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The First Four

The Story of the Parting Ways Project

Chapter Overview & Outline



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America's History

Chapter 1

- True Story of Christopher Columbus
- England vs America
- The Revolutionary War Buildup
- Unknown Soldiers- 5000 African Soldiers
- Indian/Native Americans Role in War

Notes: In this chapter, we visit an alternative story to Columbus's landing in America. England and the New America are beginning to show that things are not what they seem and is slowly leading to conflict. The buildup of suppression and taxes which is leading to war is more than the new country can handle. A Revolution is inevitable. Little known throughout history is the fact that 5000 of the soldiers were Africans. Others who have a hand in the war, on both sides, were Native Americans and Africans. Without these soldiers, the war would have been lost.



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General Washington & the First Four

Chapter 2

- General Washington
- The Country is United
- War Battles Lead to Victory
- Veterans receive their land and freedom

Notes: General Washington's role in the Revolution is dearly noted throughout history except for the fact that he believed in the African soldier as an equal soldier. In addition, his views on the country and life is explored as the country is united against England. Strategic victorious battles are slowly bringing the country to Independence and freedom from tyranny. Following the war, all Revolutionary Veterans were rewarded with land, including African soldiers. The New country is born.



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New Guinea Settlement

Chapter 3

- Bringing African Culture to America
- A New Way of Life on New Settlement
- Cape Verde Island Connection
- Culture & Way of Life

Notes: Land left to four African soldiers in Plymouth, MA by General and now new President Washington spawns a new way of life and a fresh of breathe air. Africans seem to have a place in the New United States of America. The New Guinea settlement at Plymouth, Ma has African culture just as in main land Africa used to. The islands of Cabo Verde, of the West Coast of Senegal, has deep roots to the new settlement and surrounding area of Plymouth. This connection is further explored which in leads in the Culture and Way of life for Africans in America.



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Information Burial

Chapter 4

- Role in War hidden; 3/5 a human
- New Generation of Slavery
- Back to Old Days of Discrimination
- Violent Times
- Native African Culture is lost in America

Notes: The tides are taking a familiar turn back to extreme discrimination and suppression of information. On paper, Africans are not considered a human, yet rather property. The African Veteran of Revolutionary War is considered to never have existed. There is a new and more violent generation of Slavery. Times have become violent and Native African culture that was passed down through slaves and stories is slowly becoming lost to myth.



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Slave Trade Continues

Chapter 5

- A Country Profiting on Free Labor
- America: The Segregated Melting Pot
- Prosperity & The Industrial Age
- Free Labor in the South Thrives
- Education Begins to Show Its Ugly Head

Notes: Now we well into the 3rd full documented century of slave labor and the country is profiting and growing. However, the country is being sold to the world as a multicultural nation, however, the diversity is segregated. The melting pot does not include everyone. The Industrial Age is on the Horizon; which eventually will go head on with Slavery. The South thrives on the backs of Africans. The fact that print press and other innovations help education jump ahead, it begins to reveal the treatment and condition that the great new country is moving forward without accepting all of its residents as human beings.



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New America

Chapter 6

- Melting Pot is Beginning to Boil
- America: The Slave Country (how the world views America)
- A Country Divided
- A New Nation is Born: South Secedes
- Bloodshed Between Brothers

Notes: The Melting Pot is beginning to boil. Slave uprisings, fear of industrial change, and human rights are beginning to dominate the psyche of every individual. The world is viewing slavery as inhumane and unjust; and its greatest country has a reputation for being the Slave Country. By now the country is divided on a few issues; the main one is slavery and thus birthed a new country within a country. The Southern states seceded from the USA and formed the Confederate States of America. Bloodshed among brothers, neighbors and friends arrives with the start of the Civil War.



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The 54th

Chapter 7

- A Proclamation for Everyone (Emancipation Proclamation)
- Lincoln: “Africans Allowed in Battle”
- Colonel Shaw, Sgt Carney, & 54th Mass Regiment
- Earn Your Respect, Then Freedom
- Introducing Mr. James Crow

Notes: President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation giving freedom to all and ending slavery. The Civil War is in full action and Africans are allowed to fight for their country to gain their freedom. The Massachusetts 54th Regiment is the first African/slave regiment in the Union army. Sgt Carney, a slave, helps his lead commander Col. Shaw win much needed battles along side his fellow black soldiers. If you earn your respect (by fighting) then you may earn your freedom. Ex-slaves enlisted in droves, however something else following the war would change everything for freed slaves: The Jim Crow Laws.



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Rediscovery

Chapter 8

- America's Revolutionary Heroes
- What is Parting Ways?
- Where is Parting Ways?
- Archeological Treasures

Notes: As we move closer to present day, we find that there is rediscovery of four grave sites at a place named "Parting Ways" in Plymouth, MA. These are the graves of the soldiers that fought hand and hand with General and President George Washington. Archeological digs find treasures that could not have been dreamed of. The word of the Parting Ways Cemetery has new life and new energy.



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A New, Yet Familiar Battle

Chapter 9

- Echoes From the 60s
- Barriers when trying to move forward
- Uncovering Ancient Information
- Museum Found in the Rubble

Notes: The 1960's was a powerful and crucial times for the African American citizen. This decade was the first time they were allowed to vote, The over Civil Rights Movement, the Kennedy years, and the brutal assassinations of world leaders. Racial times have exploded. Following these times, as Parting Ways is rediscovered, it realizes that these same demons of hate have come back to handicap all efforts to move forward with the historic Parting Ways site. Ancient information is being withheld and a lifetime's worth of information is found among the rubble of the Parting Ways Settlement.



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A New Day

Chapter 10

- Laying the Cornerstone
- Auquaponic Farming
- Veterans helping out
- Agri-Tourism
- Getting the Message out

Notes: A New Day with a new with new pride emerges as www.PartingWays.org is formed and the cornerstone is placed for the new plans for the site. Aquaponic Farming system planning on the land is finalized and makes way for a new industry: Agri-Tourism. People coming to agricultural sites. Veterans are spear heading the effort to get the full message of Parting Ways to the Masses.



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