

US History Timeline of Significant Events

1492 - 2005

- 1492 - Columbus discovers America
- 1513 - Ponce De Leon discovered Florida
- 1518-30 - Small pox pandemic decimates Indian population of Central and South America
- 1521 - Tenochtitlan surrenders to Cortes, Aztec empire falls to Spaniards.
- 1533 - English reformation begins.
- 1539-42 - DeSoto explores U.S.
- 1558 - Elizabeth I becomes Queen of England
- 1587-90 - Sir Walter Raleigh's Roanoke colony fails
- 1603 - James I becomes king
- 1607 - Jamestown was founded
- 1611 - First Virginia tobacco crop
- 1619 - First blacks arrive in Virginia
- 1620 - Plymouth Colony founded
- 1622 - Powhatan Confederacy attacks Virginia Colony
- 1624 - Dutch settle on Manhattan Island
- 1625 - Charles I becomes king
- 1630 - Massachusetts Bay Colony founded
- 1634 - Maryland founded
- 1635 - Roger Williams exiled from Massachusetts Bay Colony Founds Providence, Rhode Island
- 1636 - Connecticut founded
- 1637 - Pequot War
- Anne Hutchinson expelled from Massachusetts Bay Colony
- 1646 - Treaty ends hostilities between Virginia and Powhatan Confederacy
- 1642-46 - English Civil War
- 1649 - Charles I executed
- 1650 - Population of New England begins to grow from natural increase
- 1660 - English restoration
- Charles II becomes king
- 1662 - Halfway Covenant established in New England
- 1663 - Carolina colony chartered
- Second Navigation Act passed
- 1664 - English capture New Netherlands
- New Jersey chartered
- 1670's - Flow of indentured servants declines
- Slave trades begin importing slaves direct from Africa to North America
- 1673 - Third Navigation Act passed
- 1675-76 - King Philip's War in New England
- 1676 - Bacon's Rebellion in Virginia
- 1681 - William Penn receives charter for Pennsylvania
- 1685 - James II becomes king
- Edict of Nantes revoked in France
- Huguenots begin migrating to North America
- 1686 - Dominion of New England established
- 1688 - Glorious Revolution in England: William and Mary ascend to the throne
- 1689 - Glorious Rebellion in England: Rebellion breaks out against Andros in New England, Leisler leads rebellion in New York
- 1690-99 - Rice production becomes central to South Carolina's economy
- 1691 - Official toleration of Catholics ends in Maryland
- 1692 - Witchcraft trials begin in Salem
- 1693 - William and Mary College founded in Virginia
- 1697 - Royal African Company monopoly of slave trade broken, slave importations begin to increase
- 1700 - Slavery in Pennsylvania legally recognized
- 1701 - Yale established

- 1702 - King of England claims New England as a colony
- 1702-13 - Queen Anne's War also known as the War of Spanish Succession
- 1706 - Benjamin Franklin Born
- 1711-13 - Tuscarora War in North Carolina
- 1713 - Pontiac's War ends
- 1715 - Yamasee War in South Carolina
- 1718 - William Penn dies
 - San Antonio founded
- 1720 - Boston becomes the largest and most thriving town in the colonies
- 1721 - Epidemic of Small Pox in Boston
- 1722 - Samuel Adams born
- 1725 - Slave population in the colonies reaches 75,000
 - Feb. 20 The first known instance of scalping by Europeans
 - The Union Oyster House was built
 - The U.S. Reformed Church was founded by John Philip Boehm
 - Queen Anne style furniture became fashionable
- 1726 - A riot breaks out in Philadelphia by city's poorer residence.
- 1728 - Importation of rum
- 1729 - Pennsylvania founded.
 - Carolina Grant was purchased.
- 1730-42 - Height of Great Awakening
- 1739 - 3 slave uprisings (So. Carolina)
- 1740-48 - King George's War
- 1745 - Saratoga attacked and burned by French and Indian forces.
- 1752 - Georgia became a royal colony.
- 1754 - Albany Plan for Union
- 1754-63 - French and Indian War
- 1757 - William Penn takes over the war effort
- 1758 - Fort Duquesne fell and it was renamed Fort Pitt
- 1759-60 - George Washington took part in capturing Fort Duquesne
 - General James Wolfe took a large army up the St. Lawrence from Louisbourg
- 1761 - James Otis, a counsel representing Mass. Merchants criticized in court writs of the King.
 - George III takes over as King
- 1762 - France gives all western lands to Spain.
- 1763 - Treaty of Paris signed ending French and Indian War. France loses Canada.
 - Pontiac's Rebellion
 - King George III issues Proclamation of 1763.
 - George Grenville becomes Prime minister of Great Britain.
- 1764 - Sugar Act
- 1765 - Quartering Act
 - Stamp Act and Stamp Act Congress
- 1766 - Stamp Act repealed
 - Declaratory Act passed
- 1767 - Townshend Acts
 - New York Assembly suspended.
 - Non-importation of British goods.
- 1768 - Massachusetts assembly dissolved.
 - Troops stationed in Boston.
- 1770 - Boston Massacre
 - Townshend Acts repealed.
 - Tea Tax maintained
- 1772 - Samuel Adams set up the first local committees of correspondence in Massachusetts.
- 1773 - Parliament passes Tea Act to try to boost the East India Company's fortune.
 - Boston Tea Party
- 1774 - Coercive Acts, Intolerable Acts, Quebec Act
 - First Continental Congress meets in Philadelphia
- 1775 - Battles of Lexington and Concord

