

U.S. HISTORY

ABOLITIONIST: A person who wanted to end slavery in the United States.

<"person" + "goal" + "stop" + "slavery">

ABOLITIONISTS opposed further extensions of slavery.

AIR FORCE: Military force for conducting warfare by air.

<"airplane" + "army" OR "airplane">

My father has been in the AIR FORCE for 20 years.

ANNEX (verb): To incorporate a country or other territory within one's domain.

<"grab" + "add-to">

The U.S. ANNEXED Texas in 1848.

ARMISTICE: Agreement to stop fighting.

<"agree" + "war" + "finish">

What were the terms of the ARMISTICE?

ARMY/ARMED FORCES: Body of men organized for war.

<"army" 2h "A" taps chest like rifle>

My dad was has retired from the ARMED FORCES.

ASTRONAUT: A person trained to pilot, navigate or otherwise participate as a member of a space craft.

<"ROCKET" + "AGENT">

Name the ASTRONAUTS from Apollo 13.

BLACKLIST: A list of persons or organizations that have incurred disapproval or suspicion or are to be boycotted or otherwise penalized.

<"black" + name"+++>

In the 1950s people suspected of being communist sympathizers were put on a BLACKLIST.

BLOC: A group of countries in a special alliance.

<"group">

Which countries are considered part of the European Communist BLOC?

BOOM: A sudden increase, as in popularity or rate.

<"Uphill" OR "expand" 2h starts small and move out to C's>

Since 9/11 there has been a baby BOOM.

CAPITALISM: An economic system based on private ownership of capital.

<"C" like "money" + "system">

CAPITALISM is associated with which major countries?

CIVIL RIGHTS: Constitutional rights belonging to all American citizens.

<"equal" + "legal-rights" or C-I-V-I-L + "legal-rights">

The CIVIL RIGHTS movement ended segregation and established legal protection of all Americans.

COMMUNISM: An economic and political system based on one-party government and state ownership of property.

<"communism" like the sickle on the flag>

Name a COMMUNIST country.

COMPROMISE: A settlement of differences in which each side makes concessions.

<"willing + agree">

The two generals came to a COMPROMISE.

CURRENCY: Money in any form that is used as a medium of exchange.

<"money">

Most of Europe has changed their CURRENCY to the Euro.

DEBATE: To engage in formal discussion or argument.

<"discuss +++" (alt)>

The presidential candidates will DEBATE on Friday.

DEFICIT: Shortage esp. in money.

<"not enough (SM)">

The largest DEFICIT in history occurred under FDR.

DEFENSE: The act of defending against attack, injury, or danger.

<"D" like protect">

The army set up a DEFENSE along the northern border.

DEMARCATIION: The setting or marking of boundaries or limits.

<"draw-the-line">

Where is the DEMARCATIION line separating North and South Korea?

DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE: The document written by Thomas Jefferson in 1776, in which the delegates of the Continental Congress declared the colonies independence from Britain.

<"paper + announce + independent">

When was the DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE written?

DESEGREGATION: To become open to members of all races and ethnic groups.

<"not" + "separate">

When were public schools ordered to DESEGREGATE?

DOWNSIZE: To dismiss numbers of permanent employees in an attempt to make operations more efficient and save money.

<"big" wiggles to "small" or "pardon++">

Due to inflation, many companies have DOWNSIZED.

DRAFT/CONSCRIPTION: Law requiring some to serve in the military.

<"recruit" + "army">

Many young men who were over 18 years of age were DRAFTED during the Vietnam War.

ESPIONAGE: The practice of spying or the use of spies.

<"V" peeks around corner of wall OR fingerspell SPY>

What is the purpose of ESPIONAGE?

FOUNDING FATHERS: Group of men who were instrumental in establishing our American government.

<"group" + "establish" + "America">

Our FOUNDING FATHERS wrote the Constitution.

FUGITIVE/EVADERS: A runaway.

<"escape">

Many FUGITIVE slaves found refuge in the North.

HIPPIE: Usually a young person who rejects conventional society.

