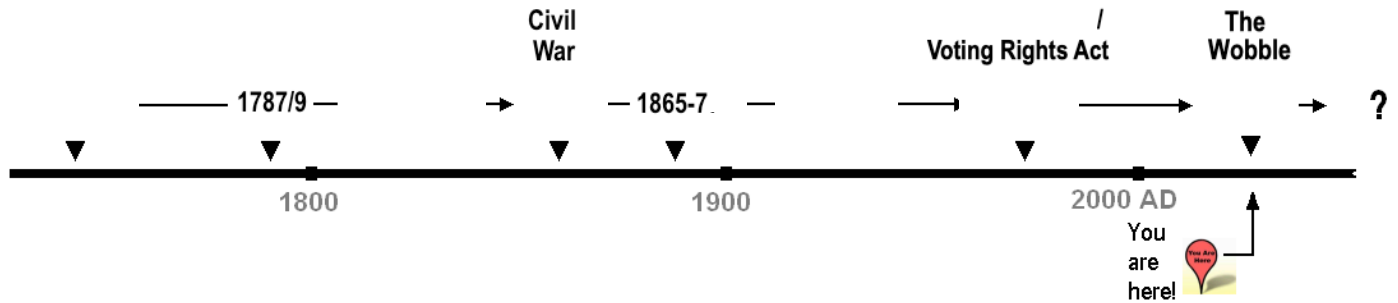


**Part 1: Facts Practice**

1. Fill in the missing parts of the timeline. (When a date is missing for an event, enter the date. When the date is given, but the name of an event is missing, enter the name. Don't forget to label arrows that represent phases of history as well. *Make sure the timeline is truly complete before moving on!*)



**Part 2: The History of the American Social Contract**

2. What is a “social contract”? Give three examples of social contracts in your personal life.

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3. Why does the history of the American social contract begin with the *Wobble* today? What question that is normally missing in history does this help focus on when learning about much earlier events?

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4. What does the *Declaration of Independence* declare as the original American social contract? How do the Constitution and Bill of Rights embody or contradict this social contract?

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5. Explain the challenge of interpreting the history of slavery from a modern point of view.

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6. Why was it not possible to abolish slavery before the Civil War despite the rise of abolitionism? In what ways did the Civil War make abolition possible, and how did it finally happen?

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7. How did the original American social contract fail? Why did it happen precisely when it did?

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8. What did the Reconstruction amendments to the Constitution say? Why did these legal changes not really result in full citizenship for former slaves?

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9. Pick two of the heroes of the civil rights movement, and how did each one promote the cause of full citizenship for African-Americans?

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10. What do the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Voting Rights Act of 1965 say? Why were these laws deemed necessary? How did their passage come about through the *civil rights movement*?

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11. What is the strict meaning of “democracy”? Why can’t America ever be a democracy in that sense of the word? What “right” did the founding fathers not define in the original social contract? What did they think America should be instead of a democracy?

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