

Part 1: The Anchor Facts of American History

(Write answers to the prompts related to each image.)



1. Who/What/Where? **Menes/Narmer unifies ancient Egypt.**

When? **c. 3000 BC**

So what? **We live 5000 years into the story of recorded history / For five thousand years of history, monarchy has been the normal form of government.**

(5 pts: 1 for Menes/Narmer, 1 for unification, 1 for Egypt, 1 for c.3000 BC, 1 for so what.)



2. Who/What/Where? **Athenians create the first democracy, and Romans create the first republic.**

When? **c. 508 BC / c.509 BC**

So what? **These are the first examples of better government. / These were the two precedents upon which the Founding Fathers relied the most in creating America.**

(5 pts: 1 for Athens/Rome, 2pts for dem. + rep., 1 for c.508/c.509, 1 for so what.)



3. Who/What/Where? **Jesus Christ is born in the Roman Empire (Judea)**

When? **c. 4 BC**

So what? **These are the first examples of better government. / These were the two precedents upon which the Founding Fathers relied the most in creating America.**

(5 pts: 1 for Jesus, 1 pt for birth, 1 pt for Roman Empire, 1 for c. 4BC, 1 for so what.)



4. Who/What/Where? **European/Germanic barbarians cause the fall of Rome.**

When? **476 AD**

So what? **We live in a world shaped mainly by Europeans and European civilization, not the dominant ancient civilization, Rome, which they destroyed and replaced.**

(5 pts: 1 for barbarians, 1 pt for destroy, 1 pt for Rome, 1 for 476 AD, 1 for so what.)



5. Who/What/Where? **Christopher Columbus discovers America.**

When? **1492 AD**

So what? **There could be no United States of America, created by European colonists, without the prior discovery of America by Europeans.**

(5 pts: 1 for Columbus, 1 pt for discover, 1 pt for America, 1 for 1492, 1 for so what.)



6. Who/What/Where? **The Founding Fathers issue the Declaration of Independence, giving birth to the United States of America in Philadelphia** When? **1776 AD**

So what? **They created the freest country in the history of the world, which grew to be by far the most important country in the now American-centric world we live in.**

(5 pts: 1 for founders, 1 pt for declaration, 1 pt for USA/Phily, 1 for 1776, 1 for so what.)



7. Who/What/Where? **Muslim terrorists destroy the World Trade Center in New York City.** When? **9-11-2001**

So what? **America, the world's police power, is now entangled in a global "war on terror."**

(5 pts: 1 for terrorists, 1 pt for destroy, 1 pt for WTC, 1 for 2001, 1 for so what.)

Total Points for Part 1: 35 points

Part 2: Europe in the Time of Christopher Columbus

8. How did the people of France and England feel about each other in 1492? Why?

The people of France and England were "worst enemies forever" in 1492, because they had fought the Hundred Years' War. **(2 pts: 1 pt for each part. At the Lower Elementary level, this is all that is necessary.)**

9. What nearly 800-year war ended in 1492, just before Columbus sailed? What two countries were born during this war?

The nearly 800-year war called the "Reconquista" ended in 1492. Spain and Portugal were born during this conflict. **(3 pts: 1 pt for Reconquista; 1 pt for Spain; 1 pt for Portugal. At the Lower Elementary level, this is all that is necessary.)**

10. What other title did the kings of Germany have? What religious ally gave them this title?

The kings of German also had the title "Holy Roman Emperor." They were given this title by their religious ally, the Pope. **(2 pts: 1 pt for Holy Roman Emperor; 1 pt for Pope. At the Lower Elementary level, this is all that is necessary.)**

Total Points for Part 2: 7 points

Total Points on test: 42 points