

Turning Points in History

Listed below are major turning points in American history. In each case, identify the implied event, comment on its significance, and then list at least three contemporaneous movements, trends, or activities in literature, science, art, or economics. This brainstorming activity will help you to develop the skills to put your free-response essays in historical context. For purposes of this activity, define "contemporaneous" as any event within a five-year period of the event.

Turning Points:

1763

Event:

Significance:

Related events:

a.

b.

c.

1776

Event:

Significance:

Related events:

a.

b.

c.

1789

Event:

Significance:

Related events:

a.

b.

c.

1800

Event:

Significance:

Related events:

a.

b.

c.

1803

Event:

Significance:

Related events:

a.

b.

c.

1814

Event:

Significance:

Related events:

a.

b.

c.

1848

Event:

Significance:

Related events:

a.

b.

c.

1861

Event:

Significance:

Related events:

a.

b.

c.