

Part 1: The Anchor Facts of American History

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

1. 1914-19

America saves Europe from itself in World War I. (1 pt)

2. 1939-45

America saves the world from Nazi Germany and imperial Japan. (1 pt)

3. 476 AD

European barbarians cause the fall of the Roman Empire. (1 pt)

4. 1861-65

The Civil War results in the eradication of slavery in America. (1 pt)

5. 1215 AD

The Magna Carta begins the English tradition of constitutional monarchy. (1 pt)

Part 2: America Becomes and International Police Power

6. Who created the Monroe Doctrine? What did it say?

President James Monroe created the Monroe Doctrine. The Monroe Doctrine said that America and Europe were essentially different, and that America, which wanted to protect the rights of its citizens therefore wanted a separation between European and American affairs. (1 pt for James Monroe, 1 pt for political separation, and 1 pt for spelling and grammar.)

7. Who was America trying to help in the Spanish-American War? What was an unexpected result of this war?

America was trying to help Cuba in the Spanish-American War. An unexpected outcome of participation in a war with Cuba was that America ended up policing the Philippines as well. (1 pt for Cuba, 1 pt for Philippines involvement, and 1 pt for spelling and grammar.)

8. Panama became independent in 1903. What did president Theodore Roosevelt announced America would now become by helping Panama.

Theodore Roosevelt announced that America would be an international police power. (1 pt for international police power, and 1 pt for spelling and grammar.)

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Part 3: The World Wars

9. What president led America into World War I, and why?

Woodrow Wilson led American into World War I. He said that America should enter a European war to “make the world safe for democracy.” (1 pt for Wilson, 1 pt for “make the world safe for democracy,” and 1 pt for spelling and grammar.)

10. What is “normalcy”? Why did Americans want a “return to normalcy” after WWI?

“Normalcy” means the condition of things being “normal.” For Americans up to WWI, normalcy meant neutrality and non-involvement in European wars. 117,000 Americans died in WWI, which was extremely shocking and upsetting. Americans did not want such a thing to happen again, so they chose to return to “normalcy.” (1 pt for normal, 1 pt for cost of WWI, and 1 pt for spelling and grammar.)

11. What country did Adolf Hitler become the leader of in 1933? What did Americans think would soon happen in Europe?

Adolf Hitler became the leader of Germany in 1933, which became Nazi Germany. Americans believed that war would soon return to Europe. (1 pt for Germany, 1 pt for war, and 1 pt for spelling and grammar.)

Part 4: The Cold War and the War on Terror

12. What did the Truman Doctrine say? What other reasons did America decide to police the Middle East?

The Truman Doctrine said that American should work to stop the spread of communism. For this reason, but also to support Israel, and to secure access to its oil, America decided to police the Middle East. (1 pt for containment doctrine, 1 pt for Israel, 1pt for oil, and 1 pt for spelling and grammar.)

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13. What is terrorism? What two wars has America fought since 9-11-2001 to try to discourage Muslims of the Middle East from using terrorism against America?

Terrorism is a tactic of war, whereby terrorists attack non-military persons, including women and children in order to “terrorize” them. This is designed to make them pressure their government to act differently. America has fought wars in Afghanistan and Iraq to try to discourage the spread of terrorism. (1 pt for definition, 1 pt for Afghanistan and Iraq, and 1 pt for spelling and grammar.)

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Part 5: Bonus Questions

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

It was British! The Lusitania. (0.5 bonus pts)

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

USS Maine (0.5 bonus pts)

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

Pearl Harbor (0.5 bonus pts)

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

Hiroshima / Nagasaki (0.5 bonus pts)

Total points on test: 26 pts
Total bonus points available: 2 pts

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