

**Part 1: The World We Live In**

1. What is the conventional (usual) definition of history? Why do most people today completely ignore the subject as a result? What is the *History At Our House* definition of history?

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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.

Degree of military power: \_\_\_\_\_

Most important national members: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

European mother countries: \_\_\_\_\_

Unique religion: \_\_\_\_\_

**Part 2: The Cardinal Anchor Facts of American History**

3. Use the prompts below 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

Year(s): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, which  
 became an incomparably important country  
 in the world by fighting in two world wars  
 through which it became the world

Monroe Doctrine

Year(s): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ that  
 is now fighting the

\_\_\_\_\_

Year(s): 1939-45

Year(s): 1947

Year(s): \_\_\_\_\_

4. Who said “*the world must be made safe for democracy,*” and when? How did this affect American history?

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5. What country became America’s enemy *after* World War II? What kind of government did it have? What did America become when it chose to contain the threat of this country’s form of government around the world?

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**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!)

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**Part 4: Bonus**

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

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

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9. What law abolished slavery in the United States?

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