

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. 1947

4. 1861-65

5. c.3000 BC

Part 2: America Becomes and International Police Power

6. What is a “doctrine”? What doctrine did America follow from 1823 to 1903?

7. What were three reasons America became involved in the Spanish American War (1898)? What was an unexpected result of this war?

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. What was Woodrow Wilson’s initial reaction to World War I? What new idea did he have to lead America into war anyways?

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

11. Who became the leader of Germany in 1933? What could Americans tell would probably happen again in Europe, and what did they do about it?

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 doctrine was announced against America's new enemy? 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? What is the most important event of 1979 that made terrorism a tactic of choice against the United States?

16. What are the two main forms of Islamic culture today? What has America done to encourage the first, 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?
