

LESSON PLAN – 6th Grade

Title

The Five Great Awakenings: Times of Change

Objective

Students will:

- Understand what a “Great Awakening” is
 - Identify the five awakenings
 - Explain why people changed
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Vocabulary

Revival, Religion, Change, Preacher, Movement

Warm-Up (5 min)

 “What does it mean to ‘wake up’ and change your life?”

Direct Instruction (10–15 min)

What is a Great Awakening?

- A time when many people **change beliefs and behavior**
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1st Great Awakening (1730s–1740s)

- People losing interest in religion
 - Preachers like George Whitefield
 - Large outdoor sermons
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2nd Great Awakening (1795–1835)

- Renewed faith

- Focus on helping others
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3rd Great Awakening (1850s–1900s)

- Revival meetings
 - Leaders like Dwight L. Moody
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4th Great Awakening (1900s–1970s)

- Large gatherings
 - Preachers like Billy Graham
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5th Awakening (Modern)

- Some believe new revival movements today

 Big Idea:

 People can return to values and change society

Guided Practice

Students list one idea from each awakening

Activity

“My Awakening”

Students write one positive change they would make

Discussion

- Why do people change over time?
 - Can one person inspire many?
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QUIZ – 6th Grade

Multiple Choice

1. A Great Awakening is:
 - A. A war
 - B. A religious revival
 - C. A law
 2. The First Awakening happened in:
 - A. 1700s
 - B. 1900s
 - C. 2000s
 3. Preachers spoke to:
 - A. Small groups only
 - B. Large crowds
 - C. No one
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Short Answer

4. Name one awakening
 5. Why did awakenings happen?
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Answer Key

1. B
 2. A
 3. B
 - 4–5. Answers vary
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