**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 beginning of each period of reform is listed below.

1. ­­­­ 1801 Thomas Jefferson became president

2. ­­­­ 1829 Andrew Jackson became president

3. ­­­­ 1861 Abraham Lincoln became president

4. ­­­­ 1901 Theodore Roosevelt became president

5. ­­­­ 1933 Franklin Roosevelt became president

6. ­­­­ 1961 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. ­­­­ 1800 Thomas Jefferson elected president

2. ­­­­ 1820 James Monroe re-elected president

3. ­­­­ 1840 William Henry Harrison elected president

4. ­­­­ 1860 Abraham Lincoln elected president

**5.** ­­­­ 1880 James Garfield elected president

6. ­­­­ 1900 William McKinley re-elected president

7. ­­­­ 1920 Warren Harding elected president

8. ­­­­ 1940 Franklin Roosevelt re-elected president (third term)

9. ­­­­ 1960 John Kennedy elected president

10. ­­­­ 1980 Ronald Reagan elected president

11. ­­­­ 2000 George W. Bush elected president

**Wars in United States History**

1. 1776 – 1783 American Revolution

2. 1812 - 1814 War of 1812

3. 1846 - 1848 Mexican-American War

4. 1861 - 1865 Civil War

5. 1898 Spanish-American War

6. 1914 - 1918 World War I

7. 1939 - 1945 World War II

8. 1950 - 1953 Korean War

9. 1963 - 1975 Vietnam War

10. 1990 - 1991 Persian Gulf War

11. 2001 - present Afghan War

12. 2003 - 2011 Iraqi War

**Miscellaneous Dates to Remember**

1. ­­­­ 1492 Christopher Columbus sailed to the Americas

2. ­­­­ 1607 Jamestown established

3. ­­­­ 1763 French and Indian War ended

4. ­­­­ 1776 Declaration of Independence

5. ­­­­ 1787 – 1789 Constitutional Convention

6. ­­­­ 1789 George Washington became president

7. ­­­­ 1817 - 1825 Era of Good Feelings

8. ­­­­ 1865 - 1877 Reconstruction Era

9. ­­­­ 1890 - 1920 Progressive Era

10. ­­­­ 1929 - 1939 Great Depression

11. ­­­­ 1945 - 1991 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. C 1789 Washington becomes 1st president of the U.S.

2. H 1901 Progressive Era began when Theodore Roosevelt became president

3. F 1861 Attack on Fort Sumter began the Civil War

4. A 1607 Jamestown founded

5. D 1817 Era of Good Feelings began

6. C 1801 Thomas Jefferson became president

7. K 1961 John Kennedy became president

8. H 1917 U.S. entered World War I

9. I 1933 Franklin Roosevelt became president (first term)

10. G 1877 Reconstruction Era ended

11. C 1793 Edmond Genet challenged U.S. neutrality

12. F 1867 Purchase of Alaska

13. K 1978 Camp David Accords signed

14. K 1968 Martin Luther King, Jr. assassinated

15. H 1920 19th Amendment ratified

16. F 1869 Transcontinental railroad completed

17. G 1887 Dawes Indian Severalty Act

18. B 1786 Shays’ Rebellion

19. D 1838 Trail of Tears

20. E 1854 Republican Party created

21. E 1857 *Dred Scott v. Sandford*

22. K 1968 Vietnamization began

23. I 1925 Scopes Trial

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24. A 1692 Salem witch trials

25. D 1831 Nat Turner’s revolt

26. G 1890 Sherman Antitrust Act

27. H 1914 Clayton Antitrust Act

28. E 1859 John Brown’s raid at Harper’s Ferry

29. B 1778 Franco-American Treaty of Alliance signed

30. C 1814 Treaty of Ghent signed

31. H 1909 NAACP created

32. H 1918 Fourteen Points introduced

33. J 1945 Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombed

34. L 1987 INF Treaty signed

35. D 1819 Adams-Onis Treaty signed

36. A 1733 James Oglethorpe established Georgia

37. D 1833 President Jackson destroyed the Bank of the United States

38. F 1869 Knights of Labor created

39. G 1886 American Federation of Labor (A.F. of L.) created

40. I 1935 Congress of Industrial Organizations (C.I.O.) created

41. E 1848 Seneca Falls convention for women’s rights

42. G 1882 Chinese Exclusion Act

43. J 1941 Atlantic Charter signed

44. D 1823 Monroe Doctrine announced

45. A 1620 Mayflower Compact signed

46. J 1941 Pearl Harbor attacked

47. J 1949 NATO created

48. J 1948 Marshall Plan announced

49. I 1927 *The Jazz Singer*

50. L 1991 Soviet Union dissolved

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51. B 1776 Thomas Paine published *Common Sense*

52. B 1765 Stamp Act

53. F 1865 13th Amendment ratified

54. G 1890 Wounded Knee massacre

55. J 1957 Sputnik launched by U.S.S.R.

56. I 1933 Good Neighbor Policy announced

57. K 1961 Bay of Pigs invasion failed

58. F 1862 Homestead Act

59. A 1740 Jonathan Edwards sparked the Great Awakening

60. C 1800 John Adams appoints “midnight judges”

61. G 1898 Spanish-American War began

62. K 1964 Lyndon Johnson signed Civil Rights Act

63. J 1954 Joseph McCarthy censured by U.S. Senate

64. J 1955 Rosa Parks sets off a bus boycott in Montgomery, Alabama

65. I 1930 Hawley-Smoot Tariff

66. I 1929 Stock Market crash marks the beginning of the Great Depression

67. F 1876 Battle of Little Big Horn

68. E 1849 California gold rush

69. G 1898 *Plessy v. Ferguson*

70. F 1863 Emancipation Proclamation

71. E 1845 The term “manifest destiny” first used

72. J 1945 Yalta Conference

73. L 1985 Iran-Contra scandal

74. K 1968 Tet Offensive

75. J 1944 Invasion of Normandy

76. F 1863 Battles of Vicksburg & Gettysburg

77. K 1969 Apollo 11 landed on the moon

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78. K 1972 Nixon opened U.S. relations with China

79. K 1974 Gulf of Tonkin Resolutions

80. J 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis

81. I 1932 Bonus March of World War I veterans on Washington, D.C.

82. K 1963 Betty Friedan published *The Feminine Mystique*

83. E 1852 Harriet Beecher Stowe published *Uncle Tom’s Cabin*

84. H 1906 Upton Sinclair published *The Jungle*

85. A 1636 Roger Williams established Rhode Island

86. B 1763 French & Indian War ended

87. B 1773 Boston Tea Party

88. C 1793 Cotton gin invented

89. C 1798 Virginia and Kentucky Resolutions

90. E 1848 Mexican-American War ended

91. H 1903 Wright brothers fly the first airplane

92. H 1913 Federal Reserve System created

93. I 1927 Charles Lindbergh flew solo across the Atlantic Ocean

94. J 1947 Truman Doctrine announced

95. J 1947 Jackie Robinson signed with the Brooklyn Dodgers

96. J 1954 *Brown v. Board of Education*

97. J 1957 Little Rock High School integrated by federal troops

98. K 1965 Malcolm X assassinated

99. K 1968 American Indian Movement (AIM) created

100. K 1963 Martin Luther King, Jr., delivers his “I Have a Dream” speech