

SESSION TOPICS AND ASSIGNMENTS

Note: All pages refer to primary text: John Oliver Wilson, *The Idea of America: Our Values, Our Legacy, Our Future* (Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, 2017)

Session One: Introduction: Our Founding Values
Facilitator will introduce the course and briefly discuss our founding values and the "tension value model"

Session Two: The Idea of America and Our Values
Reading: Wilson, Part One, pp. 7-40

Session Three: The Idea of America and Our Legacy
Reading: Wilson, Part Two, pp. 42-70

Session Four: The Idea of America and Our Future
Reading: Wilson, Case Study One, Our Economy:
A Legacy of Growth and Opportunity
pp. 73-100

Session Five: The Idea of America and Our Future
Reading: Wilson, Case Study Two, Education:
The Great Equalizer
pp. 101-127

Session Six: The Idea of America and Our Future
Reading: Wilson, Case Study Three: We the People:
A Nation of Immigrants
pp. 128-158