

US HISTORY & CIVICS

THEMATIC ACTIVITIES PERFECT FOR WEEK 1

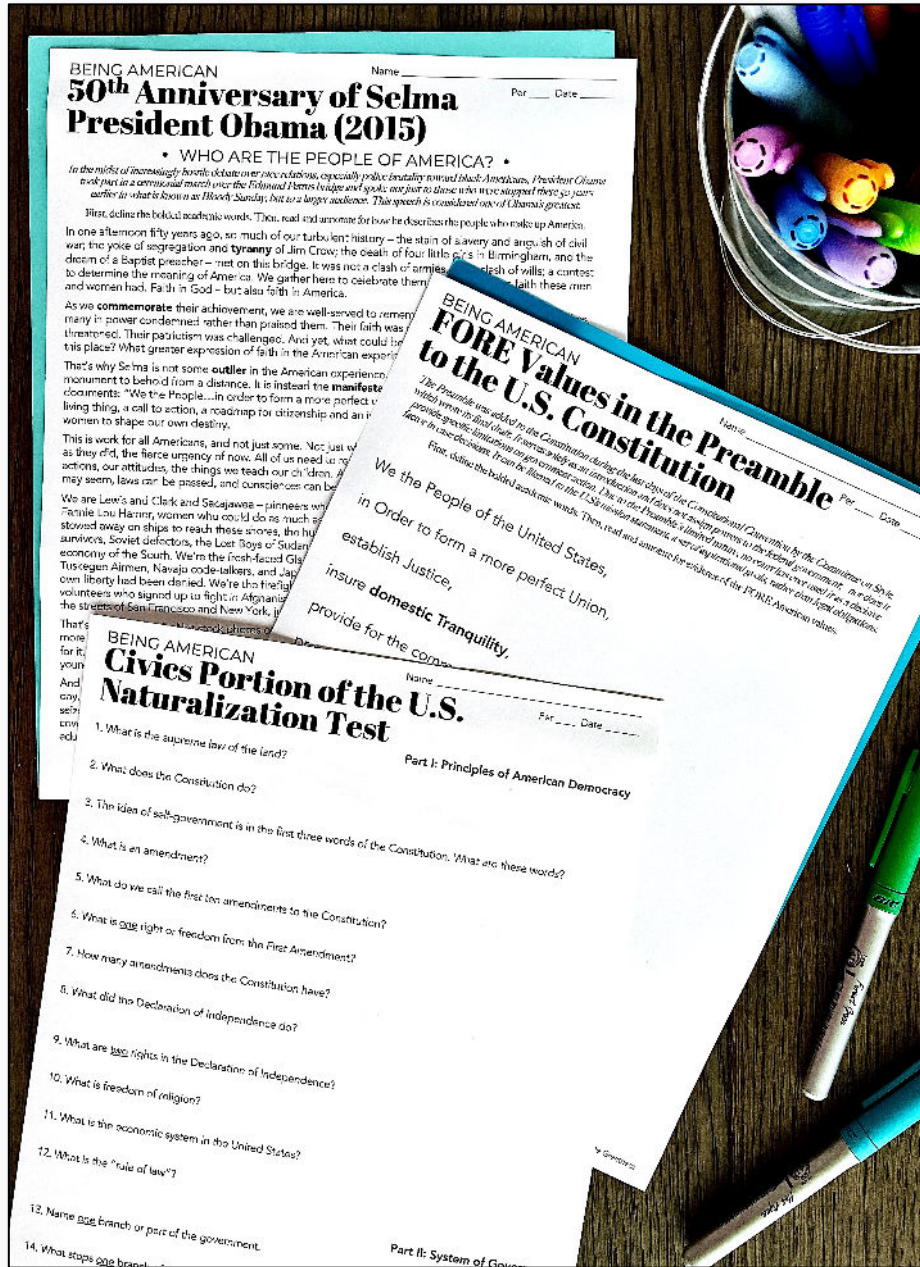
Add a more **thematic and inquiry** approach to your entire US History or Civics class with this **mix-and-match activity kit** that's perfect for the first week of school.

These activities layer **on top of your existing curriculum**, adding a dig-deeper question and a fresh lens that will make students more intrigued and connected to lessons all year long.

Pick a few for either your US History or Civics, do another across all your sections, and save some for second semester— **so many options!**

- ✓ **Conceptual Definitions** of several key ideas (*US or Civics*)
- ✓ **Speed Dating Activity** on the meaning of citizenship (*Civics*)
- ✓ **Source Analysis** of Dec. of Independence, Constitution Preamble, and Obama's Selma Speech (*US History*)
- ✓ **Civics Test Questions** from the U.S. Naturalization Test (*Civics*)
- ✓ **American Values** brainstorm and reflection (*US History*)
- ✓ **GREAT Goal Setting Activity** connecting to foundation-building for nation and the year (*US or Civics*)





BUILD INQUIRIES

that intrigue

These activities help reframe your class by asking **course-long inquiry questions** like:

- ✓ What does being American **really** mean?
- ✓ What rights and responsibilities do I **really** have as a citizen?
- ✓ Who **really** founded America? How can **I** be a founder?
- ✓ What facts are so **essential** they belong on the citizenship test? Should natural-born citizens have to pass it too?
- ✓ How well **does** America uphold its foundational values?
- ✓ What stretch goal should I set that upholds **my** values?

