

Part 1: The Anchor Facts of American History

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

1. 1492 AD

2. c.508 BC / c. 509 BC

3. c.3000 BC

4. 1861-65

5. 476 AD

Part 2: Slavery and the Decline of the Union

6. By what means might slavery have been abolished in the Constitution of the United States before the Civil War? Why was this not possible?

7. Why did the addition of Missouri as a new state in the Union create a problem? How was the problem solved?

8. Why did the addition of California to the Union require a compromise? What was that compromise?

9. What is “popular sovereignty”? When this idea was applied in Kansas via the Kansas- Nebraska Act of 1854, what was the result?

Part 3: Civil War and Reconstruction

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

11. During the Civil War, Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation. Did it free all the slaves? Explain your answer.

12. If the thirteenth amendment ended slavery in America, why were the fourteenth and fifteenth amendments believed necessary? What did these amendments do?

Part 4: The Industrial Revolution

13. What do the *American* Revolution and the *Industrial* Revolution have in common that makes them both revolutions?

14. Explain the connection between means of *communication* and two values that you need to survive.

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

Part 5: Bonus Questions

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

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

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

19. What is the name of the code used on a telegraph?

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