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# A History Of US: Liberty For All?: 1820-1860



## Synopsis

Recommended by the Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts and Literacy as an exemplary informational text. Early nineteenth century America could just about be summed up by Henry David Thoreau's words when he said, "Eastward I go only by force, but westward I go free." It was an exuberant time for the diverse citizens of the United States, who included a range of folk, from mountain men and railroad builders to whalers and farmers, as they pushed forward into the open frontier and all their hopes and fears are captured in *Liberty for All?* In addition to colorful accounts of the massive westward migration, the California Gold Rush, a war with Mexico, the Oregon boundary conflict, Texas and the Alamo, *Liberty for All?* takes a deep look at the issue that began to gnaw at the country's core: How, in the land where "all men are created equal," could there be slaves? About the Series: Master storyteller Joy Hakim has excited millions of young minds with the great drama of American history in her award-winning series *A History of US*.

Recommended by the Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts and Literacy as an exemplary informational text, *A History of US* weaves together exciting stories that bring American history to life. Hailed by reviewers, historians, educators, and parents for its exciting, thought-provoking narrative, the books have been recognized as a break-through tool in teaching history and critical reading skills to young people. In ten books that span from Prehistory to the 21st century, young people will never think of American history as boring again.

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## Customer Reviews

Breaking the textbook mold, "A History of US" contains none of the intimidation that comes with behemoth texts. It tells the tale of America in 10 user-friendly, small, illustrated books written in a personal tone, as if the author were a storyteller. (An 11th source book, with original documents, is also available.) Henry David Thoreau said, "Eastward I go only by force, but westward I go free." Lots of Americans agreed. The 19th century was an exuberant time in the United States and many were on the move. In this volume, titled "Liberty For All", Hakim tells of mountain men, railroad builders, whalers, gold rush hopefuls, and farmers, as well as of poets and painters. Read of westward migration, the California Gold Rush, war with Mexico, the Oregon boundary conflict, and Texas and the Alamo. For Americans everywhere there was a gnawing question: How, in the land where "all men are created equal," could there be slaves?

Good research tool for putting specific figures you may be studying in a wider historical context..em- assuming they lived in this time period.

Once again Joy Hakim gives us a great read. She does tend to add her opinion here and there, but I find she is pretty accurate. The reading is informative, but not dry. It is interesting enough for my 11 year old son to enjoy. This is a great addition to our homeschool curriculum.

I am a homeschooling grandmom and I am using this excellent series to teach American History to my middle schoolers this year. It is a great series and we enjoy the question and answer book series for each book.

I bought this series for my wife so she could better understand the history of the US and improve her English language skills in an area of intense interest for her. In the end, I pored over these books and gave my wife little time with them. Written for kids but fabulous for adults with little time. Buy the index and you can find sources if you're interested in diving a little deeper on a particular topic. I hope to keep these books for our future child(ren?) and am sure they will find them intriguing.

The series lets us know how magnificent a country we really live in and how dramatic the history really is. With all the turmoil and all the diversity, how do we manage to keep it together? And, there are plenty who take umbrage at the extensive coverage of race and gender equality but they really are at the root of so many of our societal problems, historically speaking.

This is an awesome text series. It is just the ticket for Homeschool or Regular school classrooms. I have taught for 28 years and use this with my High School US History. It has nice short, informative chapters. The school year is broken into many small texts rather than a back breaker big one...

I loved it, as I loved all of the history books by Joy Hakim. She has made history "come alive" to me.

Great condition. Thank you.

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