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A VERY NEW IDEA

- A. Introduction to the idea of Vermont
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 - Beavers’ impact on wild garden
 - Basket-making: an ongoing native craft
- C. Discrimination against native people
- D. Who are Indians today?
- E. Vermont as “crossroads”, not “dukedom”.

STORYTELLERS: Donna Roberts Moody - Cultural Anthropologist; Jesse Larocque - Basket Maker, Hard Drive Doctor; Alanis Obamsawin - Abenaki Filmmaker; Verandah Porche - Poet, Writing Partner; Esther Swift - Former Librarian, Billings Farm and Museum; Carrie Bennati; John Moody - Ethno-Historian; Bea Nelson - Artist; Elise Guyette - Historian; Hal Colston - Founder, Good News Garage, Director, Partnership for Change; Judy Dow - Basket Maker, Educator, Artist; Roger Longtoe Sheehan - Storyteller; Dona Brown - Historian; Grace Paley - Writer, Activist.

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SAMUEL DE CHAMPLAIN STEPS INTO A CANOE

- A. Samuel de Champlain steps into a canoe
 - Champlain learns from the native people
 - Champlain’s map making
 - His gun
 - The importance of waterways
 - Champlain’s dream
 - Consequences of fatal shootings

STORYTELLERS: Dorothy Tod - Filmmaker; Samuel de Champlain, Cartographer, Explorer aka Francois Bruneau - Actor; Fred Wiseman - Anthropologist; George Larabee - Korean War Veteran, Reenactor; Art Cohn - Marine Archeologist; Kevin Dann - Cultural Geographer

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YANKEE ENCROACHMENT, ABENAKI RETALIATION

- A. Yankee settlers and Abenaki clash over land
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Captivity of Susannah Johnson
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Merging of Native and Yankee lifestyles
Susannah Johnson's family settles the Connecticut River Valley

STORYTELLERS: Alanis Obamsawin - Abenaki Filmmaker; Nancy Gallagher - Historian, Author; John Dutton - Surveyor, High School Teacher; Dorothy Tod - Filmmaker; Jesse Larocque - Basket Maker, Hard Drive Doctor; Judy Dow - Basket Maker, Educator, Artist; Nathan Pero - Chief, Koasek Family Band; Bea Nelson - Artist; Susannah Johnson, Settler, Captive aka Lisa Harrow - Actress; Marilyn Blackwell - Historian; John Moody - Ethno-Historian; Michael Longtoe Sheehan - Storyteller

Chapter 4. SURVEYORS AND SETTLEMENT

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- A. Surveyors, proprietors and settlers
 - Surveyor's chain
 - Checkerboard division of land
 - Your lot is your destiny
- B. The young settlers of today
 - Lilac Ridge Farm - 2 generations working the farm
- C. Improving the land leads to ownership

STORYTELLERS: Susannah Johnson, aka Lisa Harrow - Actress; John Dutton - Surveyor, High School Teacher; Frank Bryan - Political Scientist; Doreen Aldrich - Rockingham Town Clerk; Amanda Thurbur - Vegetable Farmer; Tom Slayton - Editor Emeritus Vermont Life Magazine, Author; Ross Thurber - Dairy Farmer; Bev & Stu Thurbur - Farmers; Nathan Pero - Chief, Koasek Family Band; Bill Campbell - Hunter; Marilyn Blackwell - Historian; John Moody - Ethno-Historian

Chapter 5. REVOLUTION, INDEPENDENCE AND A RADICAL CONSTITUTION

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- A. Ethan Allen's Green Mountain Boys vs. The Yorkers Gang
 - Vermont's radical constitution
 - The importance of towns

STORYTELLERS: Marilyn Blackwell - Historian; John Dutton - Surveyor, High School Teacher; Deb Markowitz - Former Secretary of State, VT Secretary of Natural Resources; Linda Hecker - Musician, Citizen Historian; Art Cohn - Marine Archeologist; Bernie Sanders - US Senator from Vermont; Howard Coffin - Author, Historian, Author; Patrick Leahy - US Senator from Vermont; Dick McCormack - VT State Senator; Paul Searls - Historian, Author; Madeleine Kunin - Governor of VT, 1985-1991; Alan Berolzheimer - Historian

Chapter 6. AFRICAN AMERICANS IN VERMONT

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- A. Slavery vs. servitude
- B. Free Black settlers in Hinesburg in the 1790's
- C. Jeffrey Brace family reunion
- D. Lucy and Abijah Prince of Guilford