- 1776
 - Second Continental Congress
 - Declaration of Independence
 - Common Sense written by Thomas Paine
 - Battle of Trenton
- 1777
 - Battle of Saratoga I and II, decisive American victories
- 1778
 - American treaties signed
 - Articles of Confederation signed.
- 1780
 - Benedict Arnold is appointed commander of West Point
- 1781
 - Quork Walker won his freedom by stating "All men are born free and equal"
 - Articles of Confederation adopted
 - Battle of Yorktown
- 1783
 - Treaty of Paris
 - Slavery made illegal in Massachusetts
 - First newspaper in the U.S. the *Pennsylvania Evening Post*
 - *Chisholm v. Georgia*
- 1785
 - Slavery made illegal in New York
 - Basic Land Ordinance
- 1786
 - Slavery made illegal in New Jersey
- 1786-87
 - Shay's Rebellion
- 1787
 - Constitutional Convention
 - Northwest Ordinance
- 1788
 - First Congressional election
 - Nine states ratify the Constitution
- 1789
 - GEORGE WASHINGTON ELECTED PRESIDENT
 - Federalist Party formed
 - John Jay first Chief Justice of the Supreme Court
 - Thirteen states join Federal Union
- 1790
 - Alexander Hamilton introduces his financial program
 - Assumption Bill passed
- 1791
 - Bill of Rights ratified
 - Bank of the U.S. chartered
 - Republican and Federalist Parties organized
- 1792
 - Washington re-elected
- 1793
 - Proclamation of Neutrality
 - Fugitive Slave law
 - Eli Whitney's cotton gin
- 1794
 - Whiskey Rebellion
- 1795
 - Jay's Treaty
 - Pinckney's Treaty
- 1796
 - John Adams elected President
 - *Ware v. Hylton*
- 1797
 - JOHN ADAMS INAUGURATED
 - XYZ Affair
- 1798
 - Alien and Sedition Acts
- 1800
 - Thomas Jefferson elected President
- 1801
 - Adams appoints John Marshall as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court
 - Appoints "Midnight Judges"
 - THOMAS JEFFERSON INAUGURATED
- 1803
 - Louisiana Purchase
 - *Marbury v. Madison*
- 1804-07
 - Lewis and Clark Expedition
- 1807
 - Aaron Burr conspiracy trial
 - Fulton invents steamboat
- 1808
 - James Madison elected President
 - Slave trade stopped by Congressional Law
- 1809
 - JAMES MADISON INAUGURATED
- 1810
 - Annexation of West Florida

