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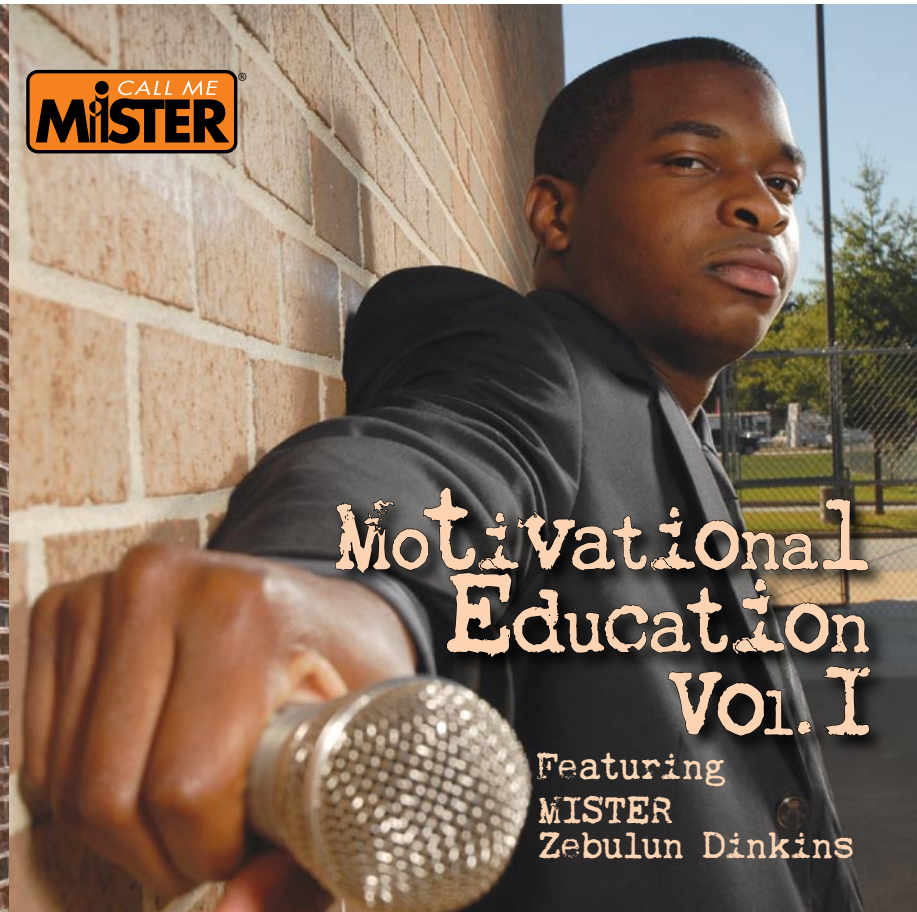
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(TRACK 1)

American Revolution

Chorus

A-M-E-R-I-C-A-N R-E-V-O-L-U-T-I-O-N
Spells, American Revolution

Verse 1

It first started when Britain made taxes for the colonists
Colonists didn't like it, it's time to change Parliament
I mean we own this land together, it's our creation
So no Taxation without representation
That means no one make a tax, if no one asked
The colonists were out for independence; it was a quest
The Stamp Act — No! Townshend Act — No!
We're not taking this sitting down, any longer, no more
That's when Patrick Henry came, and started to protest
Henry made a fiery speech before the House of Burgesses
Don't forget Samuel Adams; he brought the colonies together
To fight against the taxes, make life a little better

Verse 2

And now the war begins with the Boston Massacre
Colonists were ready to win, compared to Britain they were amateurs
And everybody remembers the Boston Tea Party
Forget taxes on tea; they dumped 'em in the harbor
The British made the Intolerable Acts
Colonists who opposed British were called Patriots
And those loyal to Britain, the Loyalists had a story
When they walked through the town, they were often called Tories

Verse 3

Paul Revere, Paul Revere, a famous messenger
Who warned John Hancock that the British were near
Minutemen clashed with British troops, the Battle of Lexington
Fighting for independence, American Revolution
The British troops were more powerful, weapons made from steel
It was a good battle but the Patriots lost at Bunker Hill
But in the end we declared independence in 1776
Made a document called the Declaration of Independence
We hold these truths to be self-evident
That all men created equal in this (new) fellowship (repeat)

(TRACK 2)

Three Branches of Government

Chorus

What are the three branches of Government?
The Executive Branch, Legislative Branch, Judicial Branch
And what do they do? They make laws, interpret the laws; they enforce the laws

