

**Question of the Day Schedule**

<b>Question Dates</b>	<b>Topics</b>	<b>Subtopics</b>
August 30-Sept. 3	1. Pre-Columbian Societies	Early inhabitants of the Americas American Indian empires in Mesoamerica, the Southwest, and the Mississippi Valley American Indian cultures of North America at the time of European contact
Sept. 6-17	2. Transatlantic Encounters and Colonial Beginnings, 1492–1690	First European contacts with American Indians Spain’s empire in North America French colonization of Canada English settlement of New England, the Mid-Atlantic region, and the South From servitude to slavery in the Chesapeake region Religious diversity in the American colonies Resistance to colonial authority: Bacon’s Rebellion, the Glorious Revolution, and the Pueblo Revolt
Sept. 20-Sept. 24	3. Colonial North America, 1690–1754	Population growth and immigration Transatlantic trade and the growth of seaports The eighteenth-century back country Growth of plantation economies and slave societies The Enlightenment and the Great Awakening Colonial governments and imperial policy in British North America
Sept. 27-Oct. 15	4. The American Revolutionary Era, 1754–1789	The French and Indian War The Imperial Crisis and resistance to Britain The War for Independence State constitutions and the Articles of Confederation The federal Constitution
Oct. 18-Nov. 5	5. The Early Republic, 1789–1815	Washington, Hamilton, and shaping of the national government Emergence of political parties: Federalists and Republicans Republican Motherhood and education for women Beginnings of the Second Great Awakening Significance of Jefferson’s presidency Expansion into the trans-Appalachian West; American Indian resistance Growth of slavery and free Black communities The War of 1812 and its consequences
Nov. 8-19	6. Transformation of the Economy and Society in Antebellum America	The transportation revolution and creation of a national market economy Beginnings of industrialization and changes in social and class structures Immigration and nativist reaction Planters, yeoman farmers, and slaves in the cotton South
Nov. 22-Dec. 3	7. The Transformation of Politics in Antebellum America	Emergence of the second party system Federal authority and its opponents: judicial federalism, the Bank War, tariff controversy, and states’ rights debates Jacksonian democracy and its successes and limitations
Dec. 6-10	8. Religion, Reform, and Renaissance in Antebellum America	Evangelical Protestant revivalism Social reforms Ideals of domesticity Transcendentalism and utopian communities American Renaissance: literary and artistic expressions
Dec. 13-17	9. Territorial Expansion and Manifest Destiny	Forced removal of American Indians to the trans-Mississippi West Western migration and cultural interactions Territorial acquisitions Early U.S. imperialism: the Mexican War
Jan. 3-7	10. The Crisis of the Union	Pro- and antislavery arguments and

		conflicts Compromise of 1850 and popular sovereignty The Kansas–Nebraska Act and the emergence of the Republican Party Abraham Lincoln, the election of 1860, and secession
Jan. 10-21	11. Civil War	Two societies at war: mobilization, resources, and internal dissent Military strategies and foreign diplomacy Emancipation and the role of African Americans in the war Social, political, and economic effects of war in the North, South, and West
Jan. 24-Jan. 28	12. Reconstruction	Presidential and Radical Reconstruction Southern state governments: aspirations, achievements, failures Role of African Americans in politics, education, and the economy Compromise of 1877 Impact of Reconstruction
Jan. 31-Feb. 4	13. The Origins of the New South & 14. Development of the West in the Late Nineteenth Century	Reconfiguration of southern agriculture: sharecropping and crop-lien system Expansion of manufacturing and industrialization The politics of segregation: Jim Crow and disfranchisement. (14) Expansion and development of western railroads Competitors for the West: miners, ranchers, homesteaders, and American Indians Government policy toward American Indians Gender, race, and ethnicity in the far West Environmental impacts of western settlement
Feb. 7-11	15. Industrial America in the Late Nineteenth Century	Corporate consolidation of industry Effects of technological development on the worker and workplace Labor and unions National politics and influence of corporate power Migration and immigration: the changing face of the nation Proponents and opponents of the new order, e.g. Social Darwinism and Social Gospel
Feb. 14-18	16. Urban Society in the Late Nineteenth Century	Urbanization and the lure of the city City problems and machine politics Intellectual and cultural movements and popular entertainment
Feb. 21-25	17. Populism and Progressivism	Agrarian discontent and political issues of the late nineteenth century Origins of Progressive reform: municipal, state, and national Roosevelt, Taft, and Wilson as Progressive presidents Women's roles: family, workplace, education, politics, and reform Black America: urban migration and civil rights initiatives
Feb. 28-March 4	18. The Emergence of America as a World Power	American imperialism: political and economic expansion War in Europe and American neutrality The First World War at home and abroad Treaty of Versailles Society and economy in the postwar years
March 7-11	19. The New Era: 1920s	The business of America and the consumer economy Republican politics: Harding, Coolidge, and Hoover The culture of Modernism: science, the arts, and entertainment Responses to Modernism: religious fundamentalism, nativism, and Prohibition The ongoing struggle for equality: African Americans

		and women
March 14-18	20. The Great Depression and the New Deal	Causes of the Great Depression The Hoover administration's response Franklin Delano Roosevelt and the New Deal Labor and union recognition The New Deal coalition and its critics from the Right and the Left Surviving hard times: American society during the Great Depression
March 21-25	21. The Second World War	The rise of fascism and militarism in Japan, Italy, and Germany Prelude to war: policy of neutrality The attack on Pearl Harbor and United States declaration of war Fighting a multifront war Diplomacy, war aims, and wartime conferences The United States as a global power in the Atomic Age
March 28-April 1	22. The Home Front During the War	Wartime mobilization of the economy Urban migration and demographic changes Women, work, and family during the war Civil liberties and civil rights during wartime War and regional development Expansion of government power
April 4-7	23. The United States and the Early Cold War	Origins of the Cold War Truman and containment The Cold War in Asia: China, Korea, Vietnam, and Japan Diplomatic strategies and policies of the Eisenhower and Kennedy administrations The Red Scare and McCarthyism Impact of the Cold War on American society
April 11-15	24. The 1950s	Emergence of the modern civil rights movement The affluent society and "the other America" Consensus and conformity: suburbia and middle-class America Social critics, nonconformists, and cultural rebels Impact of changes in science, technology, and medicine
April 18-22	25. The Turbulent 1960s	From the New Frontier to the Great Society Expanding movements for civil rights Cold War confrontations: Asia, Latin America, and Europe Beginning of Détente The antiwar movement and the counterculture
April 25-28	26. Politics and Economics at the End of the Twentieth Century  27. Society and Culture at the End of the Twentieth Century	The election of 1968 and the "Silent Majority" Nixon's challenges: Vietnam, China, and Watergate Changes in the American economy: the energy crisis, deindustrialization, and the service economy The New Right and the Reagan revolution End of the Cold War  Demographic changes: surge of immigration after 1965, Sunbelt migration, and the graying of America Revolutions in biotechnology, mass communication, and computers Politics in a multicultural society
May 2-6	28. The United States in the Post-Cold War World	Globalization and the American economy Unilateralism vs . multilateralism in foreign policy Domestic and foreign terrorism Environmental issues in a global context