Continuity and Change Timeline

To this point, much of your study of American history has probably been chronological. Many AP questions require you to make generalizations, note trends, and trace continuity and change over time. For this reason, creating timelines is a useful review strategy that will also help to study for your multiple-choice exam.

The key is not merely identifying events to match dates, but recognizing and articulating events’ significance and their relationship to themes and to what came before and what followed.

You and a partner will create a timeline for EACH of the time periods below, you will identify key events and their significance for the dates on the timeline. Then you will state at least one generalization or trend overtime. Finally, you will state connections between events on one timeline and the others. This is important to help you start drawing connections between areas of American life. Here, the more, the better applies.

American Revolution:

1763 1773 1778

1765 1775 1781

1767 1776 1783

1770 1777

Confederation to Constitution:

1781 1787 1790

1783 1789 1791

1786

National Period:

1793 1807 1820

1797 1812 1823

1803 1814 1828

1832