

Part 1: The Anchor Facts of American History

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

1. 1215 AD

2. c. 4 BC

3. c.3000 BC

4. 1492 AD

5. 1607 AD / 1620 AD

B. Use your knowledge of anchor facts to answer the following questions.

6. In what three places did people make important progress towards freedom before the United States? What kind of government did each of them create?

7. *“There would be no United States of America without the Founding Fathers...”* rebelling against British tyranny. What three other things did they have to do before there could truly be a *United States of America*?

Part 2: The American Revolution

8. Why is James Otis an important Founding Father? (What specifically did he do to champion individual rights?)

9. What were the Virginia Resolves? What “act” were they against, and what Founding Father championed this effort to resist growing British tyranny?

10. Why did the British government pass the Quebec Act of 1774? What did it say?

11. Perhaps a million people cross the Delaware river every day. Why is one crossing remembered above all others? (Be sure to explain exactly who crossed, and how important it was in as much detail as you can.)

13. What were three important reasons why, even after winning the Revolutionary War, the thirteen colonies might still not form a true *United States of America*?

Part 3: The Founding Era

14. What is the Bill of Rights? To what is it an addition, and why did the Founding Fathers view it as so critical to make such a set of additions?

15. Explain *three* things the Founding Fathers did as presidents to help make sure the United States would remain *independent* during the Founding Era.

Part 4: Bonus Questions

16. What is the final line from Patrick Henry's most famous speech?

17. What were the promoters and opponents of the Constitution called during the Critical Period?

18. Where was the final major battle of the Revolutionary War fought?

19. From whom did Jefferson purchase Louisiana?

20. What are the names of the two-part parliament (or "Congress") of the United States?
