

Linking to Today

Learn About It

In this unit, your child will learn:

- the factors that led to the large numbers of immigrants from Europe, Asia, and Mexico
- the different struggles that took place in the early 20th century for women, African Americans, American Indians, and others

Here are some ways that you can help your child learn:

Talk About It

Chapter 14: A Changing Population

Where we come from Over the course of American history, there have been several waves of immigration. From what country does your family originally come? If you know, discuss how your ancestors first came to the United States and where they settled. Or you can talk about the many different cultures from which Americans come.

Chapter 15: The Promise of America

Rights for all Together, read the Bill of Rights. Discuss how these rights have affected women, African Americans, American Indians, and others. How do they affect your daily life? What is being done today to make sure everyone has the same rights?

Make It

Family trees Many Americans can trace their heritage to another country. Work together to create a family tree. Try to go back as far into the past as you can. When did your family come to the United States? If your ancestors lived in another country, write it under their names.

Read to Learn More About It

The Harlem Renaissance, by James Haskins. Haskins introduces the African American men and women of literature, painting, sculpture, and music who were part of the cultural period called the Harlem Renaissance.

Red Tail Angels: The Story of the Tuskegee Airmen, by Patricia and Fredrick McKissack. Recounts the true story of the Red Tail Angels, African American pilots who won the respect and admiration of their peers as well as a hundred and fifty Distinguished Flying Crosses and Legions of Merit.

You Want Women to Vote, Lizzie Stanton?, by Jean Fritz. A biography of the leader in the fight for women's suffrage.

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