

Miscellaneous Topics in U.S. History

Supreme Court Cases

1. *Marbury v. Madison*, 1803
2. *McCulloch v. Maryland*, 1819
3. *Gibbons v. Ogden*, 1824
4. *Worcester v. Georgia*, 1832
5. *Dred Scott v. Sandford*, 1857
6. *Plessy v. Ferguson*, 1896
7. *Schenck v. United States*, 1919
8. *Schechter v. United States*, 1935
9. *Brown v. Board of Education*, 1954
10. *Baker v. Carr*, 1962
11. *Engel v. Vitale*, 1962
12. *Gideon v. Wainwright*, 1963
13. *Griswold v. Connecticut*, 1965
14. *Miranda v. Arizona*, 1966
15. *Roe v. Wade*, 1973
16. *Bakke v. University of California*, 1978
17. *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*, 1992
18. *United States v. Windsor*, 2013

Books and Writings

19. Thomas Paine, *Common Sense*, 1776
20. Alexander Hamilton, James Madison, and John Jay, *The Federalist*, 1787
21. Joseph Smith, *The Book of Mormon*, 1830
22. Alexis de Tocqueville, *Democracy in America*, 1835-1840

23. Henry David Thoreau, *Resistance to Civil Government*, 1849
24. Harriet Beecher Stowe, *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, 1852
25. Henry George, *Progress and Poverty*, 1879
26. Helen Hunt Jackson, *A Century of Dishonor*, 1881
27. Josiah Strong, *Our Country*, 1885
28. Edward Bellamy, *Looking Backward*, 1888
29. Alfred Thayer Mahan, *The Influence of Sea Power Upon History, 1660-1783*, 1890
30. Frederick Jackson Turner, "The Significance of the Frontier in American History," 1893
31. Charles Sheldon, *In His Steps*, 1897
32. Booker T. Washington, *Up From Slavery*, 1901
33. Lincoln Steffens, *The Shame of the Cities*, 1904
34. Upton Sinclair, *The Jungle*, 1905
35. Charles Austin Beard, *An Economic Interpretation of the Constitution*, 1913
36. Rachel Carson, *Silent Spring*, 1962
37. Betty Friedan, *The Feminine Mystique*, 1963

Speeches

38. George Washington, Farewell Address, 1796
39. Thomas Jefferson, Inaugural Address, 1801
40. Daniel Webster, Second Reply to Hayne, 1830
41. Abraham Lincoln, "House Divided" Speech, 1858
42. Abraham Lincoln, Gettysburg Address, 1863
43. William Jennings Bryan, "Cross of Gold" Speech, 1896
44. Woodrow Willson, Call for Declaration of War against Germany, 1917
45. Franklin Roosevelt, Inaugural Address, 1933
46. Martin Luther King, "I Have a Dream," 1963

Compromises

- 47. Great Compromise, 1787
- 48. Three-Fifths Compromise, 1787
- 49. Missouri Compromise, 1820
- 50. Compromise of 1833
- 51. Compromise of 1850
- 52. Crittenden Compromise, 1860
- 53. Compromise of 1877
- 54. Atlanta Compromise, 1895

Territorial Expansion

- 55. Louisiana Purchase, 1803
- 56. Florida, 1819
- 57. Oregon, 1846
- 58. Mexican Cession, 1848
- 59. Gadsden Purchase, 1853

Treaties

- 60. Treaty of Paris, 1763
- 61. Treaty of Paris, 1783
- 62. Jay's Treaty, 1794
- 63. Pinckney's Treaty, 1795
- 64. Treaty of Ghent, 1814
- 65. Adams-Onís Treaty, 1819
- 66. Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, 1848
- 67. Treaty of Paris, 1898
- 68. Treaty of Versailles, 1919

69. North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), 1949

70. Southeast Asia Treaty Organization (SEATO), 1954

The Cold War

71. Harry Truman, 1945-1953

- Hiroshima and Nagasaki (World War II decision or Cold War decision?), 1945
- Truman Doctrine (George Kennan and the policy of containment), 1947
- Marshall Plan, 1947
- Berlin Airlift, 1948
- Chinese Revolution. 1949
- Soviet Union tests an atomic bomb, 1949
- Korean War began, 1950

72. Dwight Eisenhower, 1953-1961

- Korean War ended. 1953
- Nikita Khrushchev became leader of the Soviet Union after Joseph Stalin died, 1953 (“peaceful coexistence” began)
- Suez Canal crisis, 1956
- Eisenhower Doctrine, 1957
- U-2 incident, 1960 (“peaceful coexistence” ended)

73. John Kennedy, 1961-1963

- Bay of Pigs, 1961
- Alliance for Progress, 1961
- Berlin Wall, 1961
- Cuban missile crisis, 1962
- Nuclear Test Ban Treaty, 1963

74. Lyndon Johnson, 1963-1969

- Escalation of the Vietnam War, 1965
- Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia, 1968

75. Richard Nixon, 1969-1974

- Vietnamization began, 1969
- Nixon Doctrine, 1970
- SALT and the policy of detent, 1972
- Nixon visited China, 1972
- U.S. pulls troops out of Vietnam, 1973
- Arab-Israeli War leads to confrontation with Soviet Union, 1973

76. Gerald Ford, 1974-1977

- Policy of detente continues, 1974-77
- South Vietnam fell to communist forces, 1975
- Request for aid to anti-Marxist forces in Angola denied by Congress, 1975

77. Jimmy Carter, 1977-1981

- Human Rights Policy announced, 1977
- SALT II, 1979

- Soviet invasion of Afghanistan and the Carter Doctrine, 1979
- U.S. boycott of Summer Olympics in Moscow, 1980

78. Ronald Reagan, 1981-1989

- Reagan Doctrine, 1981
- “Evil Empire” speech (SDI introduced), 1981
- Mikhail Gorbachev became the leader of the Soviet Union (glasnost, perestroika), 1985
- Geneva Summit, 1985
- Iceland Summit, 1986
- INF Treaty, 1987
- Washington Summit, 1987
- Moscow Summit, 1988

79. George H. W. Bush, 1989-1993

- Berlin Wall came down, 1989
- Soviet Union disbanded, 1991