- 1812 - Madison re-elected President
- *Fletcher v. Peck*
- 1812-15 - War of 1812
- 1814 - Battle of Horseshoe Bend
- Treaty of Ghent
- 1815 - Battle of New Orleans
- Hartford Convention
- 1816 - James Monroe elected President
- Second Bank of U.S. chartered
- *Martin v. Hunters Lessee*
- 1817 - JAMES MONROE INAUGURATED
- American Colonization Society
- Rush-Bagot agreement
- Construction begins on the Erie Canal
- 1818 - Convention of 1818
- 1819 - McCulloch vs. Maryland
- *Dartmouth College v. Woodward*
- *McCulloch v. Maryland*
- 1820 - Missouri Compromise
- James Monroe re-elected President
- 1821 - *Cohens v. Virginia*
- 1822 - Vesey plans slave revolt
- 1823 - Monroe Doctrine
- 1824 - John Quincy Adams elected President
- Monroe proposes Indian removal
- *Gibbons v. Ogden*
- 1825 - JOHN QUINCY ADAMS INAUGURATED
- Erie Canal opens
- 1828 - Andrew Jackson elected President
- Tariff Act
- Calhoun's "South Carolina Exposition and Protest"
- 1829 - ANDREW JACKSON INAUGURATED
- 1830 - Webster Hayne debate
- 1831 - McCormick builds the reaper
- Peggy Eaton affairs
- Nat Turner slave rebellion
- Maysville Road Bill vetoed
- *Cherokee nation v. Georgia*
- 1832 - Tariff Act
- Jackson vetoes U.S. re-charter of Bank of US
- Telegraph invented
- Reaper invented
- 1833 - Oberlin College admits women
- 1834 - Whig party formed
- 1836 - Texas Revolution (independence from Mexico)
- Martin Van Buren elected president
- 1837 - MARTIN VAN BUREN INAUGURATED
- Panic of 1837
- Gag rule in congress
- Specie Circular
- *Charles River Bridge v. Warren Bridge*
- 1838 - Trail of Tears
- 1840 - William Henry Harrison elected president
- Independent Treasury Act
- 1841 - WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON INAUGURATED
- HARRISON DIES; JOHN TYLER INAUGURATED
- Squatters rights

- 1842 - Webster Ashburton Treaty
- *Hunt vs. Commonwealth (legality of labor unions)*
- *Prigg v. Pennsylvania*
- 1843 - Oregon Trail opens
- 1844 - Polk elected president
- Oregon dispute
- 1845 - JAMES K. POLK INAUGURATED
- Texas is annexed, Manifest Destiny
- 1846 - Wilmot Proviso, concerning Cuba
- 1846-48 - Mexican War
- 1847 - California becomes a U.S. territory
- 1848 - Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo
- Gold discovered in California
- Zachary Taylor elected president
- Seneca Falls Convention
- 1849 - ZACHARY TAYLOR INAUGURATED
- Gold Rush
- Edgar Allen Poe dies
- 1850 - TAYLOR DIES; MILLARD FILLMORE PRESIDENT
- Compromise of 1850
- Fugitive Slave Bill
- California admitted as a free state
- Slave trade abolished in Washington, DC
- 1852 - Harriet Beecher Stowe writes Uncle Tom's Cabin
- Franklin Pierce elected president
- The end of the Whig Party
- 1853 - FRANKLIN PIERCE INAUGURATED
- Gadsden Purchase
- No-Nothing Party formed
- 1854 - Republican Party formed
- Kansas-Nebraska Act
- Japan reopened by Admiral Perry
- 1855 - Topeka Constitution
- John Brown stirs up racial tension
- 1856 - Preston Brooks attacks Charles Sumner in senate
- Kansas Civil War
- Buchanan elected president
- 1857 - JAMES BUCHANAN INAUGURATED
- Dred Scott decision
- LeCompton Constitution
- 1858 - Lincoln-Douglas debates
- Fremont Doctrine
- 1859 - John Brown raids Harpers Ferry
- George Pullman's first sleeping car
- *Ableman v. Booth*
- 1860 - Abraham Lincoln elected president
- South Carolina secedes
- Jefferson Davis president of the Confederate States
- 1861 - ABRAHAM LINCOLN INAUGURATED
- Fort Sumter attacked
- Morrill Tariff
- First battle of Bull Run
- *Ex Parte Merryman*
- 1862 - Morrill Act
- Pacific Railways Act
- 1863 - Emancipation Proclamation
- Battle of Gettysburg

