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Teacher Study Guide

Timmy Abell s cultural arts program of music and storytelling will focus on the characteristics of each of the last ten decades. With the intention of giving students a broader sense of their place in time, Timmy will discuss various aspects of the amazing 20th century while performing songs, stories and music which have some connections to each period. Points from this study guide will help students gain a perspective on the events, tragedies and breakthroughs which have contributed to life as they know it at the beginning of the new Millennium.

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The Industrial Revolution
1900 - 1910

A decade of amazing technological innovation and progress which would change the world forever. Automobiles, airplanes, plastic and movies took off during these exciting years.

Presidents:

Theodore Roosevelt (1901-1909)

Five Major Events:

1. 1900, President McKinley Assasinated
2. 1905, Albert Einstein unveils theory of Relativity
3. 1906, San Francisco Earthquake, kills 700
4. 1907, Oklahoma becomes 46th State
5. 1909, US Explorer Robert Perry reaches the North Pole

Major Inventions / Discoveries:

1. First Kodak Brownie Camera, cost $1.00 / six shot roll of film 10¢
2. 1903 Wright Brothers First Powered Flight
3. 1908, Henry Ford s First Model T (eventually sold 15 million)
4. 1909, Bakelite invented, first plastic

Sports:

1. 1903, First World Series (Pirates vs. Red Sox)
2. 1904, First World Olympic Games, St. Louis, MO
3. 1908, Jack Johnson, First Black Heavyweight Boxing Champion

What Did It Cost?

1. Hourly Wage: 1905, Cotton Mill, Sanford, NC / 7 - 10¢ / hour
2. 1908, Model T Ford $850 / price dropped to $310 by 1926

Popular Music, Dance, Entertainment / Folk Songs:

Big Movies: 1903, *The Great Train Robbery*, longest film to date, 12 minutes
1901, Ragtime Jazz develops in US
1902, *Peter Rabbit*, by Beatrix Potter, published
Casey Jones (died slowing down the Cannonball before slamming into a stopped train, Memphis to MS)
1904, *It s Better To Whistle Than Whine* Elementary School Music Primer

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A Nation Hard At Work

1910 - 1920

American industry expands as world tensions rise to ignite World War I, shattering the hopes for the country s new wave of progress and prosperity.

Presidents:

William H. Taft (1909-1913) & Woodrow Wilson (1913-1921)

Five Major Events:

1. 1909, Halley s Comet, People thought world was ending
2. 1912, Arizona becomes 48th State
3. 1912, Titanic Sinks
4. 1917, US enters World War I / War ends 11/11/1918 at 11:00 pm
5. 1918, Compulsory School attendance law passed

Major Inventions / Discoveries:

1. 1913, Ford opens major assembly line / 1000 cars per day
2. 1915, First Phonograph, the Victrola invented
3. 1915, First Cross Country Phone Call, Bell to Watson, NYC to San Francisco
4. 1915, First motorized taxis

What Did It Cost?

1. Hourly Wage: 1913, Railroad Shop, GA 17¢/hr.; 1914 Sash & Blind Co. 10¢/hr.; Ford workers $5./day
2. Flour 25¢ for 25 lb.
3. 1913, Family Car $600

Sports:

1. 1911, First Indianapolis 500 Auto Race
2. 1912, First successful parachute jump
3. 1916, Automobile speed record 102.6 mph by Gil Anderson

Popular Music, Dance, Entertainment / Folk Songs:

Big Movies: 1913, First Charlie Chaplan movies
Southern Blues / Ragtime / Dixieland Jazz
Waiting for the Robert E. Lee
Dances: Fox Trot, Waltz, Two Step
War Songs: George Cohan, *Over There* ; Ivor Novello, *Keep the Home Fires Burning*

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The Roaring Twenties!

1920 - 1930

Social life in this decade was exciting for many Americans as the jazz age ushered in a time of good fun, dancing (the Charleston) and drink. But the surging stock market eventually crashed (1929) and thoroughly spoiled the party.

Presidents:

Warren Harding (1921-1923) & Calvin Coolidge (1923-1929)

Five Major Events:

1. 1920, First airmail flight from NY to San Francisco
2. 1922 Stock Market boom begins
3. 1922 Women win the right to vote, 19th Amendment
4. 1927, Charles Lindbergh flies over the Atlantic
5. 1929, Stock Market crashes

Major Inventions / Discoveries:

1. 1920, First Radio Station, KOKA
2. 1925, Television invented
3. 1926, Goddard invents first rocket
4. 1929, Kodak introduces first color movie film

What Did It Cost?

