

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

Write a brief description of the key event occurring at the date indicated, and explain how it has shaped the America and/or world we live in *today*.

1. 1914-19

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2. 1939-45

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3. 1215 AD

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4. 1861-65

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5. 476 AD

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**Part 2: America Becomes and International Police Power**

6. What is a “doctrine”? How was the Monroe Doctrine tied to the founding fathers’ philosophy of government (as expressed in the Declaration of Independence, for instance)?

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7. In what ways (name at least two) does the Spanish-American War of 1898 represent a break with the Monroe Doctrine?

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8. Explain the context and ultimate meaning of the “Roosevelt Corollary” to the Monroe Doctrine.

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**Part 3: The World Wars**

9. Would the Founding Fathers have agreed with the idea that America should make the world “safe for democracy”? Why or why not?

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10. Why didn't Woodrow Wilson's policing of making the world safe for democracy become a doctrine? (Think of what happened *after* WWI.)

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**Part 4: The Cold War**

11. What would likely have happened if the United States returned to “normalcy” after World War II? (Try to explain the more straightforward reasoning involved.) How did this affect America's actions to follow?

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12. Who did America chose as a temporary ally in World War II, and by what reasoning? Why did this country become America’s greatest enemy after the war?

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13. What did the Truman Doctrine say? Why did this doctrine lead to a “cold war”?

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**Part 5: America and the War on Terror**

14. Why did America support the formation of Israel in 1948? What did America’s presence as a police power lead to in 1979 despite the great resentment of Israel’s neighbors of Israel’s presence?

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15. What is terrorism? What is the most important event of 1979 that made terrorism a tactic of choice against the United States?

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16. What are the two main forms of Islamic culture today? What has America done in Afghanistan and Iraq in the “War on Terror” to encourage one and discourage the other?

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**Part 6: Bonus Questions**

17. What American ship was sunk before America’s entry into World War I?

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18. What American ship was sunk before America’s entry into the Spanish-American War?

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19. What American base was attacked in 1941, bringing America into World War II?

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20. What Japanese cities did America destroy with atomic bombs in World War II?

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