

History of the U.S.A. Quiz

Task 1: How much do you know about the U.S. History? Brainstorm ideas with your friends and write them down. You can draw a timetable.

Task 2: Answer the questions below. You may need to go on-line to find some of the answers.

1. A person opposed to slavery and who fought to end it is called a/an:

- a) troublemaker
- b) populist
- c) abolitionist

2. The Underground Railroad was:

- a) the first underground railway to operate electric trains.
- b) a secret network that helped slaves in the South escape to freedom in the North.
- c) a replacement for steam locomotives in the 19th century.

3. What is an overseer?

- a) a slave that watched over the master's children
- b) a plantation supervisor who watched over and directed the work of others
- c) a plantation supervisor that watched for traffic

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4. During the American Civil war, which famous Union marching song honored an abolitionist who was hanged for his actions?

- a) We Shall Overcome
- b) God Bless America
- c) John Brown's Body

5. Which war had the most American casualties?

- a) Vietnam War
- b) World War Two
- c) American Civil War

6. Which Native American tribe was forced to walk the "Trail of Tears" in 1831?

- a) The Cherokees
- b) The Mohicans
- c) The Chocktaws

7. What happened in 1929 that caused the Great Depression?

- a) The president died
- b) The country was invaded
- c) The stock market crashed

8. Which American Rock 'N Roll legend was born in 1935?

- a) John Lennon
- b) Bob Dylan
- c) Elvis Presley

9. After World War Two, where did many Americans moved to?

- a) villages
- b) suburbs
- c) factory towns

10. What was the name of the organization created by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.?

- a) National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)
- b) Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC)
- c) Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC)

11. Where does hip-hop come from?

- a) New York City
- b) Los Angeles
- c) Chicago

12. When did hip-hop start?

- a) 1970s
- b) 1980s
- c) 1990s

13. Who sang "Strange Fruit"?

- a) Billie Holiday
- b) Michael Jackson
- c) Madonna

14. Which is the only rock n' roll song to be number one "on the chart" twice?

- a) "Mack The Knife" by Bobby Darin
- b) "The Twist" by Chubby Checker
- c) "Twist and Shout" by Elvis Presley

15. Who was the world's first billionaire?

- a) John D. Rockefeller
- b) Henry Ford
- c) Theodore Roosevelt

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NOTES FOR TEACHERS

1. You may want to ask students to brainstorm ideas in class and start working on the quiz in groups.
2. Some of the questions may be difficult to answer without doing some research, so either set up computer based activity in class or ask students to do the research at for homework.
3. Answer Key:
 1. c
 2. b
 3. b
 4. c
 5. c
 6. c
 7. c
 8. c
 9. b
 10. c
 11. a
 12. a
 13. a
 14. b
 15. a