

# United States and World History Topics in New Hampshire Studies by Focus Question and Era

(Many of these topics could appear in other boxes as well. Expand ideas where appropriate and add your own.)

Focus Questions	Era 1 Different Worlds Meet (to 1623)	Era 2 Colonization & Settlement (1623-1763)	Era 3 Revolution & the New Nation (1763-1820s)	Era 4 Expansion & Reform (1801-1861)	Era 5 Civil War & Reconstruction (1850-1877)	Era 6 Development of the Industrial U.S. (1870-1900)	Era 7 Emergence of Modern America (1890-1930)	Era 8 Great Depression & World War II (1929-1945)	Era 9 Postwar U.S. (1945-early 1970s)	Era 10 Contemporary U.S. (1968-present)
<b>I. Boundaries</b> What are the boundaries of NH and how did they get there?	natural boundaries: NH landscape formation human boundaries: Native American lands, European claims & grants mapping	grant controversies Abenaki vs. European ideas of ownership MA Bay & the Merrimack River boundaries after the Treaty of Paris, 1763 town boundaries	settlement of the interior NH-VT boundary county boundaries international boundaries surveying	manifest destiny Webster-Ashburton Treaty state sale of public lands county boundaries period maps Indian Stream Republic	regionalism vs national identity urban growth	State Park System: Monadnock State Park geological survey	public lands regulation of growth fire insurance maps White Mountain National Park Franconia Notch: State Recreation & Conservation Land	VT-NH boundary: Connecticut River Court Ruling state park system mapping	ME-NH boundary deeds & ownership zoning geological survey maps	ME-NH boundary & taxes: Piscataqua River dispute zoning satellite mapping community planning maps NH DOT maps
<b>II. Natural Environment &amp; People</b> How have the natural environment and the way people live affected each other in NH?	European attraction to NH exploration land use place names Native American culture: alterations of the land	Atlantic Basin migration logging, sawdust, & waterways access to Europe & the West Indies population distribution transportation regionalism	raw materials sectionalism land/resource use: over-hunting, over-trapping, & over-cutting ports & trade	water power mills transportation barriers canals & waterways sheep & farming railroad building going west	movement between states: leaving NH deforestation & farming trade between states	industrialization pollution logging & railroads paper industry nature & art	deforestation conservation decline of family farm tourism & the great hotels Weeks Act settlement patterns roads & the automobile	roads & autos drought, wind, flood fires & fire-fighting Dust Bowl effects CCC camps victory gardens	reforestation & hazardous wastes recreational sports military bases interstate highways Durham & the Onassis refinery	conservation vs. development ski industry organic farming fishways
<b>III. Cultures, Races &amp; Ethnic Groups</b> What has happened when different cultures, races, and ethnic groups have met in NH?	Abenaki culture at contact European fishermen European explorers Protestant Reformation epidemics early contact	Atlantic Basin migration Blacks & slavery Abenaki culture after contact King Phillip's War French & English Columbian exchange Londonderry Scots-Irish	disestablishment religious differences interior settlement Blacks, Indians, British U.S. Census Alien & Sedition Acts Native American emigration & assimilation	Blacks (slaves & free) religious sects factory workers immigrant mill workers anti-slavery in NH: Underground Railroad nativism myths about the West U.S. census	Know-Nothings race riots fugitives ratification of 14th Amendment population decline immigration	immigration emigration industrialization & unionism U.S. Census religious diversity	immigration education & Americanization urbanization communism: the Red Scare Treaty of Portsmouth U.S. Census	immigration prison camps small-town life education Nazi movement U.S. Census	consensus values immigration communism: the Red Scare racism U.S. Census	diversity immigration language in schools education international health issues (AIDS) U.S. Census
<b>IV. Politics</b> How have government and politics affected NH groups and individuals?	Abenaki governance exploration European claims & grants	Abenaki leaders exploration English, French, & Indian Wars European claims & grants NH & the MA Bay Colony NH & the English Crown	Enlightenment ideas NH & U.S. Constitution Declaration of Independence rebels & Tories NH slave petition republican virtue	Portsmouth Navy Yard Jacksonian Democracy Manifest Destiny Daniel Webster Republican Party Free Soil Party embargo & War of 1812	Know-Nothings raising an army & navy amendments Lincoln in NH Franklin Pierce Republican Party Morrill Act NH: war & the homefront	railroads: corruption & control suffrage Spanish-American War populism Old Home Day gold vs silver standard education	protective legislation woman suffrage T. Roosevelt in NH WWI Progressivism prohibition labor movement Red Scare	women in government WWII: home & abroad Governor Winant Camp Stark Great Depression New Deal F. Roosevelt in NH welfare	1st-in-nation primary Civil Rights movement Cold War Subversive Activities law Terrorism Korea & VietNam tax issues	TV & elections town meetings taxes Gulf Wars & War on Terrorism NH Constitution & amendments state symbols