- Battle of Chancellorsville
- *Prize cases*
- 1864 - Homestead Act
- Sherman's March
- Battle of the Wilderness
- Battle of Spottsylvania Courthouse
- Battle of Cold Harbor
- 1865 - Wade-Davis Bill
- Lee surrenders
- LINCOLN ASSASSINATED; ANDREW JOHNSON INAUGURATED
- 13th amendment passed
- 1866 - Civil Rights Act passed over Johnson veto
- Permanent transatlantic telegraph line opened
- *ex Parte Milligan*
- 1867 - First Reconstruction Act
- *Mississippi v. Johnson*
- 1868 - President Johnson impeached
- 14th Amendment passed
- Ulysses Grant elected president
- 1869 - ULYSSES S. GRANT INAUGURATED
- *Texas v. White*
- 1870 - Ku Klux Klan formed
- *Legal Tender Cases*
- 1871 - Tweed ring in New York
- 1873 - The "Crime of '73"
- *Slaughter House Cases*
- 1875 - Resumption of specie payments
- *Minor v. Happersett*
- 1876 - Hayes-Tilden Election and Compromise
- Rutherford B. Hayes elected president
- 1877 - RUTHERFORD B. HAYES INAUGURATED
- Last federal troops removed from the South
- *Munn v. Ilinoise*
- 1878 - Bland Allison Act
- 1880 - James A. Garfield elected president
- 1881 - JAMES A. GARFIELD INAUGURATED
- JAMES A. GARFIELD ASSASSINATED; CHESTER A. ARTHUR INAUGURATED
- 1883 - Pendleton Civil Service Act
- *Civil Rights cases*
- 1884 - Grover Cleveland elected president
- 1885 - GROVER CLEVELAND INAUGURATED
- 1886 - American Federation of Labor formed
- *Wabash, St. Louis and Pacific Railroad Co. v. Illinois*
- 1887 - Interstate Commerce Act passed
- Dawes Act
- 1888 - Benjamin Harrison elected president
- 1889 - BENJAMIN HARRISON INAUGURATED
- Oklahoma opens for settlement
- 1890 - Frontier "Closes"
- Sherman Antitrust Act
- Sherman Silver Purchase Act
- 1892 - Bering Sea dispute
- Homestead Steel strike
- Populist Party nominates James B. Weaver for presidency
- Grover Cleveland elected president
- 1893 - GROVER CLEVELAND INAUGURATED
- Panic of 1893

- 1894 - Eugene V. Debs leads the Pullman Strike
- Carey Act passed (reclamation)
- 1895 - Venezuela Boundary Dispute
- *U.S. v. E.C. Knight Co.*
- *Pollock v. Farmers' Loan and Trust Co.*
- *In re Debs*
- 1896 - William McKinley elected president
- *Plessy v. Ferguson*
- 1897 - WILLIAM MCKINLEY INAUGURATED
- 1898 - Battleship Maine sunk
- Spanish American War
- 1899 - Open door policy announced
- 1900 - William McKinley re-elected
- 1901 - PRESIDENT MCKINLEY ASSASSINATED; THEODORE ROOSEVELT INAUGURATED
- *Insular cases (thru 1903)*
- 1902 - Newland Act passes (conservation movement)
- 1903 - Panama revolt
- 1904 - Roosevelt Corollary to Monroe Doctrine
- *Northern Securities Case*
- 1905 - Russo Japanese war ended by Treaty of Portsmouth
- *Lochner v. New York*
- 1906 - Pure Food and Drug Law passed
- Hepburn Act
- 1907 - Gentleman's agreement with Japan
- 1908 - William H. Taft elected president
- White House conservation conference
- *Muller v. Oregon*
- *Danbury Hatters Case*
- 1909 - WILLIAM H. TAFT INAUGURATED
- 1911 - U.S. intervention in Nicaragua
- *Standard Oil of N.J. v. US*
- *US v. American Tobacco Co.*
- 1912 - Woodrow Wilson elected president
- 1913 - WOODROW WILSON INAUGURATED
- Underwood Tariff passed, reducing tariff rates
- Federal Reserve Banking Act passed
- 16th Amendment passed (income tax)
- 17th Amendment passed (direct election of the senators)
- 1914 - Federal Trade Commission established
- Clayton Antitrust Act passed
- WWI begins in Europe
- Panama Canal opens
- 1915 - Sinking of Lusitania
- 1916 - Reelection of Woodrow Wilson
- Mexican border campaign by U.S. Army
- Keating-Owen Child Labor Act passed
- National Defense Act
- 1917 - U.S. enters W.W.I.
- Virgin Islands purchased
- Law limiting European immigration passed
- 1918 - Wilson announces 14 points
- W.W.I. ends
- *Hammer v. Daggenghart*
- 1919 - U.S. Senate rejects Treaty of Versailles
- 18th Amendment passed (prohibition)
- Palmer raids
- *Schenck v. US*