Verse 1

Before we had these three branches, the government was weak
So we held the Constitutional Convention to meet
And one of the first delegates to arrive was James Madison
One of the youngest members, but a leading nationalist
Alexander Hamilton was another great leader
Who shaped the government so it would not grow weaker
George Washington and Ben Franklin, they helped, too
Roger Sherman mentioned the great compromise today we still use

Verse 2

The Executive Branch is mainly run by the president
Make sure laws are carried out in today's presence

It also vetoes laws and commands the armed forces
So if we went to war, then he said let the tanks start scorching
And when you veto a law, that means you don't want to pass it
Goes back to the Legislative Branch for some revamping
It also appoints federal judges in the court
To make sure you're treated fairly, innocent until proven guilty

Verse 3

The Legislative Branch makes new laws, and makes taxes
And sends them to the next branch, so they can take action
They can also override, the president's veto
And refuse to appoint candidates for judgeships too, yo

Verse 4

The Judicial Branch decides what the laws mean
Decides if it's Constitutional by all means
Even the president can't go against the Constitution
That's why these branches work together, for one resolution

(TRACK 3)

Civil War

Chorus

If you were in the Civil War, which side would you choose?
Would you be North or South, tell me what would you do
Would you be Confederate or would you be with the
Union?

The war's about to start; who's winning, who's losing?

Verse 1

At a point and time this Nation was divided
North against South, things got really violent
The South had slaves, but in the North they were free
So the Southern states secede, change they couldn't see
Then Abraham Lincoln was elected President
He was against slavery; he wanted new development
So the battles began, because of many different flaws
And this triggered the start of the Civil War
A war between people of the same country
When you hear the fires ring out you know that it's
coming

Who's running! Both sides stood their own ground
Many people lost their lives, trying to stay alive

Verse 2

January 1, 1863

Emancipation Proclamation came to be
It was a statement that freed all slaves



From the Confederate states, the decision
was made
African Americans begin to fight with the Union
So there was no way that the Union was losing
And women had a big part during this time
They would do the jobs that their husbands
left behind
The Battle of Gettysburg was a deciding
battle
Not too long more, Confederates surrendered,
that's factual
And actual, it was the most destructive war
620,000 soldiers died, but what for

(TRACK 4)

Transcontinental Railroad

Chorus

You have to ride the Transcontinental
If you want to make it here it's real simple
If you connect Nebraska to California
We can start making trades, bring families closer

Verse 1

Life after the Civil War, people from the East
wanted to travel West
So that they could reach the farms and find gold
but it was a test
It took long to reach that side of the continent
So they created a railroad called the
transcontinental
We talking about all the way from Nebraska to
California
Took a long time to make it, no cutting no corners
1838 that's when they sent a petition to Congress
They denied it, but in 1862 they revived it
Called the Pacific Railroad Act
It offered to companies loans to start laying tracks
They were called the Union and the Central Pacific
Took them 7 years to do it, but they finally did it
1869 met at the Promontory Point
That joined them together so that they could make
it work

Finally, the country was connected
We could travel almost anywhere, and it seemed
like a second
Come on!

Verse 2

Let's talk about cowboys; I know you heard of them
They use to raise cattle, take journeys, so they could
sell them
But there was one problem; they came up from
Texas
And you know up in the North, that made it kind of
hard to get "em"
Taking the trail was hard; it was dangerous,
Even for cowboys who thought they were the law
So they made a railroad and towns called railheads
That connected from Kansas to Texas, traveled that
instead
But before that there was the Chisholm Trail
That the longhorns made from their feet like nails
We can't forget cowboy, that name Nat Love
He was one of the men who took the trail like it was

(TRACK 5)

Reconstruction

Chorus

It's Reconstruction time, rebuilding the South
Wasn't easy at first, but things sort of worked out
It's Reconstruction time, rebuilding the South
Former slaves were better off; it really helped out

Verse

After the Civil War the South was in shambles
They had to rebuild it, new laws just a sample
A public school system was finally established
And many industries they quickly expanded
But the South still remained the poorest section
Life was a little better, but it was far from heaven
Then we had sharecroppers; it didn't stop
They paid for their rent with a portion of their crop
But blacks were held back, from many different roles
Even though they were free, they still had black codes
Still was racism, that's all you saw
Because the South had something called Jim Crow laws
African Americans were heard when they spoke
And now they had the opportunity to really vote
The Thirteenth Amendment declares slavery illegal
The Fourteenth Amendment declares former slaves real citizens



(TRACK 6)

South Carolina

Chorus

There are six landform regions in South Carolina
Blue Ridge, Piedmont, Sandhills
Inner Coastal, Outer Coastal and the Coastal Zone
You want to take a tour, then let's hit the road

Verse 1

The Blue Ridge region is the smallest of them all
The mountains cover this region, and they are tall
The Piedmont region is 100 miles wide
Makes up one-third of South Carolina's ground
With rolling hills, foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains
Here the river and valleys are much wider

The Sandhills region you can find many fossils
At the fall line water drops you can swallow
Canals are human-made waterways
Along the fall line they still exist today (repeat)

Verse 2

The Inner Coastal Plain borders east side of the Sandhills
And this region also has rolling hills
And most of it is covered by forest
You can look on a map and see who's the closest
The Outer Coastal plain between the Inner Coastal and the beaches
It's flat broken up, many rivers and streams
Last but not least, the Coastal Zone region
With beaches and islands, that's why the tourists are never leaving
That includes Myrtle Beach, a popular city
When you can see the ocean, it really is pretty
Where you can pick some shells and make sand castles
These are six regions; take a ride on your wagon, no hassles

(TRACK 7)

The Inventions

Chorus

Inventors changed the world; that's what they did
Their ideas, really changed the way we live
The first telephone, the first light bulb
The first airplane in the sky up above

Verse 1

Alexander Graham Bell made the first telephone
1876, new communication was born
Think about it; where is a lot of your time spent
On the phone maybe talking to your new best friend
And Thomas Edison made the first light bulb
He made thousands of inventions but this was one
And Lewis Latimer improved on that invention
He made the bulbs last longer with carbon filaments
Electricity brings change to the world
New power stations formed, amusement park rides twirl
Thanks to the inventions, inventors with great minds
Frank Sprague, the first electric streetcar design

Verse 2

And for the first airplane there could be no other
In Dayton, Ohio, it was the Wright Brothers
North Carolina lasted only 12 seconds, but you know today's airplanes are much better
Mary Anderson, the first windshield wiper
You can see it on the fastest cars, like a Dodge Viper
What could be nicer, than an easy life?
Dream about it, if there were no inventions tonight

Verse 3

Eithu Thomas, the first electric welding machine
To help build the London Bridge it took a team
John Thurman, the first vacuum cleaner
So when you spill chips, parents make it look cleaner

(TRACK 8)

Great Depression

Chorus

What was the Great Depression? I hoped we learned our lesson
Cause it was a hard time, hard to make progression
What was the Great Depression? I hoped we learned our lesson
They had a sad face; it was the only expression

Verse 1

The crash of the stock exchange didn't help that much
They tried to find the solution, couldn't figure out what
By the early 1930s it was the Great Depression
A period of failed businesses, there was no question
Massive unemployment quickly swept the land
It affected us for years; we couldn't understand
5,000 banks had failed; many companies closed
The problems of jobs and more problems arose
Many families really, they lost their homes
And schools had to close; you know we had to go
Americans couldn't figure out a way to grow,
So I guess the economy was moving too slow

Verse 2

Nature had its own disaster; it was the dust bowl
An area where crops died because of dry soil
Black blizzards swept the land, giant dust storms
They blotted out the sun so new life couldn't form
President Herbert Hoover believed we could recover
He promised good times were right around the corner
Instead it got harder; they went into a crisis
But it had to be a way they knew they had to fight it

Verse 3

After Hoover, then came Franklin Roosevelt
Overcoming the crisis in his heart is what he felt
So he created the New Deal to help banks out
Who closed down with loans; it would help control stock
The key law was the Social Security act
In 1935 that's when it became a fact
Eleanor Roosevelt, yeah she played a big role
She helped her husband in the journey to help gain control
The New Deal helped the Depression but did not end it
I guess they had to wait to see when it ended (repeat)

(TRACK 9)

Roaring Twenties

Chorus

It's the 1920s; call it the Roaring Twenties
A new era of prosperity, that's what we call it
It's the 1920s; call it the Roaring Twenties
Americans described this as we're right on the money

Verse 1

A time when Calvin Coolidge was president
People started to build their own establishments
A time when people made money from selling stock
When people had a lot of fun, didn't worry about
the clock
The time it was prime when jazz came around
A new kind of music that had a nice sound
Duke Ellington a musician who helped the phase
The 1920s had a nickname it was the Jazz Age
It was an inspirational time in poetry
Langston Hughes used rhythm and rhyme
In his poetry lines
No war just peace, that's all they had
It put a smile on their face, and they were glad

Verse 2

New technology came around
On a moderate income you could cruise around town

In a automobile for the very first time
You didn't have to be rich to get things that's fine
Entertainment came in the form of radio stations
Within 20 years people were listening on a daily basis
At the same time came about the talking picture
Thomas Edison was a great inventor
They made it widespread; they call it the media
Communication, radio, magazines and newspaper
Earhart became the first woman to fly across the
Atlantic
She caught the spirit of this age and never panicked

Verse 3

The fight for suffrage began
At the Seneca Falls convention, women were ready
to win
Susan B. Anthony stood up for her rights
1870, the movement gained strength and took flight;
that's right
And it paid off with the 19th Amendment
Which gave woman the right to vote and help make
decisions
But not everyone was happy; many people still
struggled
To get where they need to be in the life hurdles
But all in all it was a good era
America gained strength, made life a little better
(repeat)

(TRACK 10)

World War II

Chorus

World War II was a worldwide war
It stretched many countries like a hip-hop tour
The Axis were dangerous so they had to be
stopped
So along came the Allies no longer could they
watch

Verse 1

World War II was a battle of Dictators
Benito Mussolini, Japan and Adolf Hitler
Teamed up and called themselves the Axis
Took over many regions, would have got us if they
passed us

The Fascist was a party who only cared about their
culture
Didn't like any other, they were mean like vultures
In 1939 the war began
German tanks invaded Poland they were eager to
win

Verse 2

Now along came the Allies, Great Britain and France
It's Axis versus Allies; get ready for the big dance
Hitler took many over, but couldn't take Britain
Mr. Churchill made Britain start to pay close
attention
He rallied them up and made them fight Hitler
And they won so the truth really couldn't be realer
In 1941 Hitler made a big mistake
The Soviet Union made his troops run just like bait



(TRACK 11)

Civil Rights Movement

Chorus

Mr. King said equality for us is a must
Rosa Parks started a chain when she sat on that
bus
We all live together and not in seclusion
Making change in life it's about the Civil Rights
Movement

Verse 1

I had a dream just like Martin Luther King
That we could learn together, talk about famous
names
I'm talking about a movement that changed
history
The struggle for equality, did it nonviolently, not
silently
Blacks stood up for their rights
Stood up for what they believed in; they did it
day and night
So many people were there; man, they changed
the world
Segregation ended, mix of race of boys and girls
See, the story is the puzzle; they all go together
Beginning, middle, and end, I couldn't write it
better

They say don't judge people by the color of their
skin
We all do great things; it's the only way to win

Verse 2

They say don't judge people by the color of their
skin
We all do great things; it's the only way to win
No reminiscing on the past, just the future
We wouldn't be in school together without Martin
Luther
Imagine not drinking from a fountain because of
your race
I would fight for my rights no matter what it takes
C to the I to the V to the I to the L
Rights, we all have them; I know you can tell

(TRACK 12)

September 11, 2001

Chorus

I remember the day when we ...
It was a tragedy
The time has come
To talk about September 11, 2001

Verse

I remember the day, I remember the year
When I woke up in my bed, I woke up in fear
I turned on my T.V., and there it was
Terrorists crashed the planes into the Twin Towers
after dusk*
And the building collapsed, couldn't believe my
eyes
The nation felt a lot of pain; there were a lot of
cries
We really didn't know what the future held
We thought our nation's government security
failed
More than 3,000 people died; that's no lie
We can't figure it out, every time we try
But thankfully we have great leaders in this
country
Like the mayor of New York, Rudolph Giuliani

George W. Bush expressed hope for the future
Finding who was responsible was important and
crucial

We can't forget the firemen because they risked
their lives

To save innocent people who were trying to survive
Through the metal, through the rubble, they
couldn't breathe

Let alone in pitch darkness they couldn't see
And through all of this, United States never falling
We got to get the terrorist group Al Qaeda and Bin
Laden

And we went to take down weapons of mass
destruction

So the United States told Saddam Hussein we were
coming

Saddam, he was an evil dictator of Iraq
So we took them down to make a safe impact
If you're listening, likely you lived through the
experience

You know what it feels like during this time and
period

*This song is based on personal recollections and
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