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Nancy Ward (1738-1822)	lived in an area that was being explored by European-Americans	encountered European-Americans on the frontier	exchanged ideas, culture, values with European-Americans
Attakullakulla (1708-1777)	he explored diplomatic avenues with encroaching Europeans. He also was among the first to seek military protection from the settlers	was one of six Cherokee delegates to visit England in 1730. The British assumed that he was the king of the Cherokees	the Cherokees presented the British royalty with a crown made from opossum tails, scalps from their enemies, and five eagles tails. They negotiated a friendly trade agreement with the British
Oconostota (1710-1783)	was one of six Cherokee delegates to visit England In 1730. He returned in 1762 to meet with King George III		brought Cherokee customs to the people of England. Was shunned from the British court after he hugged King George III. This was a custom amongst Cherokees but was disrespectful in British society
William Walker (1824-1860)	organized several private military expeditions into Latin America. His purpose was to establish colonies under his control	he had many encounters with the people of Central America. He served as the president of Nicaragua. He was eventually executed by the government of Honduras	
Margaret Rhea Seddon (1947-Present)	Seddon was selected as part of the first group of astronauts that included women as a part of the crew	Seddon was among the first group of US women to encounter space on the space shuttles <i>Discovery</i> and <i>Columbia</i>	
Cornelia Fort (1919-1943)	first female pilot in the US Navy	first person to encounter the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor	she exchanged fire with the Japanese at Pearl Harbor
Matthew Maury Fontaine (1806-1873)	as oceanographer, earned the nickname "Pathfinder of the Seas"	believed that collaboration was the best means to obtain knowledge and planned international conference	encouraged exchange of knowledge

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Diane Nash (1938-Present)		encountered segregation during the Civil Rights Movement	exchanged her life as a student for one as an activist and motivated people to join the cause
Morris Frank (1908-1980)	explored the world with his seeing eye dog	encountered obstacles as a blind man	exchanged life of dependence for one of independence
Fisk Jubilee Singers (1871-Present)	explored the world on international tours to create revenue. On their journeys they gained popularity by when they added spirituals to their repertoire	encountered segregation and barriers to education	popularized spirituals among white, northern, and European audiences
Piggly Wiggly (1916-Present)	exploring the world of commerce and changes in consumer behavior. Piggly Wiggly management explored adaptations of consumer behavior by offering self-service in the grocery store	the evolution of self-service shopping led to a shift in behavior as US women became the primary purchasers of food	exchange of money for goods. The change in food shopping behaviors caused a shift in the role/responsibilities within many US homes
Estes Kefauver (1903-1963)	explored organized crime with Senate Special Committee	encountered resistance from criminals and support from the public	
Adolph Ochs (1858-1935)		encountered anti-Semitism and used his prominence as a newspaper editor to convince other newspapers to stop lampooning of Jews in US press	exchanged ideas through his various media publication companies, most prominently the <i>New York Times</i>
Benjamin Lawson Hooks (1925-2010)		encountered everyday racism and educational discrimination in the Jim Crow South	exchanged ideas with high ranking officials in addition with other African-Americans during the Civil Rights movement and beyond

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James E. Lawson, Jr. (1928-Present)		encountered segregation during the Civil Rights movement	popularized the idea of sit-ins and marches amongst his students at various universities around Nashville. Was instrumental in encouraging college students involvement in protest
Charles Johnson (1893-1956)		encountered the disenfranchisement of African-Americans in the South. Also encountered strained race relations, which he strived to correct	exchanged feelings of extreme disdain for white oppression, for a collaborative effort with white allies allowing for short term practical gain
Hernando de Soto (1496-1542)	first European man to travel west of the Mississippi River, also the first to lead a group of European explorers inland	encounters with a land that was previously unexplored by Europeans, first European encounters with the Mississippi River	
Henry Timberlake (1730-1765)	colonial Anglo-American officer, who was an emissary from the British Colonies to the Cherokee lands	Timberlake encountered and documented many of the Cherokees' traditions and customs, which has helped present-day historians	Cherokees provided Timberlake with provisions of dried venison and boiled corn so that he would not starve
FedEx (1971-Present)	exploring the ways in which FedEx revolutionized global commerce		FedEx radically changed the way in which goods are exchanged worldwide
David Crockett (1786-1836)	Crockett set out to explore Texas as a frontiersman	Crockett's encounters with the Mexican Army in addition to his interactions with Native Americans	