- *Abrams v. US*
- 1920
 - Warren Harding elected president
 - 19th Amendment passed(vote for women)
 - Prohibition begins
 - *Main Street* by Sinclair Lewis published
 - *US v. US steel Corp.*
- 1921
 - WARREN G. HARDING INAUGURATED
 - Quota system for immigration introduced
 - Washington Disarmament Congress
- 1922
 - *Bailey v. Drexal Furniture Co.*
- 1923
 - President Harding dies, Calvin Coolidge becomes president
 - Ku Klux Klan exposed
 - *Atkins v. Children's Hospital*
- 1924
 - National Origins Act passed
 - Dawes Plan on German reparations
 - Harding Administration Scandals revealed
- 1925
 - Scopes "Monkey Trials"
 - *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald published
 - *Gitlow v. New York*
- 1927
 - Geneva Disarmament Congress
 - Sacco and Vanzetti Case
 - *The Jazz Singer* - first talking motion picture
- 1928
 - Herbert Hoover elected president
 - *Strange Interlude* by Eugene O'Neill published
- 1929
 - HERBERT HOOVER INAUGURATED
 - Stock Market Crash, start of Great Depression
 - *A Farewell to Arms* by Ernest Hemingway published
- 1931
 - Hoover debt moratorium
- 1932
 - F.D.R. elected president
 - Reconstruction Finance Corporation Established
 - Glass-Steagall Act
- 1933
 - FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT INAUGURATED
 - New Deal begins: first AAA, NIRA, TVA, FERA, HOLC, ROIC, CCC, SEC, FHA
 - 21st Amendment (prohibition ends)
 - Good Neighbor Policy announced
- 1934
 - Philippine Independence Act passed
 - Nye Committee munitions investigations
- 1935
 - "Second New Deal"
 - Social Security Act
 - *Schechter Poultry Co. v. US*
- 1936
 - *US v. Butler*
 - *US v. Curtiss-Wright Export Co.*
- 1937
 - Supreme Court "Packing" Plan
 - *NLRB v. Jones and Laughlin Steel Corp.*
 - *West Coast Hotel v. Parrish*
- 1938
 - Second Agricultural Adjustment Act
- 1939
 - Limited National Emergency declared as WWII begins in Europe
 - Neutrality Act
 - New York World's Fair
- 1941
 - Four Freedoms Speech
 - Lend Lease Act passed
 - Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor
 - U.S. enters into W.W.II
 - Four Freedoms Address
 - *US v. Darby Lumber Co.*
- 1942
 - Bataan and Corregidor captured by Japanese
 - Battle at Midway

- U.S. forces invade N. Africa
- Price control and rationing
- First atom split by Enrico Fermi
- April 9, Bataan death march
- Japanese captured the Philippines
- May 4, Battle of Coral Sea fought in air
- Aug. 22, Battle of Stalingrad ends Nov. 25
- American troops invade North Africa
- Production board created
- 1943
 - Race riots in LA and Detroit between sailors and Hispanics
 - Jan. 14-24, Casablanca Conference
 - Feb. 9, US Marines take control of Guadalcanal
 - March 2-4, US Navy wins Japan in Battle of Bismark
 - May 7, Smith-Connally Act Passed
 - May-Manhattan Project allows for development of atomic bomb
 - Allies launch invasion of Italy
 - Sept. 3, Italian prime minister signs armistice
 - *W. Virginia State Board of Education v. Barnette*
- 1944
 - Battle of Leyte Gulf
 - Allies invade Normandy and liberate France
 - June 6, D-DAY
 - Nov. 7, Roosevelt elected to 4th term
 - Dec. 16-Battle of the Bulge-squeeze that ugly zit!
 - *Korematsu v. US*
 - *Smith v. Allwright*
- 1945
 - Feb. 4-11, Yalta Conference (the three guy picture)
 - US retakes Philippines
 - May 7, V-E DAY!!-Germany surrenders
 - Aug. 15, V-J DAY !!-Japan surrenders
 - Atomic bomb tested in New Mexico
 - Potsdam conference
 - April 12, FDR DIES -"HI have a terrible headache"
 - HARRY S TRUMAN INAUGURATED
 - Oh nol Atomic Bomb in Hiroshima-Aug. 6
 - "Little boy" dropped on Nagasaki!!! KAPOW!!!! Aug. 9
 - Iwo Jima conquered by U.S. Marines
 - UN charter drafted
- 1946
 - Cold War begins
 - Philippine Independence
 - First meeting of general assembly UN
- 1947
 - Truman Doctrine
 - Taft-Hartley Act
 - Marshall Plan
- 1948
 - Berlin blockade and air lift
 - Organization of American States formed
 - Alger Hiss case
- 1949
 - NATO formed
 - Fall of China to Chinese communists
- 1950
 - McCarran Internal Security Act
 - Korean conflict begins
 - *Sweatt v. Painter*
- 1950-53
 - Korean War
- 1951
 - Japanese Peace Treaty
 - West German Peace contract
 - 22nd Amendment ratified
 - *Dennis v. US*
- 1952
 - U.S. explodes first H-Bomb

