

AP US History Vocabulary

The list below is all of the proper nouns pulled from the Curriculum Framework.

- **Bolded words** are taken directly from the Curriculum Framework verbiage and may be included on the AP exam.
- *Italicized words* are “illustrative examples” that can be used for historical evidence when supporting positions. These will not be on the AP exam since their use will vary by teacher.

Abolitionists

Adams, Abigail

Allen, Richard

American Expeditionary Force

American Federation of Labor

American Indians

American Protective Association

American Revolution

American system

Annexing Texas

Anthracite coal mining

Asian Americans

Articles of Confederation

Atlantic Charter

Atomic Bomb

Audubon, John

Axis Powers

Bakke vs. University of California

Baldwin Locomotive Works

Battle of Fallen Timbers

Beat Movement

Beaver Wars

Bellamy, Edward

Bill of Rights

Black Panthers

Boomtown areas of West

Braceros program

Brown vs. Board of Education

Bruce, Blanche

Common Sense (Thomas Paine)

Canals

Calhoun, John C.

Carson, Rachel

Caste system

Chief Joseph

Child, Lydia M.

China, trade with

Chinese Exclusion Act

Chinook

Civil Rights Act of 1964

Clayton Anti-Trust Act

Clean Air Act

Clipper Ships

Closing of the frontier

Cold War

Colored Farmer's Alliance

Columbian Exchange: horses, cows, sugar, silver, smallpox, corn, potatoes

Committees of correspondence

Compromise of 1850

Conspicuous consumption

Containment

Constitution (US)

Contract with America

Corridors

Cult of domesticity

Dawes Act

Declaration of Independence

Decolonization

Deficits, budget

De Las Casas, Bartolome

Democratic Party

Democratic-Republican Party

Department of Interior

Détente (mutual coexistence)

Dollar Diplomacy

Dominion of New England

Don't Ask, Don't Tell

Dred Scott

Dutch colonial efforts

Election of 1860

Emancipation Proclamation

Evangelical Christian churches

Federalism

Federalists

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC)

Federal Reserve Bank

Federal Writers' Project

Feminine Mystique

Finney, Charles

Focus on the Family – 1980's

French Revolution

Freedom of speech

Free trade agreements

George, Henry

Gettysburg

Gilded Age

Ghost Dance Movement

Gold Rush

Gorbachev, Mikhail

Gospel of Wealth

Gradual emancipation, Pennsylvania

Grange

Great Society

Great Awakening

Great Migration

Griswold vs. Connecticut

Hamer, Fannie Lou

Hamilton's Financial Plan

Harlem Renaissance

Hartford Convention

Health Care Reform debate – 1990's

Holding companies

Homestead Act

Hopper, Edward

Hudson River School

Huron Confederation, dispersal of

Hydrogen Bomb

Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986

Imperialist (anti-imperialists)

Indian Removal Act

Inflation – 1970's

Interchangeable parts

Internet

Internment of Japanese

Interstate Commerce Act

Intolerable Acts

Iranian Hostage crisis

Iroquois Confederation

Jays Treaty

Jazz

Johnson, Lyndon

Joint-stock company

Jones, Mother

Kansas-Nebraska Act

Kelley, Florence

Kentucky and Virginia Resolves

King Phillips war

Knights of Labor

Know-Nothings

Korean War

Laissez-faire

Land grant colleges

Las Gorras Blancas

Latinos

League of Nations

Letters from a Pennsylvania Farmer

Lewis, John L.

Lincoln, Abraham

Little Big Horn

Little Turtle and the Western Confederacy

Locke, John

Long, Huey

Lowell system

Louisiana Purchase

Loyalist

Manhattan Project

March to the Sea, (Sherman)

Mariano Vallejo

Maroon communities

Marshall, Thurgood

Maryland Act of Toleration

Massive Retaliation

McCulloch vs. Maryland

Mechanical reaper

Medicare

Medicaid

Mestizo

Metis

Mexican-American War

Mexican Intervention

Military-industrial complex

Minstrel shows

Missouri Compromise

Mission settlements (*missionaries*)

