

APUSH TERMS 1331-1365

1331. EU (European Union)

Political union of 27 European nations; The EU has one economic system and represents 30% of the world's gross production

1332. Ethnic Cleansing – Bosnian War

Serbian Forces committed genocide against Bosnians and Croats during the Bosnian War; it is estimated that 100,000 were killed and 1.8 million were displaced from their home trying to escape.

1333. Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act

Law that required all institutions that receive federal funding to return all sacred funerary or cultural patrimony objects back to the respective people that they came from.

1334. ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act)

Wide ranging civil rights law that prohibits discrimination against people with disabilities.

1335. AmeriCorps

US federal program created by Bill Clinton to send young Americans back to the inner cities to improve education, public safety, health and the environment. IT is similar to President Kennedy's Peace Corps., except Clinton's was domestic based and Kennedy's was foreign based.

1336. Racial Profiling

Using racial or ethnic characteristics to determine if a person is likely to commit a particular type of crime or behave in a predictable manner; potential abuse by police departments became a key issue during the 1990s.

1337. Rodney King

Black person who was victim of police (LAPD) brutality in March, 1991; King was driving under the influence (violating his parole) and went on a 100 mph car chase after being cornered two of the passengers were arrested without incident, but King resisted and was shot with a Taser gun; King continued to resist and was beaten for 1 ½ minutes by four police officers; "*Can't we all just get along?*" is the famous statement made by Rodney King as he pleaded for the rioting to stop.

1338. 1992 LA Riots

Four white LAPD police officers were acquitted of using excessive force which triggered mass rioting in Los Angeles; 53 people were killed, 2,383 people were injured, 7,000 fires started and 3,100 businesses were looted or damaged; all totaling \$1 billion in financial loss to the inner cities of Los Angeles.

1339. H. Ross Perot

American business man that is best known for running for president in 1992 and 1996. He ran as an independent focusing mainly on a balanced budget and ending the deficit spending; he pulled enough votes from the Republicans to help hand the election to Clinton.

1340. The Real World

One of the first reality based TV shows; longest running MTV show (1992-2014).

1341. Greenhouse Effect

The heating of the surface of the planet or moon by the presence of gasses in the atmosphere that absorb and emit infrared radiation; this effect makes life possible on earth; without this effect earth's temperature would be around -18 degrees Celsius.

1342. GATT (General Agreement on Tariff and Trade)

The GATT agreement was created after World War II to help reduce tariffs on trade; GATT began in 1947 and ended in 1994 when the WTO (World Trade Organization) replaced it.

1343. Brady Bill

The act was named for James Brady who was shot by John Hinckley Jr. when Hinckley tried to assassinate President Ronald Reagan. The law stated that a person had to wait five days before purchasing a hand gun while a background check was completed.

1344. Waco, Texas; Branch Dravidians

In February, 1993 the ATF (Alcohol, Arms and Tobacco) tried to execute a search warrant; during the ensuing gun fight four officers and six Branch Dravidians were killed; the ATF held the compound under siege for 51 days; in an attempt to break the siege the compound caught on fire killing 76 people including 20 children and 2 pregnant women.

1345. David Koresh

Leader of the Branch Dravidians in Waco, Texas.

1346. NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement)

Tri-lateral trade agreement signed in 1994 between Canada, Mexico and the United States to increase their buying power and reduce tariffs amongst the three nations; impact to the US is that many American corporations out sourced their factories just across the border in Mexico where they had cheaper labor, but had their corporate offices just across the border in the US.

1347. "Don't ask, don't tell"

Compromise solution to the ban of gays openly serving in the military after President Clinton backed away from his 1992 campaign promise to lift the ban; military personnel were prohibited from asking if a soldier was gay, which were grounds for a dishonorable discharge.

1348. Unabomber; Ted Kaczynski

UNiversity and Airline BOMBER; Between 1978 and 1995 an anonymous person sent 16 bomb packages killing 3 people and injuring 23 others; in 1995 the *Washington Post* published his manifesto where he outlined his views that technology and large scale society was hurting the

environment and human freedom. In 1995 the FBI arrested Ted Kaczynski after his brother recognized his writing and beliefs from the manifesto

1349. Dayton Accords

General peace agreement to end the fighting in Bosnia and Herzegovina signed in Dayton, Ohio in 1995.

