

Part 1: The Anchor Facts of American History

Write a brief description of the key event occurring at the date indicated.

1. c.3000 BC

2. c.508 BC / c. 509 BC

3. c.4 BC

4. 476 AD

5. 1776 AD

Part 2: The Renaissance

6. What language does the word “Renaissance” come from, what does it mean? What are three parts of life that experienced this change?

Part 3: The Age of Discovery

7. What did Marco Polo do to inspire the Age of Discovery? What part of the world did European explorers want to reach, and why, because of him?

8. How did the Age of Discovery begin? Who is most responsible for starting it, and how?

9. What was Columbus's idea about reaching Asia? Who finally succeeded, using his basic method?

10. What were the main priorities of the Spanish following Christopher Columbus's discovery of the "New World"?

Part 4: Bonus

13. What were the names of Columbus's three ships on his voyage of 1492?

14. What king of England started Anglicanism?

15. What were the names for China and Japan in Columbus's time?

16. What family came to be in charge of both Spain and the Holy Roman Empire during the Age of Discovery?