Miranda vs. Arizona

Mission system, Spanish

Molasses Act
Monroe Doctrine
Moral Majority
Moreno, Luisa
Morgan, J.P
Mormons
Mulatto
National Bank
National Parks
National Recovery Administration
Navigation Acts
NAWSA – National Woman Suffrage Association
Neutrality Acts
New Deal
New immigrants vs. native-born
North American Free Trade Agreement
Northwest Ordinance
Nuclear arsenal
Nullification
Nullification crisis
“Oregon Border dispute”
Parochial schools
Paxton Boys
Perry, Commodore Mathew
Pontiac’s Rebellion
Praying towns
Proclamation of 1763
Proclamation of Neutrality
Pueblo
Oil crises
Oil Embargo
Ocate, Juan de
OPEC (Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries)
Patriot
Pearl Harbor
Pennsylvania, founding of
People’s Party (Populists)
Pinckney’s treaty
Planned Parenthood vs. Casey
Plessy vs. Ferguson
Portuguese Explorers
Positive good
Postwar optimism
Praying towns

Proclamation of 1763
Proclamation of Neutrality
Property qualifications to vote
Progressive reformers
Pueblo revolt
Reagan, Ronald
Referendum
Religious fundamentalism
Railroad building
Republicanism
Red Scare
Republican Party
“Republican motherhood”
Revels, Hiram
Rock and roll
Rockefeller, John D.
Roosevelt, Franklin
Rousseau, Jean
Sand Creek Massacre
Scots-Irish
SDI (Star Wars Defense Initiative)
Shays’ Rebellion
Schlaflly, Phyllis
Secession
Second Great Awakening
Seminole Wars
Seneca Falls Convention
Separation of powers
September 11, 2001 attacks
Sepulveda, Juan de
Settlement houses
Seven Years’ War
sextant
Sharecropping
Shays Rebellion
Sierra Club
Slater, Samuel
Smallpox
Smalls, Robert
Smith, Adam
Social Darwinism
Socialism
Social Security Act
Sons of Liberty
Space race

Spanish-American War*Stanton, Elizabeth C.***States' rights***Stamp Act**Start I**Stimson Doctrine**Steel plow**Steinem, Gloria**Students for a Democratic Society**Subsidies**Suez Crisis**Tax cuts, Reagan and Bush***telegraphs***Tennessee Valley Authority**The Affluent Society***Thirteenth Amendment****“Triangular Trade”:** *furs, tobacco, Carolinas-rice, Barbados - sugar***Urban middle class***Utopian societies**US Fish Commission**vaqueros***Vietnam War***Walker, David**Wampanoag**War Hawks**Warren, Mercy Otis***Wars: Afghanistan, Iraq, Korea, Vietnam, Mexican-American, Spanish-American, World War I, World War II, Civil War, American Revolution, against the Indians, on Terror, Afghanistan and Iraq,***Washington, Booker T.***Washington, George****Washington's Farewell Address***Watergate**Washington naval Conference**Webster-Ashburton Treaty**Wells, Ida B.***Whigs****Wilson, Woodrow****Women's rights movement***Women's Christian Temperance Union***World Trade Center***Wool Act**Worcester vs. Georgia**Xenophobia**Yiddish Theater**Zambo***13th amendment****14th amendment****15th amendment****Native American history present: tribes, battles and issues in illustrative examples:***Algonquin**Catawba Nation**Chickasaw Wars**Chief Joseph**Chinook**Dawes Act**Ghost Dance Movement**Huron Confederation, dispersal of**Indian Removal Act**Seminole Wars**Iroquois Confederation**Little Turtle and the Western Confederacy**Pontiac's Rebellion**Praying towns**Wampanoag**King Phillips war***Pueblo Revolt***Sand Creek Massacre**Little Big Horn***Inventions:***Radio**Motion pictures**Automobiles**Mechanical reaper**Sonar**Steel plow**Telegraph***Geography: terms and places***Great Basin,**Atlantic World**western Great Plains,**Atlantic Seaboard**Middle East*

Sun Belt
West (depends upon the period of time under study)
Trans-Appalachian West
Western Hemisphere
Northeast
Mid-west
Northwest Territory
West Indies
The Pacific
Caribbean
Latin America
Philippines
France
Haiti
Interior regions – the middle part of contemporary
United States (i.e. Great Lakes Region)
Frontier vs. Tidewater Va.