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John Sevier (1745-1815)	explored Tennessee in its pre-statehood era, was one of the founding fathers of the state of Tennessee	encounters on the battlefield with Cherokees: helped to defend Fort Watauga against an imposing Cherokee attack	exchanged role as military leader for that of governor of the state of Franklin, then first governor of the state of Tennessee
William Anderson (1921-2007)	member of the crew of the first submarine to sail under the North Pole's ice caps		the mission was in response to the Soviet Union using other technologies to attempt to gain an edge in the Cold War
Pat Summitt (1952-Present)	exploring how gender roles in athletics changed	encounters with gender discrimination in her athletic career	exchanged role as athlete for coach, as coach for advocate (for Alzheimer's disease)
Sequoyah (1767-1843)	exploring developments in written communication developments in Cherokee language		the exchange of ideas through written language
Louisville and Nashville Railroad (1850-1982)	exploring changes in global commerce and transportation		developments in railroad technology allow for easy exchange of goods
William G. Brownlow (1805-1877)		as Reconstruction governor, encountered resistance to attempts to disenfranchise former Confederates and enfranchise former slaves	pre-Civil War: exchanged ideas while serving as the editor of the <i>Whig</i> . This publication opposed secession in the years leading up to the Civil War. Post-Civil War: exchanged ideas with high ranking political officials regarding voting rights for former Confederates and freed African-Americans
Austin Peay (1876-1927)	exploring changes in the shift of political power from the legislature to the governor		signed into law the Butler Act which prohibited the teaching of the theory of evolution in Tennessee schools

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Ralph Peer and the Bristol Sessions (1927)	exploring changes and evolutions in the music industry; the emergence of country music		the Bristol Session recordings helped expose people to a new genre of music which we know today as country music
Elihu Embree and the <i>Emancipator</i> (1782-1820)	exploring the role that publications played in the abolition of slavery	encounters with the principals of abolition began during childhood when his father, Thomas Embree, began to speak openly	published the <i>Emancipator</i> , which was the first newspaper in North America devoted specifically to the cause of abolishing slavery
James K. Polk and the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo (1848)	opened new territory for westward expansion for land-hungry settlers		this treaty ended the Mexican-American war, establishing friendly relations between the two countries; exchange of money for land that would make up parts of 10 states
Z. Alexander Looby (1899-1972)		encountered racial discrimination in his own upbringing and quest to receive an education	exchanged his career as a law professor for a career as an attorney choosing to defend wrongfully accused African-Americans
Cordell Hull (1871-1955)	exploring peaceful diplomacy and the establishment of the United Nations		established the United Nations, which is a collaboration of countries world-wide
WSM (1925-Present)	exploring evolutions in the communications industry		the Grand Old Opry, longest running radio program in history, transmits live music to millions of people
Stax Records (1957-1975)	exploring how music was a tool used to integrate races; there were several integrated bands that recorded at Stax		major factor in the emergence of southern soul music in addition to gospel, jazz and blues recordings

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Myles Horton and the Highlander Folk School (1905-1990)	exploring how the Highlander Folk School was instrumental in educating the key figures of the Civil Rights movement	Horton encounters the inequality that exist within the sector of education between the two races, sees a need for change	exchanged ideas and trained many of the Civil Rights movements key players, such as Martin Luther King, Jr.
Anne Dallas Dudley (1876-1955)	exploring ways in which women gained rights throughout the twentieth century		exchanged ideas with high ranking politicians and everyday people regarding the issue of women's suffrage
Senator James H. Reagan (1818-1905)	Senator Reagan, along with other investors, explored the construction of the Hiwassee Railroad Company. This railroad spanned an area otherwise isolated between the Cumberland Plateau and the Smokey Mountains	the investors faced harsh encounters with the land to produce a successful railroad company	this exchange of isolation for transportation opened opportunities for the region
Factory Act (1795-96)	explored relationships among Cherokee, the militia, and settlers. The act encouraged the assimilation of the Cherokee into Anglo culture	this act brought many encounters between the Cherokee and the whites as the new relationships were forged	this act was later used as an exchange of ideas when the Cherokee appealed to the US Supreme Court as a sovereign state.
Unicoi Turnpike Trail (1813-16)	the Cherokee Nation explored the formal agreement with a group of white entrepreneurs to form the Unicoi Turnpike Company along the nation's oldest in-land trade route	the encounters initially brought economic prosperity to the both parties and ultimately brought a viable trade route to the inland	the exchange of control of the turnpike for economic gain will eventually be of great concern to the Cherokee as the Turnpike was used as the first leg of the Trail of Tears
The Clinton 12 (1956)	As the US sought compliance to the desegregation rulings of the Supreme Court, 12 students in Clinton became the first to explore a desegregated public high school in the South	their encounter began without incident, but did not end without strife	Clinton exchanged old-South ideas of separate but equal for racial integration
Eugene Magevney (1798-1873)	An Irish-Catholic immigrant, Magevney explored means to introduce his religious freedoms to Memphis	His encounters as a teacher, businessman, and real estate broker enabled him to lead other Catholics to the predominantly Protestant region	His exchange of business dealings in the region allowed a Catholic community to grow and his home was the site of the first Catholic Mass in Tennessee