

Chapter 3

Case Study: America

ABSTRACT

This chapter focuses on America as a case study. With the ratification of the 13th Amendment, which ended slavery, other forms of oppression were placed on the Black man and woman in America. This chapter also discusses events that led up to the major leg of the Civil Rights Movement such as lynchings, Black Codes, Jim Crow laws, etc. Continued slights, aggressions and even murders that took place are introduced and discussed. Due to the fact that some of the leaders themselves were Ku Klux Klan members, due justice was often denied. It took over 100 years after the ratification of the 13th Amendment and countless protests, imprisonments, and even assassinations, before true change started to truly emerge in America.

THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER

Oh, say! can you see by the dawn's early light

What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming;

Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight,

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*O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there:
Oh, say! does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?
On the shore, dimly seen through the mists of the deep,
Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes,
What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep,
As it fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses?
Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,
In fully glory reflected now shines in the stream:
'Tis the star-spangled banner! Oh, long may it wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!
And where is that band who so vauntingly swore
That the havoc of war and the battle's confusion
A home and a country should leave us no more?
Their blood has washed out their foul footsteps' pollution!
No refuge could save the hireling and slave
From the terror of flight or the gloom of the grave:
And the star-spangled banner in triumph doth wave*

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