Other “conceptual” terms present – groups, eras, trends

African Americans
African chattel
American Indians
Anglicization
Antebellum reform
Asian Americans
Atlantic slave trade
Autonomous political communities
Autonomy
Baby boom
Big government -
British colonies
British empire
Capitalism
Civil liberties
Civil rights movement
Civil War
Class
Cold War
Colonial independence movement
Colonization
Columbian Exchange
communism
conservation
conservatism

Confederacy
Confederate States of America
Communications revolution – increasing rapidness
of communication in antebellum period. Telegraph,
clipper ships and mail
constitutions
corporate growth
counterculture
culture
cultural blending
democratic ideas
demographic changes
Depression, Great
Desegregation
economies
economics
encomienda system
Enlightenment
European expansion (global perspective)
Evangelical religious fervor
Evangelical Christian Churches – modern
fundamentalist churches that rejected the liberalism
of post-World War II generation.
Expansion, expansion
Exploration and conquest of America
Federalism (make sure to define states’ rights)
foreign policy
free-labor manufacturing economy
fundamentalism, religion
gender
Gilded Age
Globalization, economic
Great Awakening, First
Great Awakening, Second
Great Depression
Great Migration
Great Society
Harlem Renaissance
Hereditary privilege
Hispanics
Imperialism (imperial system)
Independence movements (British colonies,
emergence of democratic ideals)
International migrants

International security system – system of collective security amongst western nations against communist aggression
Internal migrants
Latinos
liberalism
Limited welfare state
Industrialization
Intermarriage
international affairs
labor systems
labor unions
liberalism
Manifest Destiny
Markets
Mercantilist economic aims (mercantilism)
Migration
Middle-class suburbanization
Mexican-Americans
Native American
Nativism
Neutral trading rights
Participatory democracy
Personal liberty
Political machines
Political parties
populist movements – grassroots movements that middle class and laborers support (not just the Populist movement or Agrarian revolt of the 1890's)
presentism
progressive reformers
racial stereotyping
racial gradations
ratification
Reconstruction
Red Scare
Regional economic specialization – Antebellum growth of divergence in economies between Northeast, South and West
republican self-government
Shared labor market – sharing of labor between eastern and western hemispheres during colonial period.
Secession

Sectionalism
Self-government
Segregation
Slavery
Social Darwinism
Social Gospel
Social justice
Social safety net
Trans-Atlantic print culture
Women's Rights Movement

Concept Outline Terms and Outside Information

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Non-Bolded Words = illustrative examples” or outside information

Period 1: 1491 – 1607

American Indians, Caste system, Chinook, Columbian Exchange (horses, cows, sugar, silver, smallpox, corn, potatoes), Bartolome De Las Casas, Juan de Onate, Mestizo, Metis, **Mission settlements (missionaries)**, **Portuguese Explores**, Juan de Sepulveda, smallpox, encomienda system, European Expansion (global perspective), Exploration and conquest of America, **“Triangular Trade” (furs, tobacco, Carolinas-rice, Barbados – sugar)**, Zambo

Period 2: 1607 – 1754

Abigail Adams, **American Indians**, Beaver Wars, Clipper Ships, Dominion of New England, **Dutch colonial efforts**, Joint-Stock company, Molasses Act, Mulatto, Navigation Acts, Pueblo, Pennsylvania founding, Praying Towns, **Pueblo revolt**, Jean Rousseau, John Locke, Maroon Communities, Maryland Toleration Act, Scots-Irish, sextant, smallpox, Adam Smith, Stamp Act, Anglicization, Colonization, Enlightenment, European Expansion (global perspective), First Great Awakening, King Phillips War, **“Triangular Trade” (furs, tobacco, Carolinas-rice, Barbados – sugar)**, Vaqueros, Wampanoag, Wool Act, Hereditary privilege, mercantilist economic aims (mercantilism), Shared labor market – sharing of labor between eastern and western hemispheres during colonial period.

