

Dates to Memorize When Preparing for the AP U.S. History Exam

Schlesinger's Cycles of American History

Historian Arthur Schlesinger believed the U.S. entered a period of public action and political reform approximately every thirty years. The beginnings of significant periods of reform are listed below.

1. _____ Thomas Jefferson became president
2. _____ Andrew Jackson became president
3. _____ Abraham Lincoln became president
4. _____ Theodore Roosevelt became president
5. _____ Franklin Roosevelt became president
6. _____ John Kennedy became president

Presidents Elected in a Year ending in Zero

As a result of what some people call the "Curse of Tippecanoe," every president elected in a year ending in zero from 1840 to 1960 died in office.

1. _____ Thomas Jefferson elected president (did not die in office)
2. _____ James Monroe re-elected president (did not die in office)
3. _____ William Henry Harrison elected president
4. _____ Abraham Lincoln elected president
5. _____ James Garfield elected president
6. _____ William McKinley re-elected president
7. _____ Warren Harding elected president
8. _____ Franklin Roosevelt re-elected president (third term)
9. _____ John Kennedy elected president
10. _____ Ronald Reagan elected president (did not die in office)
11. _____ George W. Bush elected president (did not die in office)

Wars in United States History

1. _____ American Revolution
2. _____ War of 1812
3. _____ Mexican-American War
4. _____ Civil War
5. _____ Spanish-American War
6. _____ World War I
7. _____ World War II
8. _____ Korean War
9. _____ Vietnam War
10. _____ Persian Gulf War
11. _____ Afghan War
12. _____ Iraqi War

Miscellaneous Dates to Remember

1. _____ Christopher Columbus sailed to the Americas
2. _____ Jamestown established
3. _____ French and Indian War ended
4. _____ Declaration of Independence
5. _____ Constitutional Convention
6. _____ George Washington became president
7. _____ Era of Good Feelings
8. _____ Reconstruction Era
9. _____ Progressive Era
10. _____ Great Depression
11. _____ Cold War

Quiz - Dates in U.S. History

Directions: Match the event with the time period listed below and receive 1 point. Receive a bonus point for knowing the year the event occurred.

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| 1. _____ | _____ Washington become first president of the United States |
| 2. _____ | _____ Progressive Era began when Theodore Roosevelt became president |
| 3. _____ | _____ Attack on Fort Sumter began the Civil War |
| 4. _____ | _____ Jamestown founded |
| 5. _____ | _____ Era of Good Feelings began |
| 6. _____ | _____ Thomas Jefferson became president |
| 7. _____ | _____ John Kennedy became president |
| 8. _____ | _____ U.S. entered World War I |
| 9. _____ | _____ Franklin Roosevelt became president (first term) |
| 10. _____ | _____ Reconstruction Era ended |
| 11. _____ | _____ Edmond Genet challenged U.S. neutrality |
| 12. _____ | _____ Purchase of Alaska |
| 13. _____ | _____ Camp David Accords signed |
| 14. _____ | _____ Martin Luther King, Jr., assassinated |
| 15. _____ | _____ 19 th Amendment ratified |
| 16. _____ | _____ Transcontinental railroad completed |
| 17. _____ | _____ Dawes Indian Severalty Act |
| 18. _____ | _____ Shays' rebellion |
| 19. _____ | _____ Trail of Tears |
| 20. _____ | _____ Republican Party created |
| 21. _____ | _____ <i>Dred Scott v Sandford</i> |
| 22. _____ | _____ Vietnamization began |
| 23. _____ | _____ Scopes trial |

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24. _____ _____ Salem witch trials
25. _____ _____ Nat Turner's revolt
26. _____ _____ Sherman Anti-Trust Act
27. _____ _____ Clayton Anti-Trust Act
28. _____ _____ John Brown's raided Harper's Ferry
29. _____ _____ Franco-American Treaty of Alliance signed
30. _____ _____ Treaty of Ghent signed
31. _____ _____ NAACP created
32. _____ _____ Fourteen Points introduced
33. _____ _____ Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombed
34. _____ _____ INF Treaty signed
35. _____ _____ Adams-Onis Treaty signed
36. _____ _____ James Oglethorpe established Georgia
37. _____ _____ President Jackson destroyed the Bank of the United States
38. _____ _____ Knights of Labor created
39. _____ _____ American Federation of Labor (A.F. of L.) created
40. _____ _____ Congress of Industrial Organizations (C.I.O.) created
41. _____ _____ Seneca Falls convention for women's rights
42. _____ _____ Chinese Exclusion Act
43. _____ _____ Atlantic Charter signed
44. _____ _____ Monroe Doctrine announced
45. _____ _____ Mayflower Compact signed
46. _____ _____ Pearl Harbor attacked
47. _____ _____ NATO created
48. _____ _____ Marshall Plan announced
49. _____ _____ *The Jazz Singer*
50. _____ _____ Soviet Union dissolved
51. _____ _____ Thomas Paine published *Common Sense*

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52. _____ Stamp Act
53. _____ 13th Amendment ratified
54. _____ Wounded Knee massacre
55. _____ Sputnik launched by U.S.S.R.
56. _____ Good Neighbor Policy announced
57. _____ Bay of Pigs invasion failed
58. _____ Homestead Act
59. _____ Jonathan Edwards sparked the Great Awakening
60. _____ John Adams appoints “midnight judges”
61. _____ Spanish-American War began
62. _____ Lyndon Johnson signed Civil Rights Act
63. _____ Joseph McCarthy censured by U.S. Senate
64. _____ Rosa Parks sets off a bus boycott in Montgomery, Alabama
65. _____ Hawley-Smoot Tariff
66. _____ Stock market crash marks the beginning of the Great Depression
67. _____ Battle of Little Big Horn
68. _____ California gold rush
69. _____ *Plessy v Ferguson*
70. _____ Emancipation Proclamation
71. _____ The term “manifest destiny” is first used
72. _____ Yalta Conference
73. _____ Iran-Contra scandal
74. _____ Tet Offensive
75. _____ Invasion of Normandy
76. _____ Battles of Vicksburg and Gettysburg
77. _____ Apollo 11 landed on the moon
78. _____ Nixon opened U.S. relations with China
79. _____ Gulf of Tonkin Resolutions

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80. _____ Cuban Missile Crisis
81. _____ Bonus March of World War I veterans on Washington, D.C.
82. _____ Betty Friedan published *The Feminine Mystique*
83. _____ Harriet Beecher Stowe published *Uncle Tom's Cabin*
84. _____ Upton Sinclair published *The Jungle*
85. _____ Roger Williams established Rhode Island
86. _____ French and Indian War ended
87. _____ Boston Tea Party
88. _____ Cotton gin invented
89. _____ Kentucky and Virginia Resolutions
90. _____ Mexican-American War ended
91. _____ Wright brothers fly the first airplane
92. _____ Federal Reserve System created
93. _____ Charles Lindbergh flew solo across the Atlantic Ocean
94. _____ Truman Doctrine announced
95. _____ Jackie Robinson signed with the Brooklyn Dodgers
96. _____ *Brown v. Board of Education*
97. _____ Little Rock High School integrated by federal troops
98. _____ Malcolm X assassinated
99. _____ American Indian Movement (AIM) created
100. _____ Martin Luther King, Jr., delivers his "I Have a Dream" speech