

Part 1: Anchor Facts

1. Use the prompts below to write the information requested about the cardinal anchor facts of American history.

The United States is a country that exists because of _____'s

_____ and the decision to plant colonists in this newly discovered land.

Year(s): _____

Year(s): _____

Of course, we might all be speaking French, because although Jamestown was settled by the English, the French also colonized America. If it were not for the British victory in the _____ the whole story would have gone differently.

Year(s): _____

Year(s): _____

Year(s): _____

The United States was then born of a revolution against British rule, in the name of individual rights, that originally maintained its _____, but then became an incomparably important country in the world by fighting in two world wars and then embraced internationalism by joining _____.

Year(s): _____

Year(s): _____

Monroe Doctrine

Year(s): _____

_____ and announcing the _____ through _____ which it became the world

Year(s): 1939-45

Year(s): _____

_____ that is now fighting the _____.

Year(s): _____

Year(s): _____

4. Starting from Quebec and Jamestown, how did the colonies of France and England grow? How did their efforts lead to a collision, and where? What was historical significance of the Seven Years War that settled their competing claims?

Part 3: American History As a Story of Rights

5. What are *four* kinds of rights that people have believed in since ancient times?

6. What two events connected to the story of rights happened in 1619?

7. What “writs of assistance” and what was their basic purpose? Why did James Otis protest these writs?

8. After the “writs of assistance” case, how did the argument over rights escalate in the colonies? When did it finally boil over into a veritable rebellion?

9. How did Washington’s victory at Trenton help America to win the Revolutionary War? What still remained to be done that was very important *after* the victory at Yorktown?