1. 1928, Textile Mill $13.00/ Wk.; Waitress in Tourist Home $4.00/ wk
2. 1928 House Rent $12/month ; Light bill $2/month; 1929, Postage Stamp 1¢
3. Ford $290 (lowest price ever,1 out of 4 families owns a car); Gasoline 5 gallons $1.00

Sports:

1. 1921, First Miss America Pageant (Margaret Gorman, D.C.)
2. 1921, Chicago Black Sox players charged with throwing World Series
3. 1924, First Winter Olympics, Chamonix, Fr.
4. 1927, Babe Ruth hits 60 home runs for NY Yankees, a record

Popular Music, Dance, Entertainment / Folk Songs:

The Jazz Age / Dance the Charleston! / Gershwin (*Rhapsody in Blue*)
Avalon , *Whispering* , *Blue Moon*
1927, First movie with dialog (Talkies)
1929, First Academy Awards

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The Great Depression
1930 - 1940

This decade is remembered as a terrible struggle for most Americans. The entire world economy was in depression, people were poor, often desperate and hungry. There was a sense of community and people helped each other through the hard times.

Presidents:

Herbert Hoover (1929-1933) & Franklin D. Roosevelt (1933-1945)

Five Major Events:

1. 1931, Empire State Building completed in NYC
2. 1931, Farmers flee Midwest dustbowl
3. 1932, Amelia Earhart first woman to fly solo across Atlantic, 13.5 hrs.; 1937, Amelia lost on Pacific flight
4. 1938, 40-hour work week established in US
5. 1939, World War II begins

Major Inventions / Discoveries:

1. 1937, First jet engine built
2. 1938, Sikorsky develops first helicopter
3. 1939, Scientists split atom

Sports:

1. 1936, Baseball Hall of Fame founded, Cooperstown, NY
1. 1939, First televised baseball game

What Did It Cost?

1. Hourly Wage: CCC & WPA 75¢/day / 1930, Harvest fields $75/mo.
2. Shoes $1.50 / $1.98 Dress
3. Family Car: 1934 Ford 2 door V8 $490
4. Gasoline 20¢/gal.

Popular Music, Dance, Entertainment / Folk Songs:

1931, Star Spangled Banner becomes US National Anthem
Brother Can You Spare A Dime , *So Long, It s Been Good To Know Ya* , *The Barnyard Dance*
Big Movies: Disney s first animated film, *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* ; *Gone with the Wind*
1937, Bonneville Dam dedicated - *Roll On Columbia* , Woody Guthrie

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The Dark Days of War
1940 - 1950

As if the Thirties weren t difficult enough, this decade was marred by the atrocities of Hitler s Nazi regime and a bloody World War II which brought American patriotism to an all time high and depleted its resources to the point of large scale rationing.

Presidents:

Franklin D. Roosevelt (1933-1945) & Harry S. Truman (1945-1953)

Five Major Events:

1. 1941, Pearl Harbor bombed by Japan
2. 1942-3, Sugar, Coffee, Gasoline Shoes, Meat, Cheese and canned foods are rationed due to war effort
2. 1944, D-Day battle at Normandy
3. 1945, World War II ends
5. 1947, Chuck Yeager breaks sound barrier

Major Inventions / Discoveries:

1. 1946, First computer at Harvard (ENIAC)
2. 1948, Television takes off; by 1951 about 15 million sets sold
3. 1948, Transistor invented

Sports:

1. 1947, Jackie Robinson breaks color barrier in pro baseball
2. 1948, Joe Louis retires from ring after 25 title fights since 1937

What Did It Cost?

1. Hourly Wage: 30 - 40¢/ hr. Wilmington ship yard $50/week
2. Merita bread 20¢; Hamburgers 10¢; Milk Shake 15¢; Movies 12¢ & 25¢
3. Family Car: 1941 Pontiac $800
4. First Class Postage 3¢

Popular Music, Dance, Entertainment / Folk Songs:

Big Movies: 1941, Orson Welles, *Citizen Kane ;* Marx Brothers; Alfred Hitchcock
1940, *You Are My Sunshine*
1945, *BeBop* is in fashion
1948, *All I Want for Christmas is my Two Front Teeth*
This Land is Your Land ; *My Own Grandpa*

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Let s Rock and Roll!