<b>V. Technology &amp; Science</b> How have technology and science affected life in NH?	Native American technologies sailing & navigation technologies European firearms health & medicine mapping views of the world	Native American-European technology exchange tools household technologies surveying & mapping waterpower transportation	roads & bridges embargo & home production printing & Revolution health & medicine weaponry	canals railroads steam & water power Concord Coach mills: textiles & shoes mill girls & immigrant labor	photography & H.P. Moore Thaddeus Lowe & the Union Balloon Corps wartime production weaponry	paper & pulp cog railway railroads: tourism & logging steam engines trolleys household technologies covered bridges	electricity trolley lines airplanes autos & roads radio telephone Portsmouth Navy Yard	health & medicine farm machinery defense industries wartime production	pollution & ecological damage energy sources electronic communication space exploration military bases nuclear technology	computers light manufacturing urbanization settlement patterns NH in space power sources
<b>VI. Nongovernmental Groups</b> What have nongovernmental organizations and groups contributed to NH?	Protestant Reformation Abenaki families & clans Council for NE (joint stock companies)	churches schools Great Awakening families joint stock companies	Daughters of Liberty women & boycotts Freemasonry benevolent societies revolution & the homefront	doctors vs midwives social reformers (abolition, women's rights, prisons & asylums) fades & philanthropic organizations NH Historical Society utopian communities	surgeons & nurses patriotic societies Secret Order of the Star Spangled Banner Underground Railroad	WCTU NH Teachers Association NH Bar Association NH Woman Suffrage Association youth camps NH Grange	temperance/prohibition suffrage SPNHF NH Audubon Society League of NH Craftsmen NH Federation of Women's Clubs	Cooperative Extension Service Red Cross children's organizations (camps, scouting, 4-H) civic luncheon clubs	DAR veterans' organizations peace movement civil rights organization feminist organizations private schools	women's organizations hippies peace movement environmental groups farmers' markets AMC labor unions
<b>VII. Material Wants &amp; Needs</b> How have people and organizations interacted to produce, distribute, and consume wealth and take care of material needs in NH?	Native American hunting, gathering, & agriculture Native American trade European need for resources fishing Columbian exchange	fur, fish, lumber, farms Abenaki economy after contact slavery barter home production	privateers embargo & home manufacturing provincial currency gold & silver	agriculture banks cash economy vs. barter pre-capitalism to capitalism early textile mills	home front wartime shortages military provisioning financing war wartime manufacturing & commerce	employment of children employment of women class & leisure urbanization Westward Ho Gilded Age	home front - WWI decline of family farm textiles shoe manufacturing wage labor tourism mail order catalogs	home front: WWII women working Great Depression wartime shortages faltering industry Social Security	soldiers come home multi-national corporations middle class & consumption NH Sweepstakes Lottery ski industry light manufacturing post-secondary educ.	consumerism service economy two NHs migrant labor NAFTA military base closings
<b>VIII. Self-Expression</b> How have NH people expressed their views, and what have they had to say?	Abenaki arts, crafts & oral culture European exploration narratives artifacts	travel & missionary narratives Abenaki legends, traditions & music captivity narratives sermons newspapers gravestones	furniture-making political writings broadsides songs of revolution Constitution & the press weaving & needlework Jeremy Belknap: <i>History of NH</i>	songs of reform Sarah Josepha Hale singing Hutthinsons Thomas Cole lyceums Shakers newspapers essays & books	military music regimental flags/banners letters home photography soldiers' journals White Mountain School Celia Thaxter Harriet Adams: <i>Our Nig</i>	monuments & memorials sculpture engravings parades Amy Beach Maxfield Parrish Augustus Saint-Gaudens Mary Baker Eddy	Memorial Day historical preservation community pageants Edward MacDowell Robert Frost	popular music, big band, dancing radio shows folk art & crafts Robert Frost Willa Cather	advertising popular magazines rock 'n' roll J.D. Salinger Elizabeth Yates TV on the rise	Aerosmith Lotte Jacobe Maxine Kumin Donald Hall Jane Kenyon May Sarton Ernest Hebert

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