

Geography(Human Systems)

Grade 8 SS Grade 8 SS

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<p>Unit Overview Students will understand that Americans began to develop a common national identity among its diverse regional and cultural populations based on democratic ideals.</p>	<p>Content Elaborations *Democratic ideals became cornerstone for development of a common national identity were freedom, equality, rights, and justice. Many of these ideas were reflected in the colonial governments, formed the basis for the colonistss disagreements over British policies, and were embedded into the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights. *The sense of being an American began to form around the time of the American Revolution and gradually replaced the stronger sectional and state identities that were more prevalent before the Civil War. *Many immigrants came to the United States in pursuit of these democratic ideals with the hope of assimilating as Americans.</p>	<p>Unit Resources Instructional Resources -American Identity: Activity Ideas (Website)</p>
<p>Unit Vocabulary</p>	<p>Enduring Understandings (Big Ideas) Students will identify the developments that helped bring about a common national identity for Americans and describe the democratic ideals around which that identity is based.</p>	<p>Connections</p>
<p>Student Assessment</p>	<p>Unit Refection</p>	