

LESSON PLAN – 10th Grade **Title**

The Five Great Awakenings: Religion and American Development

Objective

Students will:

- Analyze all five awakenings
 - Evaluate their role in shaping society
 - Connect religion to political and cultural change
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Vocabulary

Revivalism, Secularization, Reform, Cultural Influence, Moral Authority

Warm-Up

 “Can religious movements shape government and society?”

Direct Instruction

1st Awakening

- Challenged authority
 - Encouraged individual faith
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2nd Awakening

- Expanded democracy and reform
 - Abolition, women’s rights
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3rd Awakening

- Urbanization response
- Social and moral reform

4th Awakening

- Media-driven revival
- National influence

5th Awakening (Contemporary)

- Debate over current revival trends

Key Themes:

- Reaction to secularization
- Moral reform
- Influence on American democracy



Guided Practice Students analyze:

- Patterns across awakenings

Activity

Essay / Group Analysis:

 “How did the Great Awakenings shape American identity and government?”

Discussion

- Are awakenings religious or social movements?
 - Are we in another awakening today?
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QUIZ – 10th Grade Multiple Choice

1. Great Awakenings were:
 - A. Wars
 - B. Religious revivals
 - C. Economic plans
2. Second Awakening led to:
 - A. Decline
 - B. Reform
 - C. Isolation
3. Revival meetings were:
 - A. Political
 - B. Religious C. Military

Short Answer

4. One cause
5. One effect

Essay

6. Evaluate long-term impact of the awakenings

Answer Key

1. B
2. B
3. B
- 4–6. Evidence-based answers