

# American history

## Beginning of the Year

### Questions



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# Teacher Notes

First, I have used these cards/questions in the past as I taught middle school American history and have had great success during that first few days of school. It actually kept my students quiet for a little while I had some of the paperwork required of teachers.

You never know what may and may not help, but I have always tried to find something that was a little lighter and required much less work but gave me a chance to find out just what my students knew and did not know.

I would use these for several day – giving each student a different set of questions each day – or you can just run off a classroom set of each set (1-4, 5-8, 9-12, etc.) each class period. I just did not want all students doing the same question on the same day.

But hey, do what works for you. These are just my "ideas" and it worked for me and my students, year after year after year.

Here are 32 state history questions, plus one blank set of four just so you may write/ask anything I might have missed. Email me if you find something that should be here – [latraveler@bellsouth.net](mailto:latraveler@bellsouth.net) . Enjoy your reading, I know I do.

*MrE*

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## STATES

**Directions:** Name your choice of *FIVE* states from the United States of America.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

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## LANDMARKS

**Directions:** Name your choice of *FIVE* landmarks from the United States of America.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

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## PRESIDENTS

**Directions:** Name your choice of *FIVE* presidents from the United States of America.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

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## HISTORICAL FIGURES

**Directions:** Name your choice of *FIVE* historical figures (other than Pres.) from the United States of America history.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

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## BORDERS

**Directions:** Name your choice of *FIVE* borders of the United States of America.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

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## RIVERS

**Directions:** Name your choice of *FIVE* rivers in the United States of America.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

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## PARKS

**Directions:** Name your choice of *FIVE* parks (state/federal) in the United States of America.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

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## NATIONAL SYMBOLS

**Directions:** Name your choice of *FIVE* national symbols from the United States of America history.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

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## SONGS

**Directions:** Name your choice of **FIVE** songs about the United States of America.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

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## ETHNIC GROUPS

**Directions:** Name your choice of **FIVE** ethnic groups from the United States of America.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

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## RELIGIONS

**Directions:** Name your choice of **FIVE** religions in the United States of America.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITERS

**Directions:** Name your choice of **FIVE** writers from the United States of America history.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

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## **NATIVE AMERICANS**

**Directions:** Name your choice of *FIVE* native American tribes from the United States of America.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

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## **ENTREPRENEURS**

**Directions:** Name your choice of *FIVE* entrepreneurs from the United States of America.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

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## **POSTERS**

**Directions:** Name your choice of *FIVE* posters about/from the United States of America.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

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## **PHOTOGRAPHERS**

**Directions:** Name your choice of *FIVE* photographers of the United States of America.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

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## ARTISTS

**Directions:** Name your choice of **FIVE** artists from/about the United States of America.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

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## TRAILBLAZERS

**Directions:** Name your choice of **FIVE** trailblazers of history within the United States of America.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

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## REBELS/RESISTERS

**Directions:** Name your choice of **FIVE** rebels/resister from United States of America history.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

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## WOMEN

**Directions:** Name your choice of **FIVE** historical women from the United States of America history.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

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## OUTLAWS

**Directions:** Name your choice of *FIVE* outlaws from American history.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

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## RELIGIOUS FIGURES

**Directions:** Name your choice of *FIVE* religious figures from American history.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

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## POP ICONS

**Directions:** Name your choice of *FIVE* pop icons from American history.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

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## ATHLETES

**Directions:** Name your choice of *FIVE* athletic figures from American history.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

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## EMPIRE BUILDERS

**Directions:** Name your choice of **FIVE** empire builders (male/female) from American history.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

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## INFLUENTIAL MUSICIANS

**Directions:** Name your choice of **FIVE** influential musicians (male/female) in American history.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

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## LIVING AMERICANS

**Directions:** Name your choice of **FIVE** influential living Americans (male/female) in American history.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

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## DECEASED AMERICANS

**Directions:** Name your choice of **FIVE** influential deceased Americans (male/female) in American history.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

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### **INFLUENTIAL WRITERS**

**Directions:** Name your choice of *FIVE* influential writers (male/female) in American history.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

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### **INFLUENTIAL CIVIL RIGHTS FIGURE**

**Directions:** Name your choice of *FIVE* influential civil rights figures (male/female) in American history.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

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### **INFLUENTIAL ACTOR/ACTRESS**

**Directions:** Name your choice of *FIVE* influential actors (male/female) in American history.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

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### **INFLUENTIAL PRESIDENT**

**Directions:** Name your choice of *FIVE* influential presidents in American history.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

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5. \_\_\_\_\_

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5. \_\_\_\_\_

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