

**Part 1: The Anchor Facts of American History**

**A. Write a brief description of the key event occurring at the date indicated, and explain why it is important in *American history*.**

1. 1861-65 AD

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2. c.508 BC / c. 509 BC

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3. 1555 AD

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4. 476 AD

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5. 1492 AD

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6. 1648 AD

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**Part 2: Slavery and the Decline of the Union**

7. What was the Missouri Compromise? How did it affect the power of the federal government?

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8. What was "abolitionism"? Who are two famous abolitionists and what did they do?

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9. Explain the compromise of 1850.

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10. What principle was implemented in the Kansas-Nebraska Act? How did it affect the Missouri Compromise, and what was the result in Kansas?

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**Part 3: Civil War and Reconstruction**

11. What is secession? How did president Lincoln respond to the secession of the South?

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12. By what steps was slavery brought to an end in America during and after the Civil War?

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13. What did the fourteenth and fifteenth amendments say? Why were they believed necessary?

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**Part 4: The Industrial Revolution**

14. What is the Industrial Revolution? Give an example of one of the big changes it involves.

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15. Explain the connection between means of transportation and the values one needs to survive. Give an example of how modern transportation makes it possible for you to enjoy a value created far from where you live.

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16. Explain how the Communication Revolution changed the “speed of ideas,” i.e. the speed at which ideas can be communicated across great distances.

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**Part 5: Bonus Questions**

17. What Union general besieged Atlanta and conducted the “March to the Sea”?

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18. What state was added to the Union at the same time as Missouri?

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19. In what war was the Battle of the Alamo fought?

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20. In the making of clothing, what is the name of the activity that produces thread?

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