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STUDY GUIDE TO U.S. HISTORY

This guide is simply an outline to aid you in studying United States history and should be used in conjunction with the resources on our website and a recent textbook on U.S. history. **This study guide is not a substitute for reading and understanding the issues of history and the connections that should be made between topics.** The guide provides some chronology along with major trends and events, and lists some significant people that you should be able to identify.

TIME PERIODS

Pre-Colonization

Colonial – 1550’s-1775

Revolutionary War/Confederation- 1775-1788

Early National Period- 1790’s-1820’s

Antebellum Period- 1820-1861

Civil War – 1861-1865

Reconstruction – 1865-1877

Gilded Age/Progressive Era – 1870’s – World War I

Word War I to World War II – 1917-1945

Post World War II- 1945-1969

1970s – 1990s

2000 - Present

TRENDS, PATTERNS, AND EVENTS OF U.S. HISTORY

I. PRE-COLONIZATION

Bering Strait

Eastern Woodland Tribes  
 Southeast Tribes  
 Southwest Tribes

Matriarchy

Agriculture

Homes

Challenges of European Settlement on Native American Communities

II. COLONIAL PERIOD

Jamestown, VA

Mercantilism

Colonial Agriculture and Trade  
 American Philisophical Society

Seven Years’ War

French and Indian War

British Taxes on the Colonists

Colonial Complaints about British Parliament

Proclomation of 1763

Townshend Acts or Duties

Boston Massacre

The Great Awakening

III. REVOLUTIONARY WAR/CONFEDERATION PERIOD

Loyalists and Patriots

Declaration of Independence  
 American Allies

Articles of Confederation

Federalists and Anti-Federalists

Religious Freedom after the American Revolution

Northwest Ordinance

IV. EARLY NATIONAL PERIOD

U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights

Alien and Sedition Acts

Marbury v. Madison

Louisiana Purchase

Steam-powered Transportation

Haitian Revolution

Three-Fifths Compromise

War of 1812

American Colonization Society

V. ANTEBELLUM PERIOD

Trail of Tears

The Monroe Doctrine

Economic Production in the U.S.

Slave Ownership in the South

Kansas-Nebraska Act

Compromise of 1850

Missouri Compromise

Wilmot Proviso

War with Mexico

Manifest Destiny

Underground Railroad

Abolitionists

VI. CIVIL WAR

Secession of Southern States

Battle of Fort Sumter

Major Battles of 1863

Gettysburg Address

Emancipation Proclomation

Major Riots

Sherman’s March to the Sea

Assassination of Abraham Lincoln

VII. RECONSTRUCTION ERA

Reconstruction

US Constitution Amendments

Freedman’s Bureau

The U.S. Army and the “Indian Wars”

The Ku Klux Klan (KKK)

VIII. GILDED AGE/PROGRESSIVE ERA

Dawes Act

Knights of Labor

Jim Crow Laws

Native American Boarding Schools

Booker T. Washington v. W.E.B. Dubois Debate

U.S. Constitution and Income Taxes

Women’s Suffrage

IX. WORLD WAR I/ WORLD WAR II

World War I

League of Nations

“Lost Generation”

The Scopes Trial

Immigration Quotas

National Industrial Recovery Act and Labor Unions

Franklin Roosevelt’s “New Deal”

Spanish Civil War

Attack on Pearl Harbor

Manhattan Project

D-Day invasion

U.S. Internment Camps of World War II

X. POST WORLD WAR II to 1969

G.I. Bill

NATO

Korean Conflict

McCarthyism

Brown vs Board of Education of Topeka

US/Russian Space Race

Martin Luther King, Jr

1961 Freedom Rides

Civil Rights Act of 1964

The “Great Society”

School Desegregation

Beatniks

Port Huron Statement

Vietnam Conflict

XI. 1970s -1990s

Equal Rights Amendment (ERA)

Trade Relations with China

Watergate

Jimmy Carter and the Camp David Accords

The “Reagan Revolution”

Economic Boom of the 1990s

XII. 2000 – Present

The Internet/ Electronic Age

Electoral College

Attacks on 9-11 in the U.S/ “War on Terror”

The Great Recession

The Election of Barack Obama

Healthcare Insurance Reform