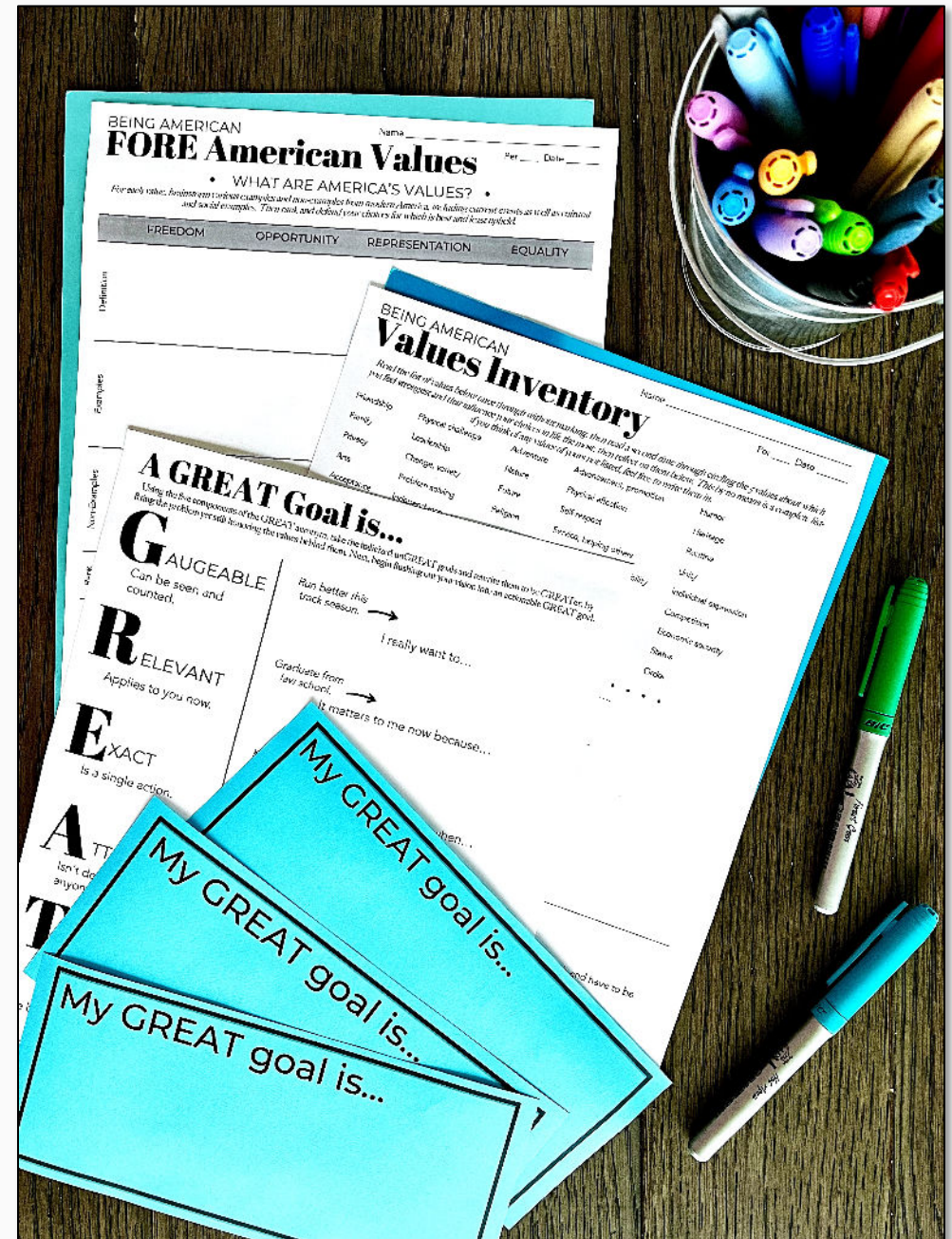
SUPPORT & CHALLENGE STUDENTS OF ALL LEVELS

SCAFFOLDS

and supports

Empower your students **of all ability levels** with these ready-to-go inquiry thematic activities.

- ✓ Each stand-alone activity also seamlessly builds on the other
- ✓ ELL support with deepening understanding of content and academic language
- ✓ Opportunities for deeper discussion and real-life connections throughout
- ✓ Bell ringer and exit ticket ideas
- ✓ Detailed lesson plans and answer keys
- ✓ Print PDF and **editable** Google Docs/Slides of all student materials



“WHAT TEACHERS

are saying”

*I loved this activity for giving me an idea of my kids' interest level and giving them an idea of my expectations without me having actually read them to them. I love **getting to know my students in such a relaxed manner.** - Connie*

*Great resources to start a course in Government on. Fun activities that got the kids **up and moving and talking about important concepts/values.** Highly recommended! - Jeff*

*This includes different activities that I use **at different times of the year.** This was helpful at the beginning of the year as we **introduced the founding docs** and the ideas of what the US is all about. Thanks! - Amy*”