2. How many states does America have?

3. What is the 'big secret' of this year of history?

This Week's Goals

By the end of this week, you will be able to:

1. Describe America today.
2. Connect things in your life to their history.
3. Explain why learning history matters.
4. Celebrate everything you learned this year!

Vocabulary Grid

Write what each word means in your own words.

today

tradition

states

language

connect

shape

History Made It Happen!

Match each thing TODAY to its history. Write the letter: A) Pioneers B) Founding Fathers C) Wright brothers D) Lincoln

Thing today	History letter
Airplanes flying overhead	
Towns and farms across the West	
Freedom and fair laws for everyone	
Our government chosen by the people	

Fill in the Blanks

fifty million languages history shaped world

1. America has _____ states.
2. More than 330 _____ people live here.
3. Americans speak many _____.
4. People come from every corner of the _____.
5. Today was _____ by the past.
6. Everything around you has a _____.

Think About It

1. Look around your room. Pick one thing and guess its history. How did it come to be?

Review

I learned...	Circle one
What America is like today	YES / NOT YET
That today was shaped by history	YES / NOT YET
My goals for the final week	YES / NOT YET