

Part 1: The World We Live In

1. Most people think history is “the study of the past.” Why don’t they think it matters? What is the *History At Our House* definition of history?

2. Label the major cultural blocks indicated that are part of the world we live in, and answer the prompts in the briefest way you can.

mother country: _____

concept of religious war in this block: _____

European mother countries: _____

former champion of: _____

Part 2: The Cardinal Anchor Facts of American History

3. Read the summary of American history and use the prompts to write the information requested about the cardinal anchor facts of American history.

The United States is a country born in the name of individual rights that originally maintained its political separation from the world, which became the most important country in the world by fighting in two world wars through which it became the world police power that is now fighting the “War on Terror.”

Year(s): _____

Year(s): _____

Truman Doctrine
Year(s): 1947

Year(s): _____

Year(s): _____

World War II
Year(s): _____

Year(s): _____

4. Who said “*the world must be made safe for democracy,*”? What war did America enter as a result?

5. What country became America’s enemy *after* World War II? What kind of government did it have? What did Harry Truman decide to do about it?

Part 3: Two Dimensions and Two Stories

6. America went from political separation to policing the world. What other important transition separates early America and modern America? (Be sure to include any relevant anchor facts!)

Part 4: Bonus

7. What three rights are listed in the *Declaration of Independence*?

8. What president promised a “return to normalcy” after World War I?

9. What law abolished slavery in the United States?
