



Family Newsletter for Unit 6

Modern America

Learn About It

In this unit, your child will learn:

- the causes of World War II and the Cold War between the United States and the Soviet Union
- how people protested for civil rights for all Americans and about the war the United States fought in Vietnam

Here are some ways that you can help your child learn:

Talk About It

Chapter 11: A Time of Conflict

A matter of control The Soviet Union and the Communist governments it helped set up offered very little freedom for their citizens. Ask your child which freedoms would be most difficult for him or her to give up. Discuss how your child would feel if he or she could not enjoy the same freedoms.

Chapter 12: The 1950s and 1960s

The fight for rights Throughout the 1950s and 1960s, many groups fought for their rights. Discuss with your child why people believed that African Americans did not deserve the same rights as other Americans. How did people fight for civil rights for African Americans?

Make It

Culture collage The 1960s began an era of new culture in the United States. Work with your child to research popular movies, music, and art of the 1960s. Find photographs of the people and events or draw pictures of them. Then use the photos and pictures to create a collage telling the story of 1960s culture.

Read to Learn More About It

Days of Courage: The Little Rock Story, by Richard Kelso. Chronicles the experiences of the “Little Rock nine,” the first African American students to integrate Arkansas schools.

Journey to Topaz, by Yoshiko Uchida. Story of the Japanese internment as seen through the eyes of an eleven-year-old girl.

Tough Choices: A Story of the Vietnam War, by Nancy Antle. A young girl’s loyalty is torn between her two brothers—one a soldier recently returned from Vietnam and the other a war protester.



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