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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