

# Americas Christian Foundation

## Description

I believe that God's hand was instrumental in the formation of this country as evidenced by the writings of our founders and the writings and actions of the pastors during the formation of this nation. This class focuses on the period between 1750 and 1791 and the role pastors and Christians had in the formation of this nation.

The class is presented using a variety of audiovisuals and provides time for discussion and interaction.

## Objectives

### Lesson#1 – The Introduction

1. Two significant events that supported the cause for the revolution o 1776
2. The type of government that can be supported by scripture
3. Status of the British Colonies in 1750
4. The significance of looking at our history starting in 1750

### Lesson #2 – The colonies in 1750

1. The three geographical grouping of the colonies
2. The economic conditions in England that lead to the colonization of America
3. The religious conditions in England that lead to the colonization of America
4. The political conditions in England that lead to the colonization of America
5. The similarities and differences between slavery and indentured servants
6. The three types of colonial government structures
7. The type and level of taxation in the colonies
8. The relationship between Spain, France, England, Native Americans and the colonies
9. The relationship between the colonies and the Native American Tribes
10. The role of the Great Awakening on the development of the colonies

### Lesson #3 –Life in the Colonies in the 1750s

1. Describe some unique cultural attributes of the British -American colonies, i. e., entertainment, safety, home-life.
2. The geography and climate influence that contributed regional occupations.
3. The role(s) did the church played in colonial life
4. How gender and socio-economic status influenced economic, political, social and religious roles.

### Lesson #4 – 1750 to 1775 – Part 1 Activities leading up to the revolution

1. The cause of the conflict over ownership of the Ohio valley
2. The impact the French and Indian war had on the relationship between the colonies and England

3. The impact the French and Indian war had on the belief of the colonies on their ability to take care of themselves
4. The impact that the Proclamation of 1763 had on Native American Indians and the colonist

#### **Lesson #5 – 1750 to 1775 – Part 2 Activities leading up to the revolution**

1. The most apparent changes in the role of the colonial church after 1750.
2. The key and significant steps that lead to Americans revolt with England.
3. How Independence changed the relations between Europe and America.

#### **Lesson #6 – The role of the Churches**

1. The role of Reverend Clark in the early days of the revolution.
2. The role of pastors in training the militia.
3. The influence of pastors in supporting the revolution.
4. Names of key pastors that had a significant influence on the development of our nation.
5. The roles that pastors promoted for Christian's involvement in local government.
6. The use of pastors by the Continental Congress in communicating with the people.
7. The role of pastors in development of our Constitutional form of government.
8. How pastors influenced the publics' worldview.

#### **Lesson #7 – The lives of the signers of the Declaration**

1. The costs of freedom to the signers of the Declaration of Independence.
2. The evidence of faith in God that we see in the lives of the signers, founders of Constitutional America, and the early Presidents.
3. The common characteristics exhibited by the early founders.

#### **Lesson #8 – Framing of the Constitution**

1. The length of time between the end of the war and the approval of the constitution.
2. The variety of occupations of the framers of the constitution.
3. The religions affiliation of the framers of the constitution.
4. The function of the Federalist Papers.
5. Key roadblocks to the development and passage of the constitution.

#### **Lesson #9 – Now What?**

1. The result of rejecting objective truth
2. The source of truth
3. Our responsibility as Christians to the culture
4. The types of elections in even and odd years
5. Sources of information that can be used to build a Biblical World View foundation
6. The political structure in Oregon
7. The purpose of a precinct committee person

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## References

### Original Documents

*The Code of 1650 (1822)*

*Declaration of Independence*

*US Constitution*

*Northwest Ordinance*

*The Articles of Confederation of the United Colonies of New England and other Documents (1893)*

Many of these documents as well as some of the books listed below are available as pdf file and e-books from the Internet Archive – archive.org

There are apps for the iPad and iPhone for the Declaration of Independence and the US Constitution – They include information on the signers.

### Reference Books

*Lives of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence (1848 Edition) (Original title: Biographical Sketches of the Signers of the Declaration of American Independence) – B. J. Loosing*

*Lives of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence (1841 Edition) – Rev. Charles A Goodrich.*

*Wives of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence (Original title: The Pioneer Mothers of American) – Harry Clinton Green & May Wolcott Green*

*Common Sense – Thomas Paine*

*Original Intent – David Barton*

*Politically Incorrect Guide (PIG) to American History – Thomas Woods Ph.D.*

*The Guide to the Constitution – Kevin R. C. Gutzman, J.D. Ph.D.*

*The New England Primer – Edward Draper*

*The Original Blue Back Speller – Noah Webster*

*The Bulletproof George Washington – David Barton*

*Revolutionary Economies – Thomas W. Cuddy*

*Family Life in the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Century America – James M. Volo and Dorothy Denneen Volo*

*The 5000 Year Leap – W. Cleon Skousen*

*Two Treatises of Government – John Locke*

*American History, Second Book (1763 to the Present Time) (1914) – Arthur C. Perry, Jr & Gertrude A. Price*

*The Leading Facts of American History – (1890) D. H. Montgomery*

*Colonial America – Jerome R. Reich*

*Faith of American's Founders – Rose Publishing*

*Quest of a Hemisphere – Donzella Cross Boyle (A free pdf version of this textbook is available at: [www.robertwelchuniversity.org/quest\\_hemisphere.php](http://www.robertwelchuniversity.org/quest_hemisphere.php))*

*Forgotten Founding Father – Stephen Mansfield*

*Democracy in American – Alexis de Tocqueville – Available as an on-line document at this web site: [xroads.virginia.edu/~HYPER/DETOC/toc\\_indx.html](http://xroads.virginia.edu/~HYPER/DETOC/toc_indx.html)*

### Web Sites

Wall Builders – [www.wallbuilders.com](http://www.wallbuilders.com)

History of Religion in American – [www.u-s-history.com/pages/h3787.html](http://www.u-s-history.com/pages/h3787.html)

Colonial Hall.com (Biographies of the founding fathers) – [colonialhall.com](http://colonialhall.com)

The Time Page (13 Originals) – [www.timepage.org/spl/13colony.html#mass](http://www.timepage.org/spl/13colony.html#mass)

Religion and the Founding of the American Republic – Library of Congress:

[www.loc.gov/exhibits/religion](http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/religion)

History of the United States by Commons – Chapter 3. Colonial Period : [www.web-books.com/eLibrary/ON/B0/B52/07MB52.html](http://www.web-books.com/eLibrary/ON/B0/B52/07MB52.html)

The Christian Institute – The Teaching of History – A Biblical Perspective –  
[www.christian.org.uk/html-publications/education6.html](http://www.christian.org.uk/html-publications/education6.html)  
The Laws of Nature and Nature's God – [www.lonang.com](http://www.lonang.com)  
U.S. Constitution Online – [www.usconstitution.net](http://www.usconstitution.net)  
Founding Fathers.info – [www.foundingfathers.info](http://www.foundingfathers.info)  
The Heritage Foundation – <http://www.heritage.org>

**Videos – DVD**

From Wall Builders  
    The Foundations of American Government  
    The American Heritage Series  
    Building on the American Heritage Series  
PBS  
    The War that made America  
    Liberty! The American Revolution  
History Channel  
    Founding Fathers  
    Founding of America  
    America The Story of Us - Rebels