1950 - 1960

Although things were not all rosey on the political scene, the fifties will be remembered as a peaceful time of progress and prosperity. This was the baby boom, families moved to the suburbs and television began to change American life forever.

Presidents:

Harry S. Truman (1945-1953) & Dwight D. Eisenhower (1953-1961)

Five Major Events:

1. 1953, First climbers to conquer Mt. Everest
2. 1954, US has 6% of world population, 60% of all cars, 58% of telephones, 45% of all radios, 38% of Railroads
3. 1955, Disneyland opens in California
4. 1955, Rosa Parks sparks civil rights movement in Alabama
5. 1957, Soviet sputnik sparks the space race

Major Inventions / Discoveries:

1. 1952, Jonas Salk discovers polio **vaccine**
2. First Color Television
3. Yo-Yo replaces Hoola-Hoop as national fad
4. Microchip invented by Texas Instruments

Sports:

1. 1957, John Glenn sets speed record from CA to NY in a jet 3 hrs. 23 min. 8.4 secs.
2. 1957, Brooklyn Dodgers move to Los Angeles
3. Bobby Fischer, age 13, emerges as chess champion

What Did It Cost?

1. Hourly Wage: Min wage 75¢/hr
2. Loaf of Bread 25¢; 1958, First Class Stamp 4¢
3. 1955 Ford Crown Victoria loaded $2200.
4. Gasoline 29¢ gal.

Popular Music, Dance, Entertainment / Folk Songs:

1956, Rock and Roll is in; Elvis Presley *(Heartbreak Hotel);* Ritchie Valens, *La Bamba*
1955, Yellow Rose of Texas, Davy Crocket, Rock Around the Clock
Big Movies: 1959, The Sound of Music
1959, Tom Dooley (Kingston Trio)

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A Cultural Revolution
1960 - 1970

The Sixties really packed a punch for most Americans...a truly emotional decade which witnessed the excitement of a cultural revolution, the tragedy of multiple assassinations and the wonder of technological accomplishment in landing an American on the moon.

Presidents:

John F. Kennedy (1961-1963) & Lyndon B. Johnson (1963-1969)

Five Major Events:

1. 1962, Cuban Missile Crisis
2. Assassinations: 1963, President John F. Kennedy; 1968, Martin Luther King; 1968, Robert Kennedy
3. 1964, Civil Rights Act; 1964' New York World s Fair
4. 1965, First US troops go to Viet Nam
5. 1969, US successfully sends men to the moon

Major Inventions / Discoveries:

1. 1960, First laser device invented
2. 1961, Alan Shepard makes first manned space flight; 1965, Edward White first US space walk, 21 minutes
3. 1969, The Internet is invented by US military
4. 1969, Concorde SST, supersonic aircraft makes its first test flight

Sports:

1. 1962 & 63, Sonny Liston beats Floyd Patterson for world heavyweight championship
2. 1964, Cassius Clay wins heavyweight championship from Sonny Liston

What Did It Cost?

1. Hourly Wage: 1965 $1.50/hr. 1964 NC Teachers $3800/yr.
2. UNC College tuition $162./year
3. New family home in nice development - $24,500
4. Family Car: 1961 VW beetle $1500; 1964 Ford 4 door V8 $3200
5. Gasoline 36¢ gallon; 1963, Postage Stamp 5¢; 1968, Postage Stamp 6¢

Popular Music, Dance, Entertainment / Folk Songs:

1960, Itsy Bitsy Teeny Weeny Yellow Polka Dot Bikini
1962, Bob Dylan *The Times They Are A Changin , Blowin in the Wind*
1964, The Beatles *I Wanna Hold Your Hand ; 1965 Help , the movie*
1968, Paul Simon *Mrs. Robinson ;* Jimi Hendrix & Aretha Franklin

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Conflict and Confusion
1970 - 1980

A decade of political turmoil beginning with the country s division over the Viet Nam War, followed by President Nixon s Watergate scandal and resignation and ending in heightened cold war tensions under Jimmy Carter. In the confusion people begin to seek a deeper spirituality.

