

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.)



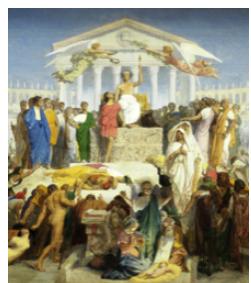
2. Who/What/Where?

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. Why do people in Europe speak many different languages in small, separate countries? If the Roman Empire had not fallen, what language would they (and we) probably be speaking today?

People in Europe speak many different languages because their countries were formed by separate tribes conquering parts of Europe and keeping themselves separate from everyone else. If these tribes had no conquered Rome, we might all be speaking one language, Latin. **(3 pts: 1 pt for tribal conflicts; 1 pt for Latin; 1 pt for spelling and grammar)**

9. What is the name for the period after the Fall of the Roman Empire? What kind of government was again the norm a *thousand* years after the first democracy and republic in Europe?

The period after the fall of the Roman Empire is known as the Dark Ages. In this time, a thousand years after the first democracy and republic, monarchy was again the norm. **(3 pts: 1 pt for Dark Ages; 1 pt for monarchy; 1 pt for spelling and grammar)**

10. What was the relationship between France and England in 1492, and what was the main reason why?

The people of France and England were "worst enemies forever" in 1492, because they had fought the Hundred Years' War. **(3 pts: 1 pt for enemies ; 1 pt for Hundred Years' War; 1 pt for spelling and grammar)**

11. What was the “Reconquista”? What important event in *American* history followed shortly after it ended?

The “Reconquista” was a nearly 800-year war between Christians and Muslims in Europe that resulted in the birth of Portugal and Spain as Christian countries. It ended in 1492, and this is why Christopher Columbus was sent exploring in that year, leading to the discovery of America. (**3 pts: 1 pt for 800-year war between Christians and Muslims; 1 pt for discovery of America; 1 pt for spelling and grammar**)

12. Although all the major countries of Europe accepted the authority of one religious leader in 1492, he could not command its kings or unify Christian Europe. What was the title of this position of authority, and with what other power had this leader been in regular conflict with until Columbus’s time?

The single religious authority over Europe was the Pope. He was in regular conflict with another hopeful leader of Christianity known as the Holy Roman Emperor until Columbus’s time. (**3 pts: 1 pt for Pope; 1 pt for Holy Roman Emperor; 1 pt for spelling and grammar**)

Total Points for Part 2: 15 points

Total Points on Test: 50 points