

American History Events

- 1000 – Leif Erikson lands in North America (important events)
- 1492 – Christopher Columbus discovers the Americas (important events)
- 1513 – Juan Ponce de León lands in Florida (important events)
- 1587 – Founding of Roanoke Colony (important events)
- 1607 – Founding of Jamestown (important events)
- 1619 – First slaves brought to the U.S. (important events)
- 1620 – Founding of Plymouth Colony (important events)
- 1620 – Mayflower Compact (politics)
- 1752 – Benjamin Franklin discovers electricity (achievements)
- 1754 to 1763 – French and Indian War (conflicts)
- 1770 – Boston Massacre (conflicts)
- 1773 – Boston Tea Party (conflicts)
- 1774 First Continental Congress (politics)
- 1775 – Battles of Lexington and Concord (conflicts)
- 1775 to 1783 – American Revolution (conflicts)
- 1776 – Declaration of Independence (politics)
- 1777 – Winter at Valley Forge (conflicts)
- 1777 – Articles of Confederation adopted (politics)
- 1781 – Articles of Confederation ratified (politics)
- 1781 – Charles Cornwallis surrenders to George Washington at Yorktown (conflicts)
- 1786 – Shay's Rebellion (conflicts)
- 1787 – U.S. Constitution written and signed (politics)
- 1789 – George Washington inaugurated as 1st president (politics)
- 1790 – First meeting of U.S. Supreme Court (judicial system)
- 1791 – Bill of Rights (politics)
- 1793 – Eli Whitney invents the cotton gin (achievements)
- 1793 – Washington inaugurated for second term (politics)
- 1794 – Whiskey Rebellion (conflicts)
- 1797 – John Adams inaugurated as 2nd president (politics)
- 1800 – Capital moved from Philadelphia to Washington, D.C. (politics)
- 1801 – Thomas Jefferson inaugurated as 3rd president (politics)
- 1803 – Louisiana Purchase (economics)
- 1803 – Marbury v. Madison establishes judicial review (judicial system)
- 1804 to 1806 – Lewis and Clark expedition (important events)
- 1805 – Jefferson inaugurated for second term (politics)
- 1809 – James Madison inaugurated as 4th president (politics)
- 1812 to 1815 – War of 1812 (conflicts)
- 1813 – Madison inaugurated for second term (politics)
- 1814 – Francis Scott Key writes Star Spangled Banner (achievements)
- 1814 – Treaty of Ghent (politics)
- 1815 – Battle of New Orleans (conflicts)
- 1817 – James Monroe inaugurated as 5th president (politics)
- 1817 – Creation of New York Stock Exchange (economics)
- 1820 – Missouri Compromise (politics)
- 1821 – Monroe inaugurated for second term (politics)
- 1823 – Monroe Doctrine (politics)
- 1824 – Gibbons v. Ogden expands power of federal government (judicial system)

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- 1825 – John Quincy Adams inaugurated as 6th president (politics)
- 1829 – Andrew Jackson inaugurated as 7th president (politics)
- 1831 – **Nat Turner leads slave rebellion (conflicts)**
- 1831 – Jackson signs Indian Removal Act (politics)
- 1831 to 1839 – Trail of Tears (important events)
- 1833 – Jackson inaugurated for second term (politics)
- 1836 – **Battle of Alamo (conflicts)**
- 1837 – Martin Van Buren inaugurated as 8th president (politics)
- 1841 – William Henry Harrison inaugurated as 9th president (politics)
- 1841 – Harrison dies in office (politics)
- 1841 – John Tyler inaugurated as 10th president (politics)
- 1844 – Samuel Morse sends first telegraph (achievements)
- 1845 – James K. Polk inaugurated as 11th president (politics)
- 1846 to 1848 – **Mexican American War (conflicts)**
- 1848 – Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo (politics)
- 1848 – Gold discovered at Sutter's Mill (important events)
- 1848 to 1855 – California Gold Rush (important events)
- 1849 – Harriet Tubman escapes from slavery (important events)
- 1849 – Zachary Taylor inaugurated as 12th president (politics)
- 1850 – Taylor dies in office (politics)
- 1850 – Millard Fillmore inaugurated as 13th president (politics)
- 1850 – Compromise of 1850 (politics)
- 1851 – Herman Melville publishes Moby Dick (achievements)
- 1852 – Harriet Beecher Stowe publishes Uncle Tom's Cabin (achievements)
- 1853 – Franklin Pierce inaugurated as 14th president (politics)
- 1854 – **Gadsden Purchase (economics)**
- 1857 – **Dred Scott decision declares African Americans not citizens (judicial system)**
- 1857 – James Buchanan inaugurated as 15th president (politics)
- 1859 – **John Brown's raid on Harpers Ferry (conflicts)**
- 1860 – Pony Express (important events)
- 1861 to 1865 – **Civil War (conflicts)**
- 1861 – **Battle of Fort Sumter (conflicts)**
- 1861 – Confederate States of America established (politics)
- 1861 – Jefferson Davis elected president of confederacy (politics)
- 1861 – Abraham Lincoln inaugurated as 16th president (politics)
- 1863 – Emancipation Proclamation (politics)
- 1863 – Homestead Act (politics)
- 1863 – **Battle of Gettysburg (conflicts)**
- 1863 – Gettysburg Address (politics)
- 1864 – **Sherman's March to the Sea (conflicts)**
- 1865 to 1877 – Reconstruction Era (important events)
- 1865 – Lincoln inaugurated for second term (politics)
- 1865 – 13th Amendment abolishes slavery (politics)
- 1865 – **Robert E. Lee surrenders to Ulysses S. Grant (conflicts)**
- 1865 – Assassination of Abraham Lincoln (important events)
- 1865 – Andrew Johnson inaugurated as 17th president (politics)
- 1868 – President Johnson impeached by House (politics)

