

List of best Apush Project Ideas For Students:

## **Colonial America Projects**

1. Build a small village model to show how early settlers lived together.
2. Draw the foods Native Americans taught colonists to grow.
3. Make a poster about the Mayflower's trip across the ocean.
4. Create a book showing what kids did for fun in colonial times.
5. Use popsicle sticks to build a model of a colonial house.
6. Write a letter as if you just arrived in Jamestown.
7. Make paper dolls wearing Pilgrim clothes.
8. Color a map of the first thirteen colonies.
9. Act out a meeting between Native Americans and settlers.
10. Design a colonial newspaper with pictures and short stories.
11. Create a trading game to show what colonists sold to England.
12. Draw a timeline of important events in colonial America.
13. Sketch the tools colonial farmers used every day.
14. Make a poster about diseases that hurt early towns.
15. Build a model showing how colonists made their clothes.
16. Write diary entries of a child in Plymouth Colony.
17. Create a diorama of a colonial classroom.
18. Make toys using only materials they had back then.
19. Draw a picture book about animals brought from Europe.
20. Make a poster showing jobs people had in colonial towns.
21. Show spices used in colonial cooking on a display.
22. Draw maps where different Native American tribes lived.

23. Make a booklet comparing colonial houses to today's homes.
24. Create a poster showing punishments for breaking rules.
25. Design a game about colonial trade with England.

## **American Revolution Projects**

26. Make a poster explaining why colonists wanted freedom.
27. Create finger puppets of famous Revolutionary War heroes.
28. Draw the Boston Tea Party scene.
29. Write a mini Declaration of Independence by hand.
30. Build a diorama of the Battle of Bunker Hill.
31. Make paper tricorne hats like Revolutionary soldiers wore.
32. Draw a comic strip of Paul Revere's ride.
33. Sketch weapons and tools used during the war.
34. Compare British soldiers and American fighters in a poster.
35. Build a model showing how they made bullets.
36. Create a flag for revolutionaries.
37. Write secret messages using codes they might have used.
38. Make a booklet about women who helped in the war.
39. Show taxes that angered colonists on a poster.
40. Model Washington's crossing of the Delaware River.
41. Write a newspaper story announcing victory.
42. Draw how spies shared information.
43. Make playing cards of Revolutionary War heroes.
44. Create a mini book about France helping the colonies.

45. Sketch drums and fifes used in battles.
46. Explain “no taxation without representation” on a poster.
47. Draw a timeline of major Revolutionary battles.
48. Design uniforms for American and British soldiers.
49. Draw a map of key battle sites.
50. Make a mobile with freedom symbols.

## **Constitution and New Government Projects**

51. Make a poster of the three government branches.
52. Create a picture book on the Bill of Rights.
53. Act out how a bill becomes a law.
54. Build a White House model from cardboard.
55. Draw the first seven U.S. presidents.
56. Show what the first Congress looked like on a poster.
57. Build a small voting booth to show early elections.
58. Write a newspaper announcing Washington as president.
59. Draw the rights in the First Amendment.
60. Make a comic strip about writing the Constitution.
61. Create a word search with Constitution words.
62. Compare state and federal powers in a poster.
63. Build Independence Hall where the Constitution was signed.
64. Draw checks and balances in government.
65. Write a rap about the Preamble.
66. Make trading cards of delegates at the Constitutional Convention.

67. Explain how Supreme Court justices are chosen on a poster.
68. Draw why having a Constitution matters.
69. Create a board game about the Electoral College.
70. Draw a timeline of when states joined early America.
71. Design a new U.S. government seal.
72. Make a mini-quiz about Constitution facts.
73. Compare the Articles of Confederation to the Constitution.
74. Draw how early political parties formed.
75. Write a booklet about what freedom means in America.

