Frequently Asked Questions

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Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness

My district chooses my textbook for me. How can I still use Life, Liberty, & the Pursuit of Happiness in my classroom?

This resource is designed so that it can serve as the primary textbook for a U.S. History classroom or as a supportive resource. It is also fully aligned to the College Board's AP U.S. History framework.

Who wrote the content for this resource?

Life, Liberty, & the Pursuit of Happiness was written, edited, and reviewed by distinguished scholars from nearly 100 universities and historical organizations, including Yale, Stanford, the University of California-Berkeley, Notre Dame, and Georgetown. Experienced teachers have piloted and helped create the textbook's content and assessments.

What makes Life, Liberty, & the Pursuit of Happiness different from other textbooks?

This digital resource invites students to investigate the text as a secondary source. The diverse scholars and types of narratives mean that each component is an opportunity to question and to learn. We want the student to be in a constant mindset of historical investigation. In addition, the resource provides a wealth of supplementary materials and is fully adaptable and customizable to the needs of your classroom. As a teacher, you can choose the appropriate assignments and assessments that fit your classroom and pacing, and you can review student and class learning metrics in real time. Students can also see their own learning metrics and practice questions that align to their weakest topics. These tools allow students to take ownership of their own learning and instructors to teach more efficiently.

How much will this resource cost my district?

This textbook is the first entirely free U.S. History resource that aligns with AP standards. It is available to any student or educator, and it's also openly licensed for use. Plus, since it's digital, it means no more heavy books to carry around!