

**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 discovery of America and the decision to plant colonists in this newly discovered land.

Richard Hakluyt \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Of course, we might all be speaking French, because although \_\_\_\_\_ was settled by the English, the French also colonized America. If it were not for the British victory in the Seven Years War.

Quebec \_\_\_\_\_

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

Year(s): 1607

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

The United States was then born of a revolution against British rule, in the name of individual rights, that originally maintained its political separation, but then became an incomparably important country in the world by fighting in two world wars and then embraced internationalism by joining \_\_\_\_\_ and after promising to protect Europe by the Truman Doctrine also joined \_\_\_\_\_.

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

Monroe Doctrine \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

World War I \_\_\_\_\_

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

Year(s): 1939-45

As the world police power it was attacked by terrorists and is now fighting the \_\_\_\_\_.

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Year(s): 1949

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



4. Why is the Ohio River valley important in the story of colonial America?

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**Part 3: American History As a Story of Rights**

5. Who were the only people with rights before modern times? What was the only country where normal people also had some rights because of the Magna Carta?

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6. What was the House of Burgesses? What other important event happened in the same year it was created (1619)?

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7. What were the “writs of assistance”?

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8. Why did France help America in the American Revolution? Who was the great general who also became America’s first president after the war?

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**Part 4: Bonus**

9. Who saved Captain James Smith from being killed by the leader of her tribe?

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10. Who famously argued in the House of Burgesses that taxes without representation were unjust?

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11. The rights of Englishmen were part of a tradition stretching back to what great charter of 1215?

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