- Dwight D. Eisenhower elected President
- *Youngstown Sheet and Tube Co. v. Sawyer*
- 1953 - DWIGHT DAVID EISENHOWER INAUGURATED
- Execution of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg
- Department of Health, Education, and Welfare created
- New Look Foreign Policy
- Korean War Armistice
- 1954 - *Brown vs. The Board of Education*
- SEATO formed
- The Atomic Energy Act
- Dien Bien Phu captured by Vietnam
- 1955 - General Summit Conference
- Austrian Peace Treaty
- AFL and CIO merge to form the AFL-CIO
- Montgomery bus boycott
- 1956 - Federal Aid Highway Act
- 1957 - Eisenhower Doctrine
- Sputnik launched by the Soviet Union
- Civil Rights Act
- Little Rock racial riots
- Defense Reorganization Act
- 1959 - St. Lawrence Seaway opened
- 1960 - John F. Kennedy elected president
- U-2 spy plane incident
- Lunch counter sit-ins
- 1961 - JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY INAUGURATED
- Berlin Crises
- Bay of Pigs
- First man in space
- Peace Corps formed
- 23rd Amendment
- Freedom Riders attacked in Alabama
- Vienna: Kennedy-Krushchev talks
- *Mapp v. Ohio*
- 1962 - Cuban Missile Crises
- Trade Expansion Act
- First blacks enroll at the University of Mississippi
- *Engle vs. Vitale*, prayer in public school banned
- *Baker v. Carr*
- 1963 - PRESIDENT KENNEDY ASSASSINATED (NOV 22) LYNDON JOHNSON INAUGURATED
- "I Have a Dream" speech
- South Vietnamese premier assassinated
- U.S. and USSR hot line established
- *Gideon v. Wainwright*,
- *School District of Abington Township v. Schempp*
- 1964 - Kennedy-Johnson Civil Rights Act
- 24th Amendment outlaws poll taxes.
- Civil Rights Act passed.
- Bodies of 3 civil rights workers found: Chaney, Goodman, and Schwerner.
- Two U.S. destroyers attacked in the Tonkin Gulf by North Vietnamese (Vietnam).
- Warren Commission claims that Oswald assassinated JFK alone.
- Economic Opportunity Act
- *Escobedo v. Illinois*
- *Wesberry v. Sanders*
- *Reynolds v. Sims*
- *Heart of Atlanta Motel v. U. S.*
- 1965 - U. S. goes on the offensive in Vietnam.

- Malcolm X was assassinated.
- March to Montgomery
- First space walk by a U.S. astronaut.
- Watts riots in LA.
- Voting rights Act passed.
- Elementary and Secondary Act; Medicare, Water Quality Act, Omnibus Housing Act, Higher Education Act.
- 1966 - Miranda Case'
- Department of Transportation
- 1967 - Lunar orbiter 3 launched from Cape Kennedy, Florida
- Urban riots (Detroit, Newark, Rochester, Milwaukee, Washington).
- 25th Amendment - presidential succession amendment
- March on Pentagon protesting Vietnam by the "doves"
- 1968 - Martin Luther King, Jr. assassinated.
- Robert Kennedy assassinated
- Riots at Democratic Convention in Chicago
- Richard Nixon elected 37th President
- Columbia University students seize the campus
- Non-Proliferation Nuclear Treaty passed by UN
- Anti Vietnam War protests
- USS Pueblo seized by North Korea
- 1969 - RICHARD M. NIXON INAUGURATED
- Neil Armstrong walks on the moon
- My Lai massacre revealed
- Nixon Silent Majority speech
- Woodstock rock concert
- 1970 - U.S. troops invade Cambodia on orders of Nixon
- Independent US Postal Service established
- Students killed at Kent State & Jackson State Universities
- 1971 - 26th Amendment ratified (voting age)
- Amtrak train service initiated
- Pentagon Papers published
- New Economic program - price control
- Devaluation of US dollar
- *Swan v. Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education*
- *Reed v. Reed*
- 1972 - Nixon re-elected
- Watergate break-in occurs: cover up begins
- Nixon visits communist China
- Senate passes Equal Rights Amendment; not ratified by states
- SALT disarmament treaty signed
- 1973 - Vice President Agnew is forced to resign; Gerald Ford named new VP by Nixon
- *Roe v. Wade* (Abortion)
- Wounded Knee incident
- Existence of White House tapes revealed as part of the Watergate investigation
- "Saturday Night Massacre" Resignation of Attorney General Eliot Richardson & Special Prosecutor Archibald Cox over Watergate.
- US negotiates withdrawal from Vietnam
- *Doe v. Bolton*
- 1974 - Presidential impeachment hearings.
- NIXON RESIGNS; GERALD FORD BECOMES 38TH PRESIDENT.
- Ford pardons Nixon
- Ford Vietnam War Amnesty program
- Oil shortages due to embargo & OPEC
- 1975 - Oil price controls ended
- President Ford visits mainland China
- South Vietnam surrenders to North Vietnam