Presidents:

Richard M. Nixon (1969-1974), Gerald R. Ford (1974-1977) & Jimmy Carter (1977-1981)

Five Major Events:

1. 1970, Apollo 13 Moon mission is crippled by explosion, barely makes it home
2. 1970, Cigarette advertising banned on radio and TV
3. 1973, US leaves Viet Nam
4. 1974, President Nixon resigns under Watergate scandal
5. 1979, Three Mile Island Nuclear accident

Major Inventions / Discoveries:

1. 1977, US Space Shuttle Enterprise makes first manned flight
2. 1979, Sony Walkman invented
3. 1979, Cigarette smoking declared single most important factor contributing to early death

Sports:

1. 1974, Hank Aaron s career home run record, 715
2. 1974, Little league votes to allow girls

What Did It Cost?

1. Hourly Wage: 1971, $1.50/hr. Plant Nursery; 1970, NC teachers salary, $6000/yr.
2. 1975, First Class Stamp - 13¢; Big Mac 75¢; Fries 35¢
4. Family Car: 1970 Ford $3900; 1976, 4 w drive Ford pickup V8 $6000; 1977, New Honda Civic $3000
5. Gasoline 1976 79¢/gal.; 1977 $1.00/gal.

Popular Music, Dance, Entertainment / Folk Songs:

1977, Elvis Pressley, The King of Rock and Roll dies
Disco music & dancing is in
Big Movies: *The Godfather ; Jaws ; Rocky ; Star Wars*
Si Khan, *It s Not Just What You re Born With*

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The Reagan Years
1980 - 1990

People will remember the booming economy of the eighties, fueled partially by government deficit spending under Ronald Reagan. This decade saw an end to the Cold War, opening a window onto the possibility of world peace, and the beginning of a computer driven world.

Presidents:

Ronald W. Reagan (1981-1989)

Five Major Events:

1. 1980, John Lennon assassinated
2. 1983, Martin Luther King Birthday becomes national holiday
3. 1986, Challenger Space Shuttle crashes, kills 7
4. 1988, Pan Am jet downed in Scotland by terrorists
5. 1989, Berlin Wall tumbles, ending Cold War

Major Inventions / Discoveries:

1. 1980, Wreck of the Titanic is discovered in North Atlantic
2. 1980, AIDS Virus discovered
3. 1982, First artificial heart transplant

Sports:

1. 1981, Muhammad Ali (previously Cassius Clay) retires
2. 1986, Greg LeMond, first American to win Tour de France bicycle race

What Did It Cost?

1. Hourly Wage: 1984 Catering business $4.50/ hr.
2. Loaf of Bread 69¢
3. 1988, Postage Stamp 25¢
4. Honda Station Wagon $8000

Popular Music, Dance, Entertainment / Folk Songs:

Big Movies: 1980, *The Empire Strikes Back* ; 1981, *Raiders of the Lost Arc* ; 1982, *ET* ; 1983, *Return of the Jedi*
1981, *Pac Man* video game
1986, 1st Rap Music / Michael Jackson (moonwalk)
Timmy Abell, *One World Family*

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Windows Into Cyberspace
1990 - 2000

A decade of incredible technological progress marred by deep tragedies both from natural disasters and terrorist actions. Computers, video games, the internet and fast communication set the stage for an exciting new millennium.

Presidents:

George Bush (1989-1993) & William J. Clinton (1993-2000)

Five Major Events:

1. 1991, Persian Gulf War
2. 1992, California earthquake most powerful in 40 years; Hurricane Andrew, $30 billion in damage
3. 1993, World Trade Center bombing; 1995, Oklahoma City bombing
4. 1995, OJ Simpson found innocent in murder trial
5. 1998, Monica Lewinsky affair scandal

Major Inventions / Discoveries:

1. 1990, Hubble Telescope launched
2. 1996, First view of surface of Pluto from Hubble
3. Life in Cyberspace: America On-Line and Amazon.com

Sports:

1. 1993, Vicki Van Meter, age 11, youngest girl to pilot plane across the country
2. 1998, Mark Maguire breaks home run record
2. 1999, Michael Jordan retires

What Did It Cost?

1. Minimum Wage, 1999, $5.15/hr.
2. Gallon of Gasoline 1999, $1.21
3. 1991, First Class Stamp - 29¢; 1999, 33¢
4. 1990, VW Vanagon Camper $21,000 / 1999, VW Eurovan Camper $34,000

Popular Music, Dance, Entertainment / Folk Songs:

1. *The Simpsons* TV Show begins
2. *Chorus Line* closes on Broadway as longest running show in history
3. Big Movies - *Toy Story* , *The Titanic*

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