

LESSON PLAN – 8th Grade Title

The Five Great Awakenings: Causes, Leaders, and Impact

Objective

Students will:

- Compare all five awakenings
 - Identify causes and effects
 - Analyze key leaders
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Vocabulary

Revival, Reform, Secular, Movement, Abolition

Warm-Up

 “Why do societies go through cycles of decline and renewal?”

Direct Instruction

1st Great Awakening

- Reaction to Enlightenment
 - George Whitefield
 - Broke class barriers
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2nd Great Awakening

- Frontier revivals
 - Charles Grandison Finney
 - Led to abolition movement
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3rd Great Awakening

- Urban revivalism
 - Dwight L. Moody
 - Growth of churches
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4th Great Awakening

- Media and mass evangelism
 - Billy Graham
 - National influence
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5th Awakening (Modern Debate)

- Some argue current revival movements
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Key Causes:

- Decline in religious intensity
- Social change 



- Reform movements
 - Social change
 - Influence on American identity
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Guided Practice

Comparison chart:

Awakening Cause Effect

Activity

Group Analysis:

 “Which awakening had the greatest impact?”

Discussion

- Why did religion influence reform?
 - How did awakenings affect equality?
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QUIZ – 8th Grade Multiple Choice

1. First Awakening happened in:
 - A. 1600s
 - B. 1700s
 - C. 2000s
 2. Second Awakening led to:
 - A. War
 - B. Reform
 - C. Trade
 3. A major leader was:
 - A. Whitefield
 - B. Washington C. Lincoln
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Short Answer

4. One cause of awakenings
 5. One effect
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Critical Thinking

6. Why do awakenings repeat?

Answer Key

1. B

2. B

3. A

4–6. Answers vary
