**Overview of US history**

Informative, research based

* Present main events of each half century.

Starting at 1780, present two or three main events of each half century.

1. 1780-1800
2. 1800-1850
3. 1850-1900
4. 1900-1950
5. 1950-2000
6. 2000-present

**I. 1780-1800**

1. End of Revolutionary War (1783)
2. Constitution Ratified (1788)
3. Alien and Sedition Act (1798)

**II. 1800-1850**

1. Louisiana Purchase (1803)
2. Monroe Doctrine (1823)
3. Gold Rush (1848)

**III. 1850-1900**

1. Emancipation Proclamation (1863)
2. Reconstruction in South (ends 1877)
3. “Separate but equal” ruled legal by Supreme Court (1896)

**IV. 1900-1950**

1. 18th Amendment prohibits alcohol (1920)
2. 19th Amendment, women obtain voting rights (1920)
3. US bombs Japan (1945)

**V. 1950-2000**

1. Peace Corps (1961)
2. War Powers Act (1973
3. “War on Drugs” (1980s)

**VI. 2000-present**

1. 9/11 terrorist attack (2001)
2. Global financial crisis (2008-2009)
3. First African-American President (2009)