## **Westward Expansion Projects**

76. Make a covered wagon from a shoebox and paper.
77. Draw animals pioneers saw heading west.
78. Sketch a map of the Oregon Trail with dangers marked.
79. Build a diorama of a log cabin on the frontier.
80. Write a journal as if you're on the Oregon Trail.
81. List supplies needed for the journey west.
82. Draw tools pioneers used to build homes.
83. Show how Native Americans were moved west on a poster.
84. Model how gold mining worked in California.
85. Write a newspaper announcing the Gold Rush.
86. Draw different ways people traveled west.
87. Make a chart comparing eastern and western life.
88. Create a poster showing how railroads helped pioneers.

89. Draw a timeline of territories becoming states.
90. Design a board game about dangerous trail parts.
91. Draw how the Pony Express delivered mail.
92. Show the Louisiana Purchase on a poster.
93. Make a mini-book about Lewis and Clark's journey.
94. Map how America grew from 1800 to 1900.
95. Draw different western settlers and their cultures.
96. Model how canal locks worked.
97. Explain Manifest Destiny with simple pictures.
98. Write a diary of a child in a wagon train.
99. Draw conflicts between settlers and Native Americans.
100. Make trading cards of famous western guides.

## **Civil War Projects**

101. Compare North and South differences on a poster.
102. Create paper dolls in Union and Confederate uniforms.
103. Build a Civil War battlefield model.
104. Draw why slavery caused the war.
105. Sketch a timeline of major Civil War battles.
106. Write a newspaper announcing Lincoln as president.
107. Make a poster about the Emancipation Proclamation.
108. Draw weapons used in the war.
109. Create a diorama of a Southern plantation.
110. Write a mini-book about women's roles in the war.

111. Show how soldiers lived in army camps on a poster.
112. Draw flags from both sides.
113. Model how ironclad ships were built.
114. Make a comic strip of Harriet Tubman's story.
115. Create a poster about the Underground Railroad.
116. Draw how families were divided by war.
117. Write a newspaper announcing the war's end.
118. Model Lincoln giving the Gettysburg Address.
119. Make a booklet on Civil War medical care.
120. Draw how the war changed American cities.
121. Show famous generals from both sides on a poster.
122. Create a chart of Civil War costs and casualties.
123. Write a letter from a soldier to home.
124. Draw what happened after Lincoln was killed.
125. Design a board game about key Civil War battles.

## **Reconstruction and Western Frontier Projects**

126. Show how former slaves' lives changed on a poster.
127. Write a newspaper about the first Black Congress members.
128. Build a model of a sharecropping farm.
129. Draw cowboys on cattle drives.
130. Sketch a timeline of Reconstruction after the Civil War.
131. Create a picture book about Buffalo Soldiers.
132. Show how Native Americans were forced onto reservations.

133. Draw how railroads connected the country.
134. Model a frontier town with key buildings.
135. Write a mini-book about Jim Crow laws.
136. Show voting rights changes after the war on a poster.
137. Draw life in western boomtowns.
138. Model how a cattle ranch worked.
139. Make trading cards of western figures like Buffalo Bill.
140. Show how the telegraph changed communication.
141. Compare Native and settler homes in pictures.
142. Create a comic strip about building the Transcontinental Railroad.
143. Write a newspaper announcing the end of Reconstruction in 1877.
144. Draw how farming changed with new machines.
145. Show the Homestead Act on a poster.
146. Model how people mined for gold.
147. Make a booklet on different Native American cultures.
148. Draw how freed slaves built new communities.
149. Map Indian reservations in the West.
150. Sketch a timeline of conflicts with Native Americans.

## **Industrial Revolution Projects**

151. Show how factories changed cities on a poster.
152. Build an assembly line model making products.
153. Draw rural and city life differences.
154. Create a diorama of children in dangerous factories.

155. Write a newspaper about immigrants coming for work.
156. Sketch a timeline of big inventions.
157. Draw new transport like subways and streetcars.
158. Make a poster about workers fighting for better conditions.
159. Build a model of a tenement building.
160. Create a booklet on how electricity changed life.
161. Draw how steel made skyscrapers.
162. Show labor unions helping workers on a poster.
163. Make a comic strip about child labor in factories.
164. Model how coal mining worked.
165. Draw famous inventors and their inventions.
166. Compare farm tools before and after machines.
167. Write a newspaper about major worker strikes.
168. Draw how cities grew during this time.
169. Sketch a timeline of when big industries started.
170. Model oil drilling and refining.
171. Show leaders like Rockefeller on a poster.
172. Draw how pollution affected cities.
173. Make a booklet on how immigration changed America.
174. Design a board game about climbing the economic ladder.
175. Create trading cards of important inventions.

