

WEEK 2

CONFLICT & MEMORY
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MAY 8TH TO 14TH

MOTHERS DAY IS CELEBRATED ON MAY 8TH THIS YEAR

*For many, mothers bring a mixture of emotions, for a variety of reason that are personal to each of us. The human spirit in each of us seems to leave an expectation that we learn from the lessons received and as we build for a better future. This day of recognition came to be because of Anna Jarvis trademarking the phrase “**Second Sunday in May, Mothers Day, Anna Jarvis, Founder**”. Globally the date of celebration may differ, however the intent of recognizing Mothers and Motherhood seems to be a reflection of all people.*

As for myself, I remember Mom’s ability to reach out and befriend all people, regardless of their economic or cultural origins. Mom recognized the value of dad’s contribution and the value that each child could bring to the world. She understood the value of boundaries and accountability, something that each of us should be reminded of today.

What will be your contribution as you remember the mothers in your life?

How will you overcome your personal Wars, and how will you assist those in need? Consider the best gift you can offer, no matter if your mother is deceased or alive, is that of compassionate service to others as you lead by example in lifting others up and making the world a better place. **Think more about others and less about your personal battles. Time is short, legacies live long.**

THE LAND OF 10,000 LAKES:

On May 11th, 1858 Minnesota (MN) becomes a State (#32). Out of the 48 contiguous states, Minnesota has a northern boundary that lies further north than any other. This is the land of 10,000 lakes (actually 11,842) and the largest mall in America at 4.2 million square feet. The first successful open-heart surgery was conducted in 1952 on a 5-year-old girl at the University of Minnesota.

By 2018, we find in a report by the American Experiment that MN considers themselves to be conservative, yet in their political decisions they lean more liberal. Which is it? For now, be satisfied that confidence is strong that the people are waking up to the need to restore confidence in their election system.

PEACE PREVAILS... FOR A SEASON:

On May 14th, 1607, Jamestown is established as the first permanent British settlement in North America. Success for the settlers was due to the kindness of the Powhatan Indians. **Chief Powhatan** recognized the difficulties within the settlement and as a result had food sent into the fort. By the end of 1609, the settlers were demanding support from the local Indians and as a result relations soured. During the upcoming winter more died, so that by 1610 only 10-20% of the original group had survived. If it would not have been for **Lord Delaware** arriving, the settlement would have been abandoned for good.

Under new leadership, tobacco is tried as a new crop, and the settlement thrives. By 1619, the concept of representative government is introduced by **Governor Yeardley**, providing the basis of government which will be laid out in the US Constitution 168 years later. During this time peace prevailed for a season between the Indians and the settlers. In 1622 conflict and war existed between the two sides that lasted for the next 10 years. Concurrently, **King James I** revoked the charter for the settlement, making the settlement a royal colony and subjects of the King.