# 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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**Time
Period      Date**

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.\_\_\_\_\_      _____ 19th Amendment ratified

16.\_\_\_\_\_      _____ Transcontinental railroad completed

17.\_\_\_\_\_      _____ Dawes Indian Severalty Act

18.\_\_\_\_\_      _____ Shays' rebellion

19.\_\_\_\_\_      _____ Trail of Tears

20.\_\_\_\_\_      _____ Republican Party created

21.\_\_\_\_\_      _____ *Dred Scott v Sandford*

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 Normanday

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 Stowed 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