**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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| A. 1607 – 1762 B. 1763 – 1788 C. 1789 – 1816 D. 1817 – 1839 E. 1840 – 1859F. 1860 – 1876 | G. 1877 – 1900 H. 1901 – 1919 I. 1920 – 1938 J. 1939 – 19591. 1960 – 1979
2. 1980 – present
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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

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*

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

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