**American History – Colonial Period**

1. Who lived in America before the Europeans arrived?

A. Chinese

B. Russians

C. Pacific Islanders

D. American Indians

2. Who was the first President of the United States?

A. John Hancock

B. James Madison

C. Benjamin Franklin

D. George Washington

4. When is Independence Day celebrated?

A. April 19

B. July 4

C. September 17

D. November 11

5. Who is the "Father of Our Country"?

A. Abraham Lincoln

B. Thomas Jefferson

C. Benjamin Franklin

D. George Washington

10. Why did the colonists fight the British?

A. because of high taxes

B. because the British invaded France

C. because the colonists wanted a new king

D. because the colonists wanted religious freedo

11. Who wrote the Declaration of Independence?

A. James Madison

B. Abraham Lincoln

C. Thomas Jefferson

D. George Washington

17. What is **one** reason colonists came to America?

A. education

B. better health

C. elect a new king

D. religious freedom

28. What group of people was taken to America and sold as slaves?

A. Africans

B. Canadians C. Spaniards D. Italians

29. When was the Declaration of Independence adopted?

A. July 4, 1770

B. July 4, 1776

C. July 4, 1870

D. July 4, 1876

30. Which of the following includes  **three** of the 13 original states?

A. Georgia, Indiana, New York

B. Maine, Ohio, and West Virginia

C. Vermont, Florida, and Pennsylvania

D. Maryland, Virginia, and North Carolina

31. What happened at the Constitutional Convention?

A. The Constitution was written.

B. The Constitution was ratified.

C. The Magna Carta was signed.

D. The Declaration of Independence was written.

32. When was the U.S. Constitution written?

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| A. | 1776 |
| B. | 1787 |
| C. | 1812 |
| D. | 1865 |

33. What is **one** thing Benjamin Franklin is famous for?

A. decorated war general

B. inventor of the telegraph

C. fourth president of the United States

D. oldest member of the Constitutional Convention

65. Who is  **one** of the authors of the Federalist Papers?

A. John Adams

B. James Madison

C. Thomas Jefferson

D. George Washington

**American History – the 1800s**

3. What was **one** important thing that Abraham Lincoln did?

A. led the U.S. during the Civil War

B. led the U.S. during the War of 1812

C. led the U.S. during the American Revolution

D. led the U.S. during the Mexican-American War

18. What was the name of the U.S. war between the North and the South?

A. Civil War

B. World War II C. War of 1812

D. Revolutionary War

19. Which of the following reasons led to the Civil War?

A. taxes

B. slavery

C. oil rights

D. religious freedom

20. What did Susan B. Anthony do?

A. founded the Red Cross

B. fought for women's rights

C. made the first American flag

D. established a college for women

24. Which of the following wars was fought by the United States in the 1800s?

A. Korean War

B. World War I

C. Spanish-American War

D. French and Indian War

34. What territory did the United States buy from France in 1803?

A. Alaska B. Florida C. Hawaii

D. Louisiana

37. What did the Emancipation Proclamation do?

A. called for an end to the Civil War

B. called for the creation of state borders

C. called for an end to Southern Secession

D. called for the freeing of slaves in the Confederate States

**American History – Recent History and Other Important Information**

7. What did Martin Luther King, Jr. do?

A. fought for civil rights

B. became the first black U.S. Senator

C. established the Harvard Law School

D. ran for President of the United States

12. Which of the following is an American Indian tribe?

A. Huli

B. Kikuyu C. Maori D. Navajo

23. Who did the United States fight in World War II?

A. Japan, Germany, and Italy

B. Japan, Germany, and France

C. Russia, China, and Japan

D. Russia, France, and Great Britain

38. Who was the President during World War I?

A. Warren Harding B. B. Woodrow Wilson

C. Franklin Roosevelt

D. Theodore Roosevelt

42. Which war was fought by the United States in the 1900s?

A. Civil War

B. World War I

C. Revolutionary War

D. Mexican-American War

66. Who was President during both the Great Depression  **and** World War II?

A. Harry Truman

B. Calvin Coolidge

C. Woodrow Wilson

D. Franklin Roosevelt

67. Before he was President, Eisenhower was a general. What war was he in?

A. Civil War

B. Korean War

C. World War II

D. Spanish-American War

68. During the Cold War, what was the main concern of the United States?

A. colonialism B. communism C. imperialism D. sectionalism

69. What movement tried to end racial discrimination?

A. civil rights movement

B. progressive movement C. temperance movement

D. women’s suffrage movement

70. What historical event happened on September 11, 2001 in the United States?

A. The stock market crashed.

B. Columbia space shuttled exploded.

C. Terrorists attacked the United States. D. Hurricane Katrina struck New Orleans.