



Timeline



Interesting Quote

Interesting Fact

Vocabulary Builder



Comprehension and Multiple Choice

(This section's questions correspond to the Guess or Mess episode. Play along!)

Circle the best answer or write the response on the line for each of the following questions.

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 - a. Animals
 - b. States
 - c. Kings

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 - a. Political machines
 - b. Debates
 - c. Birthday parties

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 - a. Whig Party
 - b. Tea Party
 - c. Democratic Party

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 - a. Spoils system
 - b. Buddy system
 - c. Party system

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 - b. Great Depression
 - c. Panic of 1837

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 - a. Federal Reserve
 - b. Department of Commerce
 - c. Independent Treasury

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