

# 250 Things Every AP Student Should Know About U.S. History

1. Jamestown, 1607
2. First Africans brought to Virginia, 1619
3. Mayflower Compact, 1620
4. Great Migration of Puritans to Massachusetts, 1630's and 1640's
5. Roger Williams established Rhode Island, 1636
6. William Penn established Pennsylvania, 1681
7. James Oglethorpe established Georgia, 1732
8. Jonathan Edwards sparked the Great Awakening, 1734
9. French and Indian War, 1754-63
10. Proclamation of 1763
11. Stamp Act, 1765-66
12. Declaratory Act, 1766
13. Townshend Acts, 1767
14. Boston Tea Party, 1773
15. First Continental Congress, 1774
16. Lexington and Concord, 1775
17. Second Continental Congress, 1775
18. Thomas Paine published *Common Sense*, 1776
19. Declaration of Independence, 1776
20. Treaty of Alliance, 1778
21. Battle of Yorktown, 1781
22. Articles of Confederation went into effect, 1781
23. Treaty of Paris, 1783

24. Northwest Ordinances of 1784, 1785, 1787
25. Shays' Rebellion, 1786
26. Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia, 1787
27. *The Federalist Papers* published, 1787-8
28. Creation of a new government, 1789
29. Alexander Hamilton appointed Secretary of the Treasury, 1789
30. Samuel Slater established the first textile mill, 1790
31. Bill of Rights, 1791
32. Cotton Gin, 1793
33. Washington's Proclamation of Neutrality, 1793
34. Whiskey Rebellion, 1794
35. Washington's Farewell Address, 1796
36. XYZ Affair, 1797-98
37. Alien & Sedition Acts, 1798
38. Kentucky and Virginia Resolutions, 1798-99
39. Election of 1800
40. Midnight judges, 1801
41. *Marbury v. Madison*, 1803
42. Louisiana Purchase, 1803
43. Lewis and Clark expedition, 1804-6
44. Trial of Aaron Burr, 1807
45. Jefferson's embargo, 1807
46. War of 1812, 1812-1815
47. Hartford Convention, 1814
48. Battle of New Orleans, 1815
49. The American System, 1815

50. Era of Good Feelings, 1815-24
51. *McCulloch v. Maryland*, 1819
52. Adams-Onis Treaty, 1819
53. Missouri Compromise, 1820
54. First Lowell factory opened, 1823
55. Monroe Doctrine, 1823
56. Election of 1824
57. Indian Removal Act, 1830
58. Maysville Road Veto, 1830
59. Nat Turner's revolt, 1831
60. Nullification Crisis, 1832-33
61. Jackson destroyed Bank of the United States, 1833-36
62. Panic of 1837
63. Horace Mann began school reform in Massachusetts, 1837
64. Trail of Tears, 1838
65. Election of 1840
66. Term "Manifest Destiny" first used, 1845
67. Annexation of Texas, 1845
68. Mexican-American War, 1846-48
69. Wilmot Proviso, 1846
70. Mormons migrated to Utah, 1847-48
71. Seneca Falls convention, 1848
72. Mexican Cession, 1848
73. California gold rush, 1849
74. Compromise of 1850
75. Harriet Beecher Stowe published *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, 1852

76. Kansas-Nebraska Act, 1854
77. Creation of the Republican Party, 1854
78. *Dred Scot v. Sandford*, 1857
79. Lincoln-Douglas debates, 1858
80. John Brown's raid, 1859
81. Election of 1860
82. Southern secession, 1860-61
83. Fort Sumter, 1861
84. Homestead Act, 1862
85. Morrill Land-Grant Act, 1862
86. Emancipation Proclamation, 1863
87. Battles of Vicksburg and Gettysburg, 1863
88. Appomattox Court House, 1865
89. Abraham Lincoln assassination, 1865
90. Freedman's Bureau, 1865
91. 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment, 1865
92. Purchase of Alaska, 1867
93. Radical Reconstruction began, 1867
94. Andrew Johnson impeachment trial, 1868
95. 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment, 1868
96. Transcontinental railroad completed, 1869
97. Standard Oil created, 1870
98. Knights of Labor created, 1869
99. Wyoming gave women right to vote, 1870
100. Battle of Little Big Horn, 1876
101. Election of 1876

102. Great Railroad Strike, 1877
103. Chief Joseph surrendered, 1877
104. James Garfield assassinated, 1881
105. Booker T. Washington founded Tuskegee Institute, 1881
106. Chinese Exclusion Act, 1882
107. Pendleton Civil Service Act, 1883
108. Haymarket Square Riot, 1886
109. American Federation of Labor created, 1886
110. Dawes Severalty Act, 1887
111. Jane Addams founded Hull House, 1887
112. The "Gospel of Wealth" 1889
113. Jacob Riis published *How the Other Half Lives*, 1890
114. Sherman Anti-Trust Act, 1890
115. Wounded Knee massacre, 1890
116. Ellis Island opened, 1892
117. Homestead Strike, 1892
118. Panic of 1893
119. Pullman Strike, 1894
120. *Plessy v. Ferguson*, 1896
121. Election of 1896
122. Spanish-American War, 1898
123. Open Door policy, 1899
124. Filipino rebellion, 1899-1901
125. William McKinley assassinated, 1901
126. Theodore Roosevelt mediated coal miner's strike, 1902
127. Wright Brothers flew first airplane, 1903