- Former Attorney General Mitchell & presidential aides Haldeman, Erlichman sentenced to prison terms.
- 1976
 - Bicentennial Year
 - Copyright Revision Bill is passed
 - Supreme Court upholds busing in Boston to achieve racial integration
- 1977
 - Jimmy Carter elected 39th President
 - JIMMY CARTER INAUGURATED
 - Carter pardons draft evaders
 - Carter promotes large government spending to reduce unemployment
 - Trans-Alaska Pipeline opens
 - Clean Air Bill passed
 - Governmental reorganization Bill
 - Human Rights policy launched
- 1978
 - California Tax Cut approved by voters
 - Air Transport Deregulation Act
 - Civil Service Reform Act
 - *Bakke v. University of California Board of Regents* (Affirmative Action)
 - Humphrey - Hawkins Employment Bill
 - Camp David meetings and accord (Israeli-Egypt peace talks)
 - Panama Canal Treaties
- 1979
 - Egyptian Israeli peace accord (Camp David)
 - Hostages taken in Iran
 - SALT-II treaty
 - Soviets invade Afghanistan
 - Grain embargo and boycott of Olympic Games against Soviets
 - Space vehicle, Voyager II, photographs Jupiter
 - U.S. -China diplomatic recognition finalized
 - Boat people leave Vietnam
- 1980
 - Secretary Vance resigns
 - Reagan (Republican) is elected President over Carter
 - Attempt to rescue hostages in Iran fails
 - Polish workers strike under Lec Welesa, leader of Solidarity union
 - Peacetime draft resignation is begun
 - Inflation continues as consumer prices rise 13.3% in 1979
 - John Anderson announces independent race for the Presidency
 - *Diamond v. Chakrabarty*
- 1981
 - RONALD REAGAN INAUGURATED
 - American hostages in Iran released
 - Reagan appoints Sandra Day O'Connor to Supreme Court
 - Tax Reform Act lower rates and eliminate loopholes
 - Edward Kennedy's divorce announced
 - Inflation continues as consumer prices rise 12.4% in 1980
 - Soviet grain-embargo lifted by President Reagan
 - Reagan economic plan reduces taxes and cuts welfare benefits and increases spending for defense
 - U.S, steps up role in El Salvador
 - Congress approves Reagan's budget cuts
 - Solidarity Movement in Poland; Soviet crackdown on Poland
 - Reagan shot by John W. Hinckley, Jr.
- 1981-91
 - US aids anti-leftist forces in Central America
- 1982
 - Voting Rights Act of 1965 renewed.
 - U.S. aid to contras revealed.
 - U.S. troops ordered to Lebanon.
 - START negotiations begin between U.S. and Russia.
 - Equal Rights Amendment to Constitution (ERA) defeated.
 - President Reagan proposes "New Federalism," transferring major welfare programs to states.
 - War between British and Argentines over the Falkland Islands