- E. Racial conflicts within communities
- F. Legislature protects rights of African-American citizens
- G. People of color in Vermont today: Burlington High School in 2010

STORYTELLERS: Howard Coffin - Historian, Author; Jane Williamson- Rokeby Museum; Daisy Turner - Storyteller, Daughter of Former Slaves; Gretchen Gerzina - Author; Elise Guyette - Historian; Ray Zirblis – Historian; Langley Proctor - Computer Engineer, Descendant of African American Settlers; Edmund A. Booth - Huntington Selectman; Kari Winter - Historian; John Moody - Ethno-Historian; James Brace - Descendant of Jeffrey Brace; Jesse Larocque - Basket Maker, Hard Drive Doctor; Hal Colston - Founder, Good News Garage, Director, Partnership for Change; Jean Luc Duchime- Photographer; Judy Scott - VT Refugee Resettlement Coordinator; Burlington High School Students & Parents

Chapter 7. STATEHOOD

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- A. Native people’s reaction to statehood
- B. Strategy of native survival
 - The old ways continue: deriving nutrition from maple bark
 - Native people become farmers and blend in
- C. Dissenters, evangelicals and religious freedom
 - Joseph Smith

STORYTELLERS: John Dutton - Surveyor, High School Teacher; John Moody - Ethno-Historian; Howard Coffin - Historian, Author; Donna Roberts Moody - Cultural Anthropologist; Homer St. Francis - Abenaki Nation Tribal Chief; Kevin Dann - Cultural Geographer; Nathan Pero - Chief, Koasek Family Band; Bea Nelson - Artist; Jesse Larocque - Basket Maker, Hard Drive Doctor; Paul Searls - Historian, Author; Marilyn Blackwell - Historian; Chard diNord - Poet, Theologian; Alan Berolzheimer - Historian

Chapter 8. MASONS

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- A. Vermont becomes a more ”settled” society
 - Masons represent the consolidation of wealth and power
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STORYTELLERS: John Thomas - Historian; Paul Searls - Historian, Author; Jim Douglas - Governor of VT, 2003-2011; Howard Coffin - Historian, Author; Marilyn Blackwell - Historian; Kevin Dann - Cultural Geographer

Chapter 9. VERMONT’S OPPOSITION TO SLAVERY

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- A. Vermont Legislature opposes the national Fugitive Slave Law
- B. Daisy Turner, daughter of former slave Alexander Turner, tells his story
- C. Underground Railroad

STORYTELLERS: Esther Swift - Former Librarian, Billings Farm and Museum; Ray Zirblis - Historian; John Nassivera - Theater Director, Writer; Daisy Turner - Storyteller, Daughter of Former Slaves; Jane Williamson- Rokeby Museum Director; Howard Coffin - Historian, Author

Chapter 10. FUGITIVE SLAVES

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- A. Excerpts from Fugitive Slave Narratives
 - Underground railroad as metaphor
- D. Vermont Colonization Society: sending black people back to Africa
- E. Abolitionists
 - Black leadership
 - Women petition against slavery: the gag rule, William Garrison

STORYTELLERS: Fugitive Slave portrayed by Matthew Tanner, Actor; Jane Williamson-Rokeby Museum; Harvey Armani Whitfield - Historian; Elise Guyette - Historian; Howard Coffin - Historian, Author; Daisy Turner - Storyteller, Daughter of Former Slaves

Chapter 11. VERMONTERS, MORGAN HORSE IN THE CIVIL WAR

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- A. The Civil War begins
- B. Heavy price paid by Vermont soldiers
 - Vermont's Morgan Horses
- C. Vermonters fight key battles
 - African American soldiers help turn tide of war
 - Augustus Saint Gaudens Memorial of the Black Massachusetts 54th regiment
 - The final battle

STORYTELLERS: Daisy Turner - Storyteller, Daughter of Former Slaves; Howard Coffin - Historian, Author; Cheryl Rivers - Former Senator, Morgan Horse Trainer; Tom Slayton - Editor Emeritus Vermont Life Magazine, Author; Tom Kenyon - Windsor Historian; Ray Zirblis - Historian; Langley Proctor - Computer Engineer, Descendant of African American Settlers; Edmund A. Booth - Huntington Selectman

Chapter 12. DEMOGRAPHIC SHIFTS

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- A. After the war
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 - Competition for work from European newcomers
 - African Americans leave the state
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STORYTELLERS: Ray Zirblis - Historian; Elise Guyette - Historian; Gretchen Gerzina - Author; Edmund A. Booth - Huntington Selectman; Langley Proctor - Computer Engineer, Descendant of African American Settlers

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