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- 1869 – Ulysses S. Grant inaugurated as 18th president (politics)
- 1869 – First Transcontinental Railroad (achievements)
- 1873 – Grant inaugurated for second term (politics)
- 1875 – First Kentucky Derby (important events)
- 1876 – Alexander Graham Bell invents the telephone (achievements)
- 1876 – Battle of Little Bighorn (conflicts)
- 1877 – Rutherford B. Hayes inaugurated as 19th president (politics)
- 1878 – Thomas Edison invents the light bulb (achievements)
- 1879 - 15th Amendment gives African American men right to vote (politics)
- 1881 – James A. Garfield inaugurated as 20th president (politics)
- 1881 – Assassination of James A. Garfield (important events)
- 1881 – Chester A. Arthur inaugurated as 21st president (politics)
- 1884 – Mark Twain publishes the Adventures of Huckleberry Finn (achievements)
- 1885 – Grover Cleveland inaugurated as 22nd president (politics)
- 1886 – Haymarket Riot (conflicts)
- 1886 – Statue of Liberty opens to public (important events)
- 1889 – Benjamin Harris inaugurated as 23rd president (politics)
- 1890 – Sherman Antitrust Act (politics)
- 1891 – Basketball invented by James Naismith (achievements)
- 1893 – Grover Cleveland inaugurated as 24th president (politics)
- 1896 – Plessy v. Ferguson upholds racial segregation (judicial system)
- 1897 – William McKinley inaugurated as 25th president (politics)
- 1898 – U.S.S. Maine explodes (important events)
- 1898 – Spanish American War (conflicts)
- 1900 – L. Frank Baum publishes the Wonderful Wizard of Oz (achievements)
- 1901 – Theodore Roosevelt inaugurated as 26th president (politics)
- 1903 – Wright brothers first flight in an airplane (achievements)
- 1905 – Roosevelt inaugurated for second term (politics)
- 1906 – San Francisco Earthquake (important events)
- 1908 – Model T Ford introduced (achievements)
- 1909 – William Howard Taft inaugurated as 27th president (politics)
- 1912 – Titanic sinks after hitting an iceberg (important events)
- 1913 – Woodrow Wilson inaugurated as 28th president (politics)
- 1917 – U.S. enters World War I (conflicts)
- 1917 – Wilson inaugurated for second term (politics)
- 1919 - 19th Amendment gives women right to vote (politics)
- 1919 – Babe Ruth breaks the home run record (achievements)
- 1920 to 1933 – Prohibition (politics)
- 1921 – Warren G. Harding inaugurated as 29th president (politics)
- 1921 – Teapot Dome scandal (politics)
- 1923 – Harding dies in office (politics)
- 1923 – Calvin Coolidge inaugurated as 30th president (politics)
- 1925 – Coolidge inaugurated for second term (politics)
- 1925 – Scopes Monkey Trial banned teaching of evolution (judicial system)
- 1927 – Charles Lindbergh completes first solo transatlantic flight (achievements)
- 1929 – Wall Street stock market crash on Black Tuesday (economics)
- 1929 to 1939 – Great Depression (economics)
- 1929 – Herbert Hoover inaugurated as 31st president (politics)

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- 1932 – Amelia Earhart first woman to complete solo transatlantic flight (achievements)
- 1932 – Al Capone imprisoned for tax evasion (important events)
- 1933 – Franklin D. Roosevelt inaugurated as 32nd president (politics)
- 1933 to 1939 – FDR implements New Deal (politics)
- 1935 – FDR signs Social Security Act (politics)
- 1936 – Margaret Mitchell publishes *Gone With the Wