

Leadership and Legacy  
2015 NHD Theme  
Tennessee History Topics

**Cordell Hull**

*Cordell Hull was a Tennessee-born diplomat who served as Secretary of State under Franklin D. Roosevelt. A staunch proponent of free trade, Hull saw free access to markets and raw materials as the key to world peace and progress. Responsible for establishing the United Nations, Hill is most well-known for his work to establish a positive relationship between the US and Latin America.*

**Alvin C. York**

*Also known by his rank, Sargent York is famous for being one of the greatest US heroes of World War I. He was responsible for leading an attack on a troop of German soldiers in which York killed 28 soldiers, captured an additional 132, and took 32 machine guns. Upon returning to the US, he was awarded a Medal of Honor for his bravery and success. York's legacy, however, is his passion for education in the Upper Cumberland.*

Senator Norris and the Creation of the TVA

Piggly Wiggly: The First Modern Grocery Store

David Crockett: Volunteer Hero of the Alamo

Sam Houston: Founding Father of Texas

Creating the Volunteers: Tennesseans in the War of 1812

The Empress of the Blues: Bessie Smith and Her Legacy on the Blues

WSM

Sun Studios

Stax Records

Development of Women's Clubs: W.C.T.U.

Fisk University

Fisk Jubilee Singers

Cornelia Fort

**Pat Summitt**

*Pat Summitt is the University of Tennessee's former NCAA women's basketball coach. She began her career with the Lady Vols in 1974 and currently holds the title for the most winning coach in NCAA history. However, when doing a project on Coach Summitt, the student must be sure to focus on the early part of her career and her work with Title IX. This should not be a biography, but rather a demonstration of how Pat Summitt influenced Title IX and women's sports as a whole.*

**Ida B. Wells**

*A project on Ida B. Wells can be done on many different aspects of the central theme of Leadership and Legacy. Ida B. Wells is known for her role as a civil rights activist, primarily with her work on anti-lynching campaigns, as well as her involvement with the women's rights movement, where she founded many notable women's organizations.*

Quakers in Tennessee

Charles S. Johnson and His Impact on Tennessee's Civil Rights Movement

Wilma Rudolph and her Sprint to Overcome Diversity and Hardship

John Sevier and the Battle of Kings Mountain: Victory for the Overmountain Men

Nancy Ward

Clarence Saunders

The Highlander Folk School: Cultivating the Leaders of the Civil Rights Movement

Tennessee's War of the Roses: Robert Love Taylor and Alfred A. Taylor

Damn the Torpedoes, Full Speed Ahead: The Leadership and Legacy of Admiral David Farragut

Anne Dallas Dudley and Her Leadership and Legacy in the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment

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William Gannaway "Parson" Brownlow	Andrew Johnson: The Legacy of Reconstruction in Tennessee
Adolph Ochs	
Roy Acuff	Elihu Embree, the Emancipator, and Abolition in Tennessee
Hattie Caraway	Postmaster General Cave Johnson and Postal Reform
Ernest William Goodpasture	Lide Smith Meriwether and W.C.T.U.
Benjamin Lawson Hooks	William Carroll and Prison Reform
Cormac McCarthy	President James K. Polk, the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, and the Coming of the Civil War
Sequoyah	
Aretha Franklin	The Ladies' Hermitage Association
Daniel Boone	R. H. Boyd and Union Transport Company
Hattie Caraway	Edward Hull Crump: Boss of Memphis
Thomas Oscar Fuller	Morris Frank
Samuel Jones	George H. Thomas
James E. Lawson Jr.	Commander William R. Anderson and the USS Natilus
Austin Peay	Charles S. Johnson
Nathan Bedford Forrest	Kelly Miller Smith
FedEx	Z. Alexander Looby
The Southern Agrarians	Diane Nash
Fletcher Dresslar, George Peabody School for Teachers, and Rural School Reform	Hernando de Soto
Minnie Pearl	Thomas Hughes and Rugby, Tennessee
Dolly Parton	Frances Wright and Nashoba, Tennessee
The Carter Family, Ralph Peer	Estes Kefauver
Elvis Presley	John Rankin
Jim Thompson	James Napier
Dragging Canoe and Chickamauga: The Treaty of Sycamore Shoals	
Attakullakulla, the Overhill Cherokees, and Colonial Governments	
The Gorgeous Hussy: Andrew Jackson and the Defense of Peggy Easton	