- War between Israel and the P.L.O. over the control of Lebanon.
- Sec. of State Alexander Hay resigns.
- Congress passes budget with a projected deficit of \$100 billion.
- 1983
 - U.S. troops invade Geneva.
 - Terrorists bomb U.S. Marine barracks in Beirut, Lebanon, killing 237.
 - U.S. Missiles deployed in Western Europe.
- 1984
 - Record deficit in balance of trade payments.
 - Rep. Geraldine Ferraro (Democrat, N.Y.) becomes first woman vice presidential candidate for a major party.
 - Reagan reelected over Walter Mondale.
 - CIA mines Nicaraguan harbors.
 - Inflation falls to 4 percent.
- 1985
 - Gorbachev becomes premier of the Soviet Union.
 - Shiite Moslems hijack plane and hold Americans hostage.
 - Pres. Reagan signs Gramm/Rudman Act (Balanced Budget).
 - U.S. economic blockade of Nicaragua.
 - Summit Meeting in Geneva between Gorbachev and Reagan.
 - Supreme Court bars "moment of silence" in schools.
- 1986
 - Challenger space shuttle explodes.
 - Nuclear power plant accident in U.S.S.R.
 - Immigration Act grants amnesty to long term illegal aliens,
 - Secret Iran-Contra arms scandal exposed.
 - 100th Anniversary of the Statue of Liberty.
- 1987
 - Iran-Contra hearings
 - Stock market collapses in over 55-point loss on the Dow Jones in one day.
 - Washington summit meeting (the third summit) of Gorbachev and Reagan.
 - INF Treaty signed.
- 1988
 - Gov. Michael Dukakis of Mass. is the Democratic nominee. Vice-president George Bush is the Republican nominee.
 - George Bush is elected president.
 - Medicare Catastrophe Health Care Bill
 - 4th Summit meeting in Moscow
 - Reagan and Gorbachev, no movement on arms reduction.
- 1989
 - GEORGE BUSH INAUGURATED
 - Gorbachev allows Eastern European nations to establish independent democratic governments.
 - Oliver North convicted of destroying documents and obstructing Congress.
 - Chinese government suppresses pro-democracy demonstrators
 - Webster v. Reproductive Health Services
 - Berlin Wall torn down
- 1990
 - Summit meeting in Washington between Gorbachev and Bush
 - Gorbachev and Bush signed agreements reducing American and Russian stockpiles of long range nuclear missiles by 30% and eliminating chemical weapons
 - Iraq invades Kuwait
 - East and West Germany reunite
 - Americans with Disabilities Act passes (ADA)
- 1991
 - Persian Gulf War
 - Clarence Thomas appointed to Supreme Court
 - Gorbachev resigns as Soviet President
 - Soviet Union dissolves; republics for Commonwealth of Independent States
- 1992
 - 27th Amendment ratified (pay raises) – took 203 years from first proposal to final ratification
 - Planned Parenthood v. Casey
 - Bill Clinton defeats George Bush and Ross Perot for presidency
- 1993
 - BILL CLINTON INAUGURATED
 - NAFTA signed
- 1994
 - Republican "Revolution" in Congress (won both houses)
- 1996
 - Welfare Reform Bill becomes law

- 1998
 - Clinton defeats Bob Dole for presidency
 - Clinton-Lewinsky scandal
 - US and Britain launch military strikes against Iraq
 - House of Representatives impeaches Clinton
- 1999
 - Senate acquits Clinton on impeachment charges
 - Kosovo crisis; NATO warfare with Serbia
 - Protest in Seattle against World Trade Organization (WTO)
- 2000
 - "Million Man March" against guns in Washington, DC
 - US normalizes trade relations with China
 - George W. Bush wins presidency in Electoral College, although Albert Gore take popular vote
- 2001
 - GEORGE W. BUSH INAUGURATED
 - World Trade Center and Pentagon attacked by terrorists; WTC collapses
 - US and Britain launch attacks against targets in Afghanistan after Taliban government fails to hand over Saudi terrorist Osama bin Laden
 - Taliban regime in Afghanistan falls
- 2002
 - Bush calls Iran, Iraq and North Korea an "axis of evil" in his first State of the Union address
 - Department of Homeland Security created
- 2003
 - Space Shuttle Columbia explodes on re-entry killing all on board.
 - War between the US and Iraq begins
- 2004
 - Interim government in Iraq established under US protection
 - George Bush defeats John Kerry for reelection
 - Tsunami hits Indonesia (and other areas of the Indian Ocean) killing about 200,000 (plus about 100,000 missing)
- 2005
 - First Iraqi elections in 40+ years held to choose constitutional convention delegates
 - Supreme Court hears arguments regarding display of 10 Commandments at courthouses
 - Terri Schiavo case bring up issue of euthanasia and "right to die" issues
 - Death of Pope John Paul II