

U. S. History Presentation Topics Spring 2025

1. The attack on Pearl Harbor and the U.S. response to it (1941).
2. The Battle of Midway; outcome and significance (1942).
3. Operation Fortitude South (the fictitious Allied army created to distract the Germans from the invasion of Normandy on D-Day) (1944).
4. The Battle of Leyte Gulf; outcome and significance (1944).
5. The Battle of Iwo Jima and the significance (1945).
6. The Manhattan Project (the development of the atomic bomb) (1945).
7. Sinking of the *USS Indianapolis*, cause and significance (1945).
8. The Bay of Pigs, what led to it and how it ended (1961).
9. The assassination of John F. Kennedy (1961).
10. The Cuban Missile Crisis, what led to it and how it ended (1962).
11. Neil Armstrong walks on the moon! (July 20, 1969) What motivated the American space program?
12. The U. S. exit from Vietnam (1973).
13. Read *My Grandfather's Son* and present Clarence Thomas's life, from his early years all the way to his nomination to the Supreme Court of the United States. How do the events of his life embody the American Dream?
14. Sept. 11, 2001, attack on the U.S.
15. The U.S. response to the 9/11 terrorist attacks.
16. The U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan (2021).
17. Present the history of jazz music including some examples.
18. John Muir was a naturalist who traversed the country and wrote about nature. Do some research and present to the class biographical data as well as some quotations from his work.