



Turning Points in History

Listed below are major turning points in American history. In each case, identify the implied event, comment on its significance, and then list at least three contemporaneous movements, trends, or activities in literature, science, art, or economics. This brainstorming activity will help you to develop the skills to put your free-response essays in historical context. For purposes of this activity, define “contemporaneous” as any event within a five-year period of the event.

YEAR/EVENT	SIGNIFICANCE	RELATED EVENTS		
1763 Event:		1.	2.	3.
1776 Event:		1.	2.	3.
1789 Event:		1.	2.	3.
1800 Event:		1.	2.	3.
1803 Event:		1.	2.	3.
1814 Event:		1.	2.	3.
1848 Event:		1.	2.	3.
1861 Event:		1.	2.	3.
1865 Event:		1.	2.	3.
1877 Event:		1.	2.	3.

1914 Event:		1.	2.	3.
1919 Event:		1.	2.	3.
1929 Event:		1.	2.	3.
1941 Event:		1.	2.	3.
1945 Event:		1.	2.	3.
1954 Event:		1.	2.	3.
1960 Event:		1.	2.	3.
1964 Event:		1.	2.	3.
1968 Event:		1.	2.	3.
1973 Event:		1.	2.	3.
1989 Event:		1.	2.	3.
2001 Event:		1.	2.	3.