

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): _____

Part 2: Colonization

2. The following is a map of the Americas made not long after the voyages of Columbus and other explorers. Is it accurate? What does it reveal about the European perspective on the world at the time?



3. What is a “colony”? What do we call the organizers a colony, and what do we call the people who actually live in one? Who convinced the English to try this complicated activity, and what were the reasons for it?

4. English and French colonization started at Jamestown and Quebec. Where did their colonization efforts collide? 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 *three* 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 illegal activity were the “writs of assistance” designed to stop? Why did James Otis protest these writs?

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

Part 4: Bonus

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

10. What product did the Virginia colony make in order to earn a place in the Anglosphere of trade?

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

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