



History Achievement Skills Senior History – American History

Ages 12+

Objectives at this age:

Organize historical events and personalities into an “anchor-date” timeline

Create an “anchor-date” binder organized by the 10 key dates, personalities, and events in American History. The binder should include the following:

- Divider tabs for each anchor date
- Key personalities and events for each anchor date
- Detailed map of the region referred to with the stories, events and personalities of each anchor date
- Combination of student-created stories, narratives, essays, and research papers associated with the anchor date

Upon completion of the binder, students will have identified and recorded a minimum of 40 facts for each hook date. Please note that reports, essays, stories and maps will easily include multiple facts.

Anchor Dates, Personalities, and Key Events for students to consider for their history binder:

A.D. 1215: Key Personality – King John

Key Event – The Magna Charta

For student research and study:

- Anglo-Saxons
- The Norman Kings
- William the Conqueror
- Barons
- “Freemen”
- Parliaments
- Richard the Lion-Hearted
- Robin Hood
- People’s Law vs Ruler’s Law
- Anarchy
- Tyranny
- Sir William Blackstone

- Charles de Montesquieu
- John Locke
- The Magna Charta
- Hengist and Horsa
- The Vikings
- The Crusades
- Marco Polo
- Spanish Exploration

A.D. 1492: Key Personality – Columbus
Key Event – The Discovery of America

For student research and study:

- Joan of Arc
- Ferdinand and Isabella
- Moors
- Battle of Granada
- The Nina, the Pinta, the Santa Maria
- Canary Islands
- San Salvador
- Native American Indians
- Jerusalem in the 1400s
- King John II
- History of Italy/1400s
- History of Spain/1400s
- Sailing vessels of the 1400s
- Christianity in the 1400s
- Portugal
- Trade Routes of the 1400s
- Trade winds on the world globe
- Columbus – Man of Myth or Man of God?
- The Four Voyages of Columbus

A.D. 1607: Key Personality – John Smith
Key Event – The Settling of Jamestown

For student research and study:

- Powhatan
- Pocahontas
- The story of Jamestown
- Raleigh
- Tobacco
- John Rolfe
- The coming of the Pilgrims
- Miles Standish
- William Brewster
- Mayflower
- Mayflower Compact
- Governor William Bradford
- Samoset
- Squanto
- Christian Communism
- John Carver
- The London Company
- Plymouth
- Thanksgiving
- World harvest festivals
- Native Americans in Early Colonies
- Puritans

A.D. 1776: Key Personality – Thomas Jefferson
Key Event – America declares her Independence

For student research and study:

- King George I
- King George II
- King George III
- Cycle of Tyranny
- French and Indian War

- Unalienable Rights
- Monticello
- History of the Library of Congress
- George Wythe
- Concord & Lexington
- Declaration of Independence
- Who was Thomas Jefferson?
- America's Freedom Formula
- Writing the Declaration of Independence

**A.D. 1787: Key Personality – George Washington
Key Event – Structuring a Constitution**

For student research and study:

- George Washington
- Martha Washington
- John Adams
- Abigail Adams
- Revolutionary War
- Nathan Hale
- The Battle of New York
- Trenton, First turning point of the war
- French assistance
- Patrick Henry
- Lafayette
- General Cornwallis
- Alexander Hamilton
- John Hancock
- Valley Forge
- Shay's Rebellion
- Articles of Confederation
- Perils of Freedom under the Articles of Confederation
- The Constitutional Convention
- Balance of Power
- Executive Branch
- Judicial Branch
- Legislative Branch
- Bill of Rights
- Constitutional Amendments
- James Madison

A.D. 1830: Key Personality – Andrew Jackson
Key Event – The Age of Reform

For student research and study:

- Thomas Jefferson
- The Louisiana Purchase
- Lewis and Clark
- The War of 1812
- The Star Spangled Banner
- Francis Scott Key
- James Monroe
- The Monroe Doctrine
- Andrew Jackson
- The Mexican Revolution
- The Alamo
- Davy Crockett
- Eli Whitney
- The Cotton Gin
- Telegraph & Morse Code
- Thomas Edison
- Electricity
- The Railroad
- Alexis de Tocqueville
- Statue of Liberty (1886)

A.D. 1913: Key Personality – Woodrow Wilson
Key Event – America Re-evaluates

For student research and study:

- Woodrow Wilson
- Republican Party
- Democratic Party
- 16th Amendment
- 17th Amendment
- 18th Amendment
- League of Nations
- The Federal Reserve Act
- Federal Reserve System
- Communism

- Democratic Socialism
- Conditioned reflex experiments by Pavlov
- Pablo Picasso
- The Lusitania
- The Earthquake and Fire of San Francisco
- The Panama Canal
- The First Airplane

A.D. 1945: Key Personality – Dwight D. Eisenhower

Key Event – America Defends Herself

(This anchor date includes all the wars that America has been involved with after the Revolutionary war)

For student research and study:

- War of 1812
- The Civil War
- Abraham Lincoln
- Jefferson Davis
- Ulysses S. Grant
- Robert E. Lee
- The Gettysburg Address
- Indian Wars
- Conflicts with Spain
- World War I
- World War II
- Korean War
- Vietnam War
- Unions
- Norman Dodd
- The Reese Committee
- Ezra Taft Benson/Agricultural Department
- Adolf Hitler
- Jewish Holocaust
- Winston Churchill
- Karl Marx
- Communist Manifesto

- Lenin
- The United Nations
- America in Prophecy

A.D. 1957: Key Personality – John Dewey
Key Event – Experiments in Education

For student research and study:

- John Dewey
- Humanist Manifesto
- National Education Association
- Parent Teacher Association
- William J. Bennett
- Charles Darwin
- Horace Mann
- Khrushchev
- Sputnik
- Science in the classroom
- Math in the classroom
- Liberty arts in the classroom
- Louis Agassiz
- Cycles of Education in America
- Institutionalizing public education

A.D. 1991: Key Personality – George Bush
Key Event – A New Role for America

For student research and study:

- George Bush
- The Monroe Doctrine
- Foreign Affairs
- David Rockefeller
- Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
- The World Affairs Council
- Zbigniew Brezinski
- Madeleine Murray O'Hare
- Henry Kissinger

- Declaration of INTER-dependence
- Saddam Hussein
- Desert Storm
- General Norman H. Schwarzkopf
- The Cold War
- The division of Berlin
- The Berlin Wall