

# Uintah Basin Teaching American History (UB-TAH) Project

Ute Tribe Education Department, Duchesne County School District, Uintah County School District

## 'Interest in American History' High School Student (Grades 9-12) Survey

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_, Grade: \_\_\_\_\_, Today's Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

American History is the "story" of America. It is a study of the events and people that helped define and shape our nation. It spans the time from when the first people settled here to the present day. We study American history so that we can gain a better understanding of who we are as a nation and who we are as individuals. It is hoped that by understanding our history, we will be better prepared to meet our future challenges and be active, informed citizens.

### Background Information:

1. Are you (check one):

- Male
- Female

2. Which best describes your ethnicity (check one):

- American Indian / Alaskan Native
- Asian
- Black / African American
- Hispanic / Latino
- Pacific Islander / Hawaiian Native
- White / Caucasian
- Other

3. Thinking of all the things you know about American History, where has most of this information come from? (Select up to 3.)

- School
- Fictional (*not* based on true stories)  
Television Shows & Movies
- Non-Fictional (based on true stories)  
Television Programs, News Programs,  
& Documentaries
- Non-Fictional Magazines & Books
- Fictional Magazines & Books
- Friends & Family
- Trips & Vacations
- Computer Games, Websites, etc.
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

4. What areas of American History interest you (check all that apply):

- Military / War
- Political / Diplomatic / Government
- Science / Technology
- (Family life, Education, Health, Jobs,  
What people did for fun, etc.)
- Women's Studies
- Ethnic and Cultural Studies
- Art, Music, Literature, Theater, etc.
- Economic / Business
- Religion and Philosophy
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- No areas interest me

5. Select your favorite type of activity (check all that apply or check one):

- Art and/or Literature
- Team Sports such as Baseball,  
Basketball, Football, Soccer
- Individual Sports such as Running,  
Golf, Tennis, Swimming
- Outdoor Recreation such as Hiking,  
Camping, Skiing, Climbing
- Theater and/or Music
- Science
- Computers and Technology
- Television and 'Gaming'
- Student Government
- Gardening and/or Agriculture
- Home Economics, Cooking, Babysitting,  
etc.

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<u>Interest in <i>knowing</i> History</u>	Not At All	Not Very	Somewhat	Very
6. How much do you like taking history classes?				
7. How knowledgeable are you about American history?				
8. How knowledgeable are you about your state history?				
9. How knowledgeable are you about your local (city, county) history?				
10. How knowledgeable are you about your family history?				
11. How interested are you in learning more about American history?				
12. Do you already know more about American history than you need to know?				

<u>Interest in <i>understanding</i> History</u>	Not At All	Not Very	Somewhat	Very
13. How good are you at memorizing and repeating historical facts?				
14. When you learn historical facts or about things that happened in the past, do you understand <i>why</i> you are being taught this information?				
15. When you learn about our past, do you try to think about how the people "back then" thought about it and experienced it?				

<u>Interest in <i>applying</i> History</u>	Not At All	Not Very	Somewhat	Very
16. Are you good at understanding current events, or things that are happening now, in terms of an historical context?				
17. How applicable to future decisions is an understanding of how people made decisions in the past?				
18. Would you like your teachers to teach other things, such as science or math within an historical context?				

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<u>Interest in participating in History</u>	Not At All	Not Very	Somewhat	Very
19. How interested are you in learning how to do history research, such as reading archives and/or doing genealogy/family history?				
20. Do you keep a personal journal or scrapbook?				
21. How much do you enjoy talking about or debating about things in history?				
22. How interested are you in participating in or visiting historical re-enactments (where people dress up like characters from history and act out events from history)?				
23. How interested are you in visiting local historical places, such as your city's heritage museum, local historical buildings or monuments, etc..				
24. How interested are you in visiting State historical places, such as Trails End (Kindrick Home), the American Heritage Center (UW), Cheyenne Complex (State Libraries, Museum, Archives), a cemetery, Independence Rock, Martin's Cove/Mormon Handcart Center, South Pass City, Wyoming Indian school systems, Buffalo Bill Historic Center or Heart Mountain and other State Parks with a historical theme?				
25. How interested are you in visiting National historical places like Yellowstone National Park and other National Parks and National Monuments that are about history?				

<u>Interest in being entertained by History</u>	Not At All	Not Very	Somewhat	Very
26. Do you like to watch <i>television shows</i> that are primarily about history, such as those offered on the History Channel or The Learning Channel?				
27. Do you like to watch "period piece" <i>movies</i> that are about events, time periods, or people in history?				
28. Do you like to read <i>non-fiction</i> books about <i>true</i> events and people in American History?				
29. Do you like to read historical fiction where a story is told by placing fictional/made-up characters into real history?				
30. Do you like to play computer games that have a realistic historical context?				