

Part 1: The Anchor Facts of American History

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

1. 1914-19

2. 1939-45

3. 476 AD

4. 1861-65

5. 1215 AD

Part 2: America Becomes and International Police Power

6. What is a “doctrine”? What did the Monroe Doctrine say?

7. What did some American think the Monroe Doctrine advised about Cuba in 1898? What happened in the war that followed that was definitely not advised by the Monroe Doctrine?

8. Who was the the first president to say that America should be an “international police power”? What country’s independence did America support as a police power under this president, and why?

Part 3: The World Wars

9. Who was president during World War I? Why did he advise that America should enter a *European* war?

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

11. Why did America pass “Neutrality Acts” starting in 1935?

Part 4: The Cold War

12. Who did America chose as a temporary ally in World War II? Why did this country become America's greatest enemy after the war?

13. What did Harry Truman advise America should do about communism? Why did this doctrine lead to a "cold war"?

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?

15. What is terrorism? How did the Iranian Revolution encourage the spread of terrorism?

16. What are the two main forms of Islamic culture today? What was America done in Afghanistan and Iraq to encourage the one and discourage the other?

Part 6: Bonus Questions

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

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

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

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