

Top Ten Lists

For APUSH

Top 10 Events from the Spanish Years 1492-1606

1. The first Spanish Expeditions
2. The Columbian Exchange
3. The fall of the Aztecs and Incas
4. The Encomienda System
5. The founding of Florida
6. The rise of New Spain
7. The Spanish Southwest
8. The impact of disease
9. The defeat of the Spanish Armada (1588)
10. The Iroquois Confederacy

Top 10 Events of the Colonial Years 1607 - 1763

1. Jamestown (1607)
2. John Winthrop "City Upon a Hill" (1638)
3. Roger Williams and Anne Hutchinson (1638)
4. Bacon's Rebellion (1676)
5. Pueblo Revolt (1680)
6. William Penn and the founding of Pennsylvania (1682)
7. Stono Rebellion (1739)
8. First Great Awakening (1730s and 1740s)
9. Albany Plan of Union (1754-1763)
10. French and Indian War (1754-1763)

Top 10 Events from the Revolutionary Years, 1764 - 1789

1. The Stamp Act (1765)
2. The Coercive Acts (1774)
3. The First Continental Congress (1774)
4. *Common Sense* (1776)
5. The Declaration of Independence (1776)
6. The Battle of Saratoga (1777)
7. The Treaty of Paris (1783)
8. The Northwest Ordinance (1787)
9. Shay's Rebellion (1787)
10. Ratification of the Constitution (1789)

Top 10 Events from the Early Republic Years, 1790-1824

1. Hamilton's Financial Plan (1790)
2. Washington's Farewell Address (1796)
3. The Alien and Sedition Acts (1798)
4. The Revolution of 1800
5. The Louisiana Purchase, (1803)
6. *Marbury v. Madison* (1803)
7. The consequences of the War of 1812
8. The American System (1816-1824)
9. The Missouri Compromise (1820)
10. The Monroe Doctrine (1823)

Top 10 Events from the Antebellum Years, 1825 - 1860

1. The opening of the Erie Canal (1825)
2. The Second Great Awakening (1820-1840)
3. William Lloyd Garrison (1831)
4. *Worcester v. Georgia* (1832)
5. The Seneca Falls Convention (1848)
6. Irish immigration (1840-1860)
7. The Wilmot Proviso (1846)
8. The Kansas-Nebraska Act (1854)
9. Slavery in the Old South (1825-1860)
10. The Dred Scott Case (1857)

Top 10 Events from the Industrial Years (1850-1896)

- The Battle of Antietam (1862)
- Black Codes (1865)
- The Fourteenth Amendment (1868)
- The Chinese Exclusion Act (1892)
- The New Immigrant (1880-1896)
- The Dawes Act (1887)
- Social Darwinism (1880s)
- The Populist Revolt (1890-896)
- *Plessy v. Ferguson* (1896)
- The Election of 1896

Top 10 Events from the Progressive Years, 1897-1920

1. The Spanish-American War (1898)
2. The Open Door Policy (1899)
3. The founding of the NAACP (1909)
4. The Muckrakers (1900-1920)
5. The Election of 1912
6. The opening of the Panama Canal (1914)
7. The Great Migration (1914-1919)
8. The Fourteen Points (1918)
9. The Senate rejects the Versailles Treaty (1919)
10. The Nineteenth Amendment (1920)

Top 10 Events from the Boom and Bust Years, 1921-1945

1. The mass production of cars (1921-1929)
2. Mass culture (1921-1929)
3. Flappers (1921-1929)
4. The Harlem Renaissance (1921-1929)
5. The Hundred Days (1933)
6. The Dust Bowl (1930-1936)
7. The Nye Committee (1934)
8. Rosie the Riveter (1941-1945)
9. The Japanese Internment (1942-1945)
10. The Manhattan Project (1939-1945)

Top 10 Events from the Cold War Years, 1946-1974

1. The Truman Doctrine (1947)
2. The Marshall Plan (1947)
3. The rise and fall of Senator McCarthy (1950-1954)
4. Sputnik (1957)
5. The Civil Rights Act of 1964
6. The Counterculture (1967-1969)
7. Nixon's visit to China (1972)
8. Nixon's détente with the Soviet Union (1972)
9. The Arab oil boycott (1973-1974)
10. The Watergate Scandal (1972-1974)

