

Sample Pages from the

America the Beautiful Lesson Review

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This book has daily questions, weekly quizzes, and literature review. After a student reads a lesson in *America the Beautiful*, he should answer the five questions for that lesson in this book. After completing each unit, he should take the quiz for that unit. After finishing each literature title, he should answer the questions for that book.

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Units 12 & 25

★ Unit 12 ★

Lesson 56 - James K. Polk and the Mexican War

1. What did people in the mid-1800s mean when they used the term “manifest destiny”?

2. How did the United States and Great Britain resolve the debate over Oregon country?

3. What action did Polk take that brought on an attack against American troops by Mexican forces? How did the United States respond to the attack?

4. What is significant about the age Polk was when he died?

5. The Polks banned drinking and dancing in the White House because they believed those actions were wrong. If you were President, what would you ban from the White House?

Lesson 57 - Moving West on the Oregon Trail

1. Why did the men in Marcus Whitman’s caravan not accept him at first?

2. Where does a statue of Marcus Whitman stand today? _____

3. How did some people benefit from pioneers who started out with too many possessions in their wagons?

4. About how far did a covered wagon travel in one day on the Oregon Trail? _____

5. Ezra Meeker wanted to commemorate (or remember in a special way) the Oregon Trail. What is a way that your family commemorates something that is important to you?

Lesson 58 - The Smithsonian Institution

1. What was the purpose of the institution James Smithson wanted to be established in the United States?

2. The endowment from James Smithson was converted to what?

3. What did the Act to Establish the Smithsonian Institution passed by Congress declare should be a part of the Institution?

4. What is happening in the center picture on page 322?

5. Do you think President Jackson was right to accept the gift from James Smithson? Why or why not?

Lesson 59 - God Created Niagara Falls

1. What is the name and width of the largest falls at Niagara Falls?

2. What are the sources of the water in the Niagara River, which flows over Niagara Falls?

3. What is the name of the boat tourists can ride in to get close to the falls?

4. How did Charles Blondin get from one side of the falls to the other in 1859 and 1860?

5. Psalm 93 tells us that the Lord is mightier than what?

Lesson 60 - John James Audubon, Artist and Naturalist

1. What did Audubon like to do as a child that prepared him for his work later in life?

2. How far south, north, and west did Audubon travel to paint the birds for his collection?

3. Who turned down the opportunity to publish Audubon's *Birds of America*? Where did Audubon finally find an engraver who would reproduce his work?

4. Who painted the illustrations for *Viviparous Quadrupeds of North America*?

5. What was Jesus' message when he talked about birds in Matthew 6:26?

Take the Unit 12 Quiz on Page 92.

★ Unit 13 ★

Lesson 61 - A Growing Nation Faces Growing Conflict

1. What was the main issue in the Compromise of 1850? _____
2. What four men served as President during the 1850s?

3. Why was Kansas called Bleeding Kansas?

4. What did the Supreme Court declare in its decision about the *Dred Scott* case?

5. What did these titles describe in relation to the Underground Railroad?
station: _____
conductor: _____
stockholder: _____

★ Unit 25 ★

Lesson 121 - A World War II General Becomes President

1. What was a popular campaign slogan during Eisenhower's campaign?

2. What did President Eisenhower and Queen Elizabeth II attend together in 1959?

3. What did the Soviet Union do in 1957 that shocked Americans?

4. What is the Domino Theory?

5. What was the title of Eisenhower's ultimate role during World War II?

Lesson 122 - Drive-Ins, Bobby Socks, and Poodle Skirts

1. How were the Mr. Potato Head toys of the 1950s different from those of today?

2. What did viewers see at a double-feature at a drive-in theatre?

3. Describe a poodle skirt.

4. A vaccine for what disease began to be used in the 1950s?

5. Cabinet meetings during Eisenhower's presidency began with what?

Lesson 123 - Little Rock Central High School

1. What did the Supreme Court decide in the *Brown v. Board of Education* case?

2. Why did Arkansas Governor Faubus call out the National Guard?

3. Who finally escorted the Little Rock Nine into Central High?

4. How did high school students in Little Rock keep up with their studies during the 1958-59 school year when their schools were closed?

5. What did each of the Little Rock Nine receive in 1999?

Lesson 124 - Norman Rockwell, Painter of American Life

1. What did Norman Rockwell once say he was trying to show through his paintings?

2. When he was ten years old and before he settled on a drawing career, what did Rockwell decide he wanted to become?

3. For what organization did Rockwell paint illustrations for over sixty years?

4. How did Rockwell's series called "The Four Freedoms" help in the war effort during World War II?

5. What is a talent or ability you feel God has given you that you would like to pursue?

Lesson 125 - God Created Alaska

1. What separates Alaska from Russia?

2. What is the tallest mountain in the United States? In what park is it located?

3. What is unique about Juneau, the capital of Alaska, compared to all other state capitals?

4. What happened on the Alaskan island of Attu in 1943?

5. When did Alaska become a state?

Questions on *Homer Price*

1. What business did Homer Price's family run?

2. How did Homer and his friends Freddy and Louis help the "super hero" Super-Duper?

3. Homer's Uncle Ulysses had a weakness for what?

4. What did Mr. Michael Murphy charge the town of Centerburg thirty dollars to do?

5. What did Uncle Ulysses suggest that Miss Enders put on her property instead of what she was originally planning?

Take the Unit 25 Quiz on Page 105.

Unit 12 Quiz

Circle the correct answer for each question.

- The belief that America should expand all the way to the Pacific Ocean was called:
a. Opportunity Knocking b. Manifest Destiny c. The Open Road
- With what country did the United States debate about Oregon country?
a. France b. Great Britain c. Spain
- Who was president during the Mexican War?
a. Andrew Jackson b. John Tyler c. James K. Polk
- The legacy of which of these men is honored with a statue in the United States Capitol?
a. Marcus Whitman b. John James Audubon c. Richard Rush
- James Smithson wanted his institution to increase and diffuse what among men?
a. laughter b. knowledge c. fortune
- Which of these was to be a part of the original Smithsonian Institution?
a. art gallery b. planetarium c. farm
- Which is the widest of the falls at Niagara Falls?
a. American b. Bridal Veil c. Horseshoe
- How did Charles Blondin cross Niagara Falls?
a. in a barrel b. on a tightrope c. in a balloon
- Who painted the birds for *Birds of America*?
a. John James Audubon b. Victor Audubon c. Nathaniel Polk
- Where was *Birds of America* first reproduced and sold?
a. Philadelphia b. Washington, D.C. c. London

Unit 25 Quiz

Use the words in the word bank to answer each of the questions below.
Not all of the words will be used.

1. What was Eisenhower's nickname?

2. Who launched the satellite *Sputnik*?

3. The Domino Theory referred to the fear of countries falling to what?

4. During Eisenhower's presidency, each cabinet meeting began with what?

5. A vaccine for what disease began to be used in the 1950s?

6. Who made a ruling in the *Brown v. Board of Education* case?

7. Who received the Congressional Gold Medal in 1999?

8. For what organization did Norman Rockwell paint for over sixty years?

9. Rockwell's series called "The Four Freedoms" helped sell what during World War II?

10. What separates Alaska from Russia?

11. What is the tallest mountain in the United States?

12. When did Alaska become a state?

1959	Ike	Little Rock Nine	polio	Bering Strait	Democracy
Communism	Mt. Olympia	rations	Soviet Union	Canada	prayer
Boy Scouts	1944	Mt. McKinley	speech	Supreme Court	war bonds