128. Northern Securities Company broken up, 1904
129. Roosevelt Corollary, 1904
130. Hay-Bunau-Varilla Treaty, 1904
131. Upton Sinclair published *The Jungle*, 1906
132. Model T introduced, 1908
133. NAACP organized, 1909
134. Election of 1912
135. 16<sup>th</sup> Amendment, 1913
136. 17<sup>th</sup> Amendment, 1913
137. Federal Reserve System created, 1913
138. Clayton Anti-Trust Act, 1914
139. *Birth of a Nation*, 1915
140. Pancho Villa's raid, 1916
141. United States entered WWI, 1917
142. The Fourteen Points, 1918
143. 18<sup>th</sup> Amendment, 1919
144. Versailles Treaty defeated, 1919
145. Palmer Raids, 1920
146. 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment, 1920
147. National Origin Act, 1924
148. Teapot Dome Scandal, 1923-24
149. Scopes Trial, 1925
150. KKK marched on Washington, 1925
151. Charles Lindbergh's flight, 1927
152. Sacco and Vanzetti executed, 1927
153. *The Jazz Singer*, 1927

154. Stock Market crash, 1929
155. Hawley-Smoot Tariff, 1930
156. Stimson Doctrine, 1932
157. Bonus march, 1932
158. First New Deal, 1933
159. Good Neighbor Policy, 1933
160. Dust Bowl, 1935
161. Second New Deal, 1935
162. Wagner Act, 1935
163. Social Security Act, 1935
164. Huey Long assassinated, 1935
165. Congress of Industrial Organization created, 1935
166. FDR's court-packing plan, 1937
167. Roosevelt recession, 1937-38
168. Lend-Lease Act, 1940
169. Atlantic Charter, 1941
170. Pearl Harbor, 1941
171. Japanese-American internment, 1942
172. Normandy invasion, 1944
173. G.I. Bill, 1944
174. Yalta Conference, 1945
175. Potsdam Conference, 1945
176. Hiroshima and Nagasaki, 1945
177. "Iron Curtain" speech, 1946
178. Truman Doctrine, 1947
179. Marshall Plan, 1947

180. Taft-Hartley Act, 1947
181. Brooklyn Dodgers sign Jackie Robinson, 1947
182. National Security Act, 1947
183. Berlin Airlift, 1948
184. Election of 1948
185. NATO formed, 1949
186. Joseph McCarthy attacked the State Department, 1950
187. Korean War, 1950-1953
188. Julius and Ethel Rosenberg executed, 1953
189. *Brown v. Board of Education*, 1954
190. Geneva Accords, 1954
191. Joseph McCarthy condemned for misconduct, 1954
192. Montgomery bus boycott, 1955-56
193. Interstate Highway Act, 1956
194. Integration of Little Rock H.S., 1957
195. Sputnik, 1957
196. U-2 aircraft shot down by USSR, 1960
197. Greensboro sit-ins, 1960
198. Eisenhower's Farewell Address, 1961
199. Bay of Pigs, 1961
200. Freedom Riders, 1961
201. Peace Corps, 1961
202. Cuban Missile Crises, 1962
203. Betty Friedan published *The Feminine Mystique*, 1963
204. March on Washington, 1963
205. John F. Kennedy assassinated, 1963



206. The Great Society, 1964-65
207. Civil Rights Act of 1964
208. Gulf of Tonkin Resolution, 1964
209. Malcolm X assassinated, 1965
210. Vietnam War escalated, 1965
211. Voting Rights Act, 1965
212. Watts riots, 1965
213. *Miranda v. State of Arizona*, 1966
214. Tet Offensive, 1968
215. Johnson withdrew from presidential race, 1968
216. Martin Luther King, Jr. assassinated, 1968
217. Robert Kennedy assassinated, 1968
218. Anti-war riots at the Chicago Democratic Convention, 1968
219. AIM created, 1968
220. Election of 1968
221. Neil Armstrong walked on moon, 1969
222. Vietnamization, 1969
223. My Lai massacre made public, 1969
224. Kent State, 1970
225. Pentagon Papers, 1971
226. Nixon visited China, 1972
227. Watergate break-in, 1972
228. SALT I and the policy of detente, 1972
229. *Roe v. Wade*, 1973
230. OPEC oil embargo, 1973
231. Nixon resigned, 1974

232. Panama Canal Treaty, 1977
233. Camp David Accords, 1979
234. Soviet Union invaded Afghanistan, 1979
235. Iranian hostage crises, 1979-81
236. Reaganomics began, 1981
237. Beirut embassy bombed, 1983
238. Invasion of Grenada, 1983
239. Iran-Contra scandal, 1987
240. INF Treaty, 1988
241. Berlin Wall torn down, 1989
242. Persian Gulf War, 1991
243. Soviet Union dissolved, 1991
244. Oklahoma City bombing, 1995
245. Balanced Budget Agreement passed, 1997
246. Clinton impeachment trial, 1999
247. September 11<sup>th</sup> terrorist attacks, 2001
248. War in Afghanistan, 2001
249. Invasion of Iraq , 2003
250. Election of Barack Obama, 2008