

APUSH History Timeline

1941-1960

- 1941 Lend-Lease Act
- Hitler attacks the Soviet Union
- Japan attacks Pearl Harbor
- U.S. declares war on Japan
- Germany declares war on U.S.
- Randolph plans black march on D.C.
- Fair Employment Practices Commission (FEPC) established
- 1942 Japanese-Americans sent to internment camps
- Japan conquers the Philippines
- Battle of the Coral Sea
- Battle of Midway
- U.S. invades North Africa
- 1943 Allies hold Casablanca conference
- Allies invade Italy
- "Zoot-suit" riots in Los Angeles
- Race riot in Detroit
- Japanese driven from Guadalcanal
- Teheran Conference
- 1944 *Korematsu v. U.S.*
- D-Day invasion of France
- Battle of Marianas
- Servicemen's Readjustment Act (GI Bill)

- Bretton Woods economic conference
- Roosevelt defeats Dewey for presidency
- 1944-45 Battle of the Bulge
- 1945 Roosevelt dies; Truman assumes presidency
- Germany surrenders
- Battle of Iwo Jima and Okinawa
- Potsdam Conference
- Atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki
- Japan surrenders
- Spock publishes *The Common Sense Book of Baby and Child Care*
- Yalta Conference
- U.S. ends Lend-Lease to the USSR
- United Nations Established
- 1945-46 Nuremberg war crimes trial in Germany
- 1946-48 Tokyo war crimes trials
- 1947 Truman Doctrine
- Marshall Plan
- Taft-Hartley Act
- National Security Act creates Department of Defense, National Security Council (NSC), and Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)
- 1948 U.S. officially recognizes Israel
- "Voice of America" begins radio broadcasts behind iron curtain
- Hiss case begins
- Truman defeats Dewey for presidency

- 1948-49 Berlin crisis
- 1949 NATO established
Communists defeat Nationalists in China
- 1950 American economy begins postwar growth
McCarthy red hunt begins
- 1950-53 Korean War
- 1951 Truman fires MacArthur
Rosenbergs convicted of treason
- 1952 U.S. explodes first hydrogen bomb
Eisenhower defeats Stevenson for presidency
Hemingway publishes *The Old Man and the Sea*
- 1953 CIA engineered coup installs shah of Iran
- 1954 French defeated in Vietnam
Army-McCarthy hearings
Brown v. Board of Education
SEATO formed
First McDonald's hamburger stand opens
CIA sponsored coup in Guatemala
- 1955 Montgomery Bus Boycott begins; emergence of Martin Luther King, Jr.
Geneva Summit Meeting
Warsaw Pact signed
AF of L merges with CIO
Tennessee Williams's *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* first performed
- 1956 Soviets crush Hungarians revolt

- Suez crisis
- Eisenhower defeats Stevenson for presidency
- 1957 Postwar peak of U.S. birthrate
- Little Rock school desegregation crisis
- Civil Rights Act passed
- Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) formed
- Eisenhower Doctrine
- Soviet Union launches *Sputnik* satellites
- 1958 U.S. troops sent to Lebanon
- NDEA authorizes loans/grants for science and language education
- 1958-59 Berlin crisis
- 1959 Castro leads Cuban revolution
- Landrum-Griffin Act
- Alaska and Hawaii attain statehood
- 1960 Sit-in movement for civil rights begins
- U-2 incident sabotages Paris summit
- OPEC formed
- Kennedy defeats Nixon for presidency