Top 10 Events From Recent History, 1975-Present

1. Stagflation (1975-1982)
2. The Camp David Summit (1978)
3. The Iran Hostage Crisis (1979)
4. Reaganomics (1981-1988)
5. The Regan Doctrine (1983)
6. The Persian Gulf (1991)
7. North American Free Trade Association (1994)
8. The graying of America (1990s – Present)
9. The growth of the Sunbelt (1990s – Present)
10. A new wave of immigration (1990s – Present)

Top 10 African American Leaders

1. Frederick Douglass
2. Ida B. Wells
3. Booker T. Washington
4. W.E.B. DuBois
5. Marcus Garvey
6. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
7. Greensboro Four
8. Malcolm X
9. Stokely Carmichael
10. Huey Newton

Top 10 Women Reformers

1. Abigail Adams
2. Elizabeth Cady Stanton
3. Sarah Grimke
4. Dorothea Dix
5. Harriet Beecher Stowe
6. Jane Addams
7. Margaret Sanger
8. Eleanor Roosevelt
9. Rachel Carson
10. Betty Friedan

Top 10 Supreme Court Cases

1. *Madsion v. Marbury*
2. *Dartmouth College v. Woodward*
3. *Worchester v. Georgia*
4. *Dred Scott v. Sanford*
5. *Plessy v. Ferguson*
6. Sacco and Vanzetti Trial
7. John T. Scopes Trial
8. *Korematsu v. United States*
9. *Brown v. Board of Education Topeka*
10. *Miranda v. Arizona*

Top 10 Events in U.S. Relations with Latin America

1. Monroe Doctrine
2. Mexican War
3. Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo
4. Spanish-American War
5. Roosevelt Corollary
6. Dollar Diplomacy
7. Good Neighbor Policy
8. Alliance of Progress
9. Bay of Pigs Invasion
10. The Cuban Missile Crisis

Top 10 Events in the Vietnam War

1. France Withdraws from Vietnam
2. Eisenhower advances the Domino Theory
3. The Gulf of Tonkin Resolution
4. The Tet Offensive
5. Opposition to the Vietnam War
6. Invasion of Cambodia
7. Kent State Shooting
8. Vietnamization
9. The Paris Accords
10. Vietnam Syndrome

Top 10 Artists, Artistic Movements, Photographers

1. The Hudson River School
2. Thomas Cole
3. The Ashcan School
4. The Armory Show
5. Dorothea Lange
6. Edward Hopper
7. Abstract Expressionism
8. Jackson Pollock
9. Pop Art
10. Andy Warhol

Top 10 Literary Authors

1. Anne Bradstreet
2. Phillis Wheatley
3. Nathaniel Hawthorne
4. William Homes McGuffey
5. Ralph Waldo Emerson
6. Walt Whitman
7. Horatio Alger
8. Frank Baum
9. John Steinbeck
10. Jack Kerouac

Top 10 Acts in American History

1. Stamp Act
2. Kansas Nebraska Act
3. Homestead Act
4. Dawes Act (1887)
5. National Origins Act of 1924
6. Social Security Act
7. Lend-Lease Act
8. Federal Highway Act of 1956
9. The Voting Rights Act of 1965
10. The Immigration Act of 1965

Top 10 Events in Labor History

1. Formation of the Knights of Labor
2. The American Federation of Labor
3. The Great Railroad Strike
4. The Sherman Anti-Trust Act
5. The Pullman Strike
6. The Wagner Act of 1935
7. The Congress of Industrial Organizations
8. The split between the AFL and the CIO
9. The Taft-Hartly Act
10. Formation of the United Farm Workers

Top 10 Most Influential Political Social Works

1. *Common Sense*
2. *Declaration of Independence*
3. *The Federalist Papers*
4. *The Liberator*
5. "on the Duty of Civil Disobedience"
6. *A Century of Dishonor*
7. *How the Other Half Lives*
8. *The Jungle*
9. *The Other America*
10. "Letter from Birmingham Jail"