< 2h 4:CL swings at ears – like long hair>

HIPPIES believed in peace and love.

INFLATION: Abnormal increase in the volume of money and credit with a continuing rise in prices.

<"cost" + "increase++">

Due to INFLATION, many companies have downsized.

INTEGRATION: Unite; end segregation.

<"mainstream">

The passage of Public Law 94-142 resulted in the INTEGRATION of deaf children.

INVESTMENT: Commit money to someone else's use in hope of profit.

<"invest" (flat "O" puts inside NDH flat "O">

How much are you willing in INVEST?

KU KLUX KLAN: A secret organization that used terrorist tactics in an attempt to restore white supremacy in the Southern states after the Civil War.

<"K + K + K">

When was the KU KLUX KLAN organized?

MISSILE: Self-propelled rocket weapon.
<R:CL DH sits on NDH, index point outward, shoots ++>
In 1991, the U.S. launched a MISSILE attack on Iraq.

MOVEMENT: Take or cause to take action.
<"do-work" + "goal" OR "rebel" + "march">
The civil rights MOVEMENT ended segregation and established legal protection of all Americans.

NAZISM: Member of a German fascist party from 1933 to 1945.
<sign "Hitler" with the Nazi salute>
Who propagated the basic beliefs of NAZISM?

NEGOTIATE: Confer with another to settle a matter.
<'discuss-back-and-forth' OR 2h 5's back forth >
During his administration, President Nixon opened up trade NEGOTIATIONS with China.

NEUTRAL: Not favoring either side.
<"neutral">
When Japan attacked Pearl Harbor, the U.S. ended its efforts to remain NEUTRAL.

PILGRIM: One of the founding settlers in America.
<2h "P"s draws a square on upper chest; like the collar>
The PILGRIMS immigrated to America for religious freedom.

PROCLAMATION (noun): Announce publicly with conviction.
<"announce"++>
The U.S. PROCLAIMED its independence from Britain in 1774.

PROTEST: Organized public demonstration of disapproval.
<'march holding sign' OR "complain" OR "rebel">
PROTESTERS were often instrumental in winning civil rights.

QUAKERS: Protestant reformers who settled in Penn.
<"twiddle thumbs">
The QUAKERS settled in Pennsylvania.

RATION (verb): Share or allotment.
<"limit">
During World War II the government set up RATIONING for scarce commodities like sugar, meat, and tea.

SECESSION: Formal withdrawal from an organization or union.
<"step-out" or "disconnect">
President Lincoln wanted to avoid a Southern SECESSION.

SEGREGATION: To cut off or separate from others.

<"separate">

During the 1880's Southern states passed SEGREGATION laws known as Jim Crow laws.

SHORTAGE: Lack of or deficiency.

<"barely-getting-by" (2h open "8"'s small circles touch chin)>

There was a SHORTAGE of gasoline during WW2.

SLAVE: One owned and forced into service by another.

<"slave">

Starting in the 1500s Europeans settlers in America looked to Africa to supply them with SLAVES.

SATELLITE: A man-made object that orbits a celestial body.

<open "8" circles fist>

The first successful space SATELLITE was launched in 1957 by the Soviet Union.

STRIKE: To refuse to go to work in order to achieve a change in employment or conditions.

<"rebel" or "suspend" + "work">

In 1834 when the Lowell Company announced a 15% wage cut, workers organized a STRIKE.

TREATY: An agreement made by negotiation or diplomacy esp. between two or more states or governments.

<"agreement" + "signature">

What did the TREATY written at the end of WWI say?

UNITED NATIONS: An international peacekeeping organization to which most nations in the world belong.

<"U" + "N">

The UNITED NATIONS is an international peacekeeping.

VETERAN: A former member of the Armed Forces.

<"V-E-T">

During the 1960s and 70s some Vietnam VETERNS returned to American to join Vietnam war protests.

WAGES: Payment for labor or services.

<"money" + "earn">

During the 1970s President Nixon froze workers' WAGES.