In the 1900s, the United States fought in five wars.

World War I was from 1914 to 1918.

Many countries fought in this war.

The United States entered the war in 1917.

Woodrow Wilson was President during World War I.

The Veterans Day holiday started after this war.

Today, we remember all U.S. military veterans on Veterans Day.
Franklin D. Roosevelt

In the 1930s, the United States had serious economic problems.

Banks closed and people lost their jobs and money.

This period was called the Great Depression.

Franklin D. Roosevelt became President in 1933.

He promised a better life for Americans.

He wanted to help the economy.

He started job programs and the Social Security program.

A migrant agricultural worker’s family during the Great Depression, photograph by Dorothea Lange.
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President Franklin D. Roosevelt.
World War II was from 1939 to 1945.

Roosevelt was President at the beginning of the war.

The United States entered the war after Japan bombed Pearl Harbor.

The United States fought Japan, Germany, and Italy.

Dwight D. Eisenhower was a famous general in World War II.

After the war, Eisenhower became President.
America Fights Communism

After World War II, communism was a main concern for the United States.

There was conflict between the United States and the Soviet Union.

The two countries had different economies and systems of government.

Both countries built stronger and bigger militaries.

This period was called the Cold War. The Cold War ended in 1991.

The United States was also concerned about communism in Korea and Vietnam.

From 1950 to 1953, the United States fought in the Korean War.

After the war, Korea divided into two countries.

From 1959 to 1973, the United States fought in the Vietnam War.

The Vietnam War ended in 1975.

Germans from East and West stand on the Berlin Wall in front of the Brandenburg Gate in this November 10, 1989 photo, one day after the wall opened. The Berlin Wall was a symbol of the tyranny that restrained freedom throughout the Communist bloc of Eastern Europe during the Cold War. AP Images/STF.
Recent Military Conflicts

In the 1990s, there was a conflict in the Middle East.

There were problems between Iraq and Kuwait.

In 1991, the United States fought against Iraq in the Gulf War.

On September 11, 2001, terrorists attacked the United States.

There were attacks in New York City, Pennsylvania, and Arlington, Virginia.

Almost three thousand people died that day.

After that, the United States started a war against terrorism.
Review—U.S. History Since 1900

Read the sentence.
Write the correct words in the blank.

Word Bank

Roosevelt  Communism  Wilson
Eisenhower  Great Depression  World War II

1. _________________ was the main concern for the United States during the Cold War.

2. _________________ was a famous U.S. general during World War II.

3. _________________ was President during World War I.

4. The United States had serious economic problems during the _________________.

5. _________________ was President during the Great Depression and World War II.

6. _________________ was one war fought by the United States in the 1900s.
Timeline of U.S. History Since 1900

Write the correct events on the timeline.

Gulf War
World War I

terrorist attack
Vietnam War

Korean War
World War II

1900
1914–1918
1939–1945
1950–1953
1959–1975
1991
September 11, 2001
**Veterans Day**

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Veterans Day is on November 11th.

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