1350. Kyoto Protocols

A 1997 United Nations agreement to reduce four main greenhouse gases that appear to be interfering with the climate; the US signed the protocol agreeing to it by principle, but has yet to ratify it because it only deals with industrialized nations and does not address developing nations' emission of greenhouse gases.

1351. California Prop 209

A 1996 California law that prohibits any state university to use race, sex, or ethnicity for admission, effectively ending affirmative action; i.e. admission to universities would be based on merit, not race.

1352. WTO (World Trade Organization)

The WTO was formally organized in 1996 replacing GATT; the role of the WTO is to regulate trade and negotiate disputes between member nations; the WTO had 153 members and represents 95% of the world trade.

1353. Whitewater Scandal

Scandal during the Clinton Presidency that involved Bill Clinton, Hillary Clinton, Jim McDougal, Susan McDougal and the Whitewater Development Corporation; the accusation was that while Bill Clinton was governor he pressured David Hale to provide \$300,000 loan to Susan McDougal for real estate speculation (buy cheap land and sell later at a higher price when developers were interested). The Clintons lost money on the deal and allegations plagued them for nearly 4 years; In all 14 people were convicted, but not the Clintons.

1354. Kenneth Starr

Special independent investigator during the Whitewater scandal; he replaced Robert B. Fiske who had been appointed by Attorney General Janet Reno, whose boss was President Clinton; this created a conflict of interest as Fiske was investigating his boss' boss; his release of the Starr Report led to further investigations into the Monica Lewinsky Scandal.

1355. Monica Lewinsky Scandal

Political sex scandal between President Clinton and White House intern Monica Lewinsky. President Clinton testified under oath that he did not have sexual relations with Monica Lewinsky; it was later proved that he lied under oath (perjury) and Congress impeached him, but did not remove him from office. The nation was divided over whether it was ok to lie, if personal issues affected public life and was oral sex really sex.

1356. Monica Lewinsky

White House intern that gave President Clinton a blow job in the Oval Office.

1357. Linda Tripp

Friend of Monica Lewinsky that secretly taped conversations with Monica Lewinsky describing the affair with President Clinton; crucified in the media for being such a bad friend for recording private conversations for personal gain and to assist in the Starr investigations

1358. Paula Jones

Former Arkansas state employee that sued President Clinton for sexual harassment; the lawsuit was dismissed before it went to trial for lack of evidence; the Clintons still paid \$800,000 to settle out of court; later President Clinton confirmed that he had an affair with Paula Jones.

1359. Newt Gingrich

Speaker of the House from 1995 to 1999; he created the “Contract with America” and later refused to compromise to finish a budget before the government had to shut down twice for five days and later for almost 3 weeks.

1360. Haiti; Operation Uphold Democracy

Peace-keeping mission to Haiti that led to overthrowing a coup and the reinstating of Haitian President Jean-Bertrand.

1361. Tobacco Wars

States began attacking the tobacco industry when their Medicaid healthcare costs began to soar from smoking related illnesses. Forty-six states sued the the four major tobacco companies and won. The companies agreed to pay for all future smoking related illnesses, curtailed their advertising practices and were exempt from all future lawsuits; some of the medical costs fund campaign such as “The Truth.”

1362. Dot Com Bubble

Speculative bubble from 1998 to 2000 fueled by internet based companies and companies in the related fields in which western stock markets saw their equity value rise sharply. The goal of these companies was to get big fast (capture the market share) and then sell the company publically to make millions for the founders in IPOs (initial public offering) because the shares were sold at inflated prices. Unfortunately the companies were in such high demand after the get big fast phase they usually could not sustain any future growth after the IPOs. Amazon, EBay and Google did succeed. Ever hear of XO Communications, Global Crossings or JDS Uniphase? Millions were lost when these companies went bankrupt.

1363. WWW (World Wide Web)

Hypertext documents linked via the internet (the world wide web is different from the internet); invented in 1989 by Tim Berners-Lee as a way of linking stored data at one site and then accessing it remotely from another site; in August, 1991 it became a service available to the public however it did not become popular until 1993 when graphics were added.

1364. Madeleine Albright

First woman to be appointed Secretary of State; she was appointed by Bill Clinton in 1996

1365. OJ Simpson Verdict

O.J. Simpson was acquitted of the murder of his ex-wife and her friend; famous point in the trial was when OJ Simpson was asked to put on the blood soaked glove and it did not fit – *“if the glove does not fit, you must acquit!”*