Period 3: 1754 – 1800

Abigail Adams, Allen Richard, **American Indians**, **American Revolution**, **Articles of Confederation**, Battle of Fallen Timbers, **Bill of Rights**, Common Sense (Thomas Paine), Communities of correspondence, **Constitution (US)**, Declaration of Independence, **Democratic-Republican Party**, **Federalism**, **Federalists**, Gradual Emancipation (Pennsylvania), **interchangeable parts**, Intolerable Acts, Iroquois Confederation, Jays Treaty, Kentucky and Virginia Resolves, Letters from a Pennsylvania, Little Turtle and the Western Confederacy, **Loyalist**, Molasses Act, Mulatto, National Bank, **Northwest Ordinance**, Paxton Boys, Pontiac’s Rebellion, Proclamation of 1763, Proclamation of Neutrality, **Patriot**, Pickney’s treaty, Republicanism, **“Republican motherhood”**, Shays’ Rebellion, **Separation of Powers**, **Seven Years’ War**, Trans-Appalachian West, Western Hemisphere, British Colonies, Civil Liberties, Colonial Independence movement, Colonization, democratic ideas, **French Revolution**, **Freedom of Speech**, Hamilton’s Financial Plan, Huron Confederation dispersal, Mercy Otis Warren, **George Washington**, **Washington’s Farewell Address**,

Period 4: 1800 – 1848

Allen, Richard, **American Indians**, **American System**, **Asian Americans**, Audubon, John, Baldwin Locomotive Works, **Canals**, Charles Finney, Cult of domesticity, **Democratic Party**, **Democratic-Republican Party**, **Evangelical Christian churches**, Hartford Convention, Lowell System, **Louisiana Purchase**, McCulloch vs. Maryland, Mechanical Reaper, **Mexican-American War**, **Missouri Compromise**, Monroe

Doctrine, Mormons, Mulatto, National Bank, Nullification Crisis, **Positive Good theory**, **Property qualifications to vote**, **Railroad Building**, **Second Great Awakening**, Seminole Wars, Seneca Falls Convention, Samuel Slater, Steel Plow, Western Hemisphere, African chattel, Communication revolution in antebellum period, Evangelical religious fervor, foreign policy, free-labor manufacturing economy, **French Revolution**, Utopian societies, Hudson River School, Indian Removal Act, David Walker, War Hawks, Webster-Ashburton Treaty, Whigs, **Women's Rights Movement**, Worcester vs. Georgia, Catawba Nation, participatory democracy, political parties

Period 5: 1844 – 1877

American Indians, Annexing Texas, **Asian Americans**, Blanche Bruce, John C. Calhoun, Lydia Child, Colored Farmer's Alliance, **Compromise of 1850**, Dred Scott, **Election of 1860**, **Emancipation Proclamation**, Gettysburg, Gold Rush, Homestead Act, **Kansas/Nebraska Act**, Know Nothings, **Abraham Lincoln**, March to the Sea (Sherman), Mariano Vallejo, **Mexican-American War**, **Missouri Compromise**, Mormons, **National Parks**, **Nullification**, "Oregon Border dispute", Parochial Schools, Commodore Mathew Perry, Pueblo, **Positive Good theory**, **Republican Party**, Hiram Revels, Sand Creek Massacre, **Secession**, **Sharecropping**, Antebellum reforms, **States' Rights**, Confederacy, Confederate States of America, **Thirteenth-Fourteenth-Fifteenth** Amendments, Webster-Ashburton Treaty, personal liberty

Period 6: 1865 – 1898

Jane Addams, American Federation of Labor, **American Indians**, American Protective Association, Anthracite coal mining, Edward Bellamy, Boomtown areas of West, Chief Joseph, Chinese Exclusion Act, Closing of the Frontier, **Conspicuous consumption**, Dawes Act, Henry George, Ghost Dance Movement, Gospel of Wealth, Grange Movement, **Holding companies**, Interstate Commerce Act, J. P. Morgan, Florence Kelley, Knights of Labor, **Laissez-faire**, Land Grant colleges, Las Gorras Blancas, **Abraham Lincoln**, Little Big Horn, Minstrel shows, Mother Jones, **National Parks**, National Woman Suffrage Association, **New Immigrants vs Native-born**, **People's Party (Populists)**, Plessy v Ferguson, **Progressive Reformers**, Referendum, John D. Rockefeller, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Settlement Houses, Robert Smalls, **Social Darwinism**, **Telegraphs**, **Urban Middle class**, US Fish Commission, Capitalism, Gilded Age, Ida B. Wells, Women's Christian Temperance Union, Xenophobia, Yiddish Theater, Internal migrants, industrialization, intermarriage, labor unions, political machines, racial gradations, racial stereotyping, Social Gospel

Period 7: 1890 – 1945

American Expeditionary Force, **Asian Americans**, Atlantic Charter, **Atomic Bomb**, **Axis Powers**, China, trade with, Clayton Anti-Trust Act, Dollar Diplomacy, Federal Writers' Project, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FCIC), **Harlem Renaissance**, Edward Hooper, **Jazz**, **League of Nations**, John L. Lewis, Huey Long, Neutrality Acts, **New Deal**, **Pearl Harbor**, Plessy v Ferguson, **Religious Fundamentalism**, Sierra Club, Federal Reserve Bank, Manhattan Project, J. P. Morgan, National Recovery Administration, **Franklin D. Roosevelt**, **Spanish-American War**, Social Security Act, Stimson Doctrine, Subsidies, Communism, Conservation, Great Depression, Great Migration, **Imperialists (anti-imperialists)**, Booker T. Washington, Washington Naval Conference, **Woodrow Wilson**, **Women's Rights Movement**, Women's Christian Temperance Union, Xenophobia, Radio, Motion pictures, Automobiles, Sonar, Internal migrants, Liberalism, Neutral trading rights, First Red Scare

Period 8: 1945 – 1980

Asian Americans, **Atomic Bomb**, Bakke vs. University of California, Beat Movement, Black Panthers, Braceros Program, **Brown v Board of Education**, Rachel Carson, China, Trade with, **Civil Rights Act 1964**, Clean Air Act, **Cold War**, **Containment**, **Decolonization**, Department of the Interior, **Détente (mutual coexistence)**, Feminine Mystique, Great Society, Griswold v Connecticut, Fannie Lou Hamer, Hydrogen Bomb, Inflation of the 1970s, **Internment of Japanese**, Luisa Moreno, **Lyndon Johnson**, **Korean War**, **Latinos**, Thurgood Marshall, Massive Retaliation, Medicare, Medicaid, **Military-industrial complex**, Miranda vs Arizona, **Nuclear arsenal**, **Oil crisis**, Oil Embargo, OPEC (Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries), **Postwar optimism**, **Red Scare**, Rock and Roll, Space Race, Gloria Steinem, Students for a Democratic Society, Suez Crisis, Sun Belt, Start I, Tennessee Valley Authority, The Affluent Society, **Vietnam War**, Baby Boom, Civil Liberties, Civil Rights Movement, Communism, counterculture, demographic changes, Desegregation, Iran Hostage crisis, Watergate, International security system – system of collective security amongst western nations against communist aggression, intermarriage, Middle-class suburbanization, Mexican-Americans, Social Justice, Social Safety net

Period 9: 1980 – Present

Asian Americans, Contract with America, Deficits (budget), Don't Ask, Don't Tell, Focus on the Family – 1980s, Federal Reserve Bank, Free Trade agreements, Mormons, Mulatto, North American Free Trade Agreement, Planned Parenthood v Casey, **Ronald Reagan**, SDI (Star Wars Defense Initiative), Phyllis Schlafly, **September 11, 2001 attacks**, African-Americans, Big Government, Class, conservatism, corporate growth, cultural blending, Evangelical Christian Churches – modern, fundamentalist churches that rejected the liberalism of post-World War II generation, gender, Globalization, Mikhail Gorbachev, Health Care Reform 0 1990s and 2010s, Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, **Internet**, Tax Cuts (Reagan and Bush), **Wars (Afghanistan and Iraq)**, **War on Terror**, **World Trade Center**, Xenophobia, Limited welfare state, intermarriage, Social Justice, Social Safety net