### **World Wars and Great Depression Projects**

176. Show why America joined World War I on a poster.



177. Model trench warfare with clay soldiers.
178. Draw how women's roles changed in wars.
179. Write a newspaper about the Stock Market Crash.
180. Create a diorama of a Dust Bowl farm.
181. Sketch a timeline of Great Depression events.
182. Draw New Deal programs helping people.
183. Make a poster about rationing in World War II.
184. Build a Victory Garden model.
185. Create a comic strip of the Pearl Harbor attack.
186. Draw how factories switched to war products.
187. Write a newspaper about D-Day.
188. Make a booklet on internment camps.
189. Show women in factories on a poster.
190. Draw transport used in World War II.
191. Model a "Hooverville" homeless camp.
192. Create trading cards of World War II battles.
193. Draw how families lived during the Depression.
194. Explain the New Deal on a poster.
195. Sketch a timeline of World War II events.
196. Write a newspaper about the war ending.
197. Draw how technology changed in wars.
198. Model how tanks were built on an assembly line.
199. Create a picture book about children in the Depression.
200. Show jobs created by the WPA on a poster.

## **Civil Rights and Modern America Projects**

201. Make a poster explaining why segregation was wrong.
202. Sketch a timeline of Civil Rights Movement events.
203. Draw peaceful sit-ins at restaurants.
204. Write a newspaper about Martin Luther King Jr.'s speech.
205. Build a diorama of the March on Washington.
206. Create a booklet on important women in Civil Rights.
207. Draw how school integration changed classes.
208. Show Brown v. Board of Education on a poster.
209. Model how TV changed American homes.
210. Create a comic strip of Rosa Parks refusing to move.
211. Draw how technology changed from 1950 to today.
212. Make a poster of different Civil Rights leaders.
213. Sketch a timeline of space race achievements.
214. Write a newspaper about 1960s America events.
215. Draw how music showed social changes.
216. Model first computers compared to today.
217. Create a booklet on the Cold War's impact.
218. Draw the environmental movement and Earth Day.
219. Make a poster about the Vietnam War and protests.
220. Create trading cards of presidents from Kennedy to today.
221. Sketch how communication tech changed over time.
222. Draw September 11 and its effects on America.
223. Make a poster of key Supreme Court decisions.

- 224. Write a newspaper about the first African American president.
- 225. Create a booklet on issues America faces today.

### **Cultural and Social History Projects**

- 226. Show how music changed in America on a poster.
- 227. Sketch a timeline of popular toys through eras.
- 228. Draw how clothing styles changed over time.
- 229. Build a diorama of family dinners from different periods.
- 230. Write a newspaper about big sports events in history.
- 231. Make a booklet on how education changed.
- 232. Draw transport from horses to space travel.
- 233. Create a poster about foods from different cultures.
- 234. Model how homes changed over time.
- 235. Create a comic strip about family life changes.
- 236. Draw how cities grew and changed.
- 237. Make a poster of important American artists.
- 238. Sketch a timeline of medical advances.
- 239. Write a newspaper about early tech like telephones.
- 240. Draw how entertainment changed through history.
- 241. Model rural and urban life differences.
- 242. Make a booklet on immigrant groups' contributions.
- 243. Draw religious diversity in American history.
- 244. Show communication from letters to internet on a poster.
- 245. Create trading cards of cultural heroes.

246. Sketch a timeline of women's changing roles.
247. Draw how advertising changed people's habits.
248. Model classroom changes from the 1800s to today.
249. Write a newspaper about important U.S. scientific discoveries.
250. Make a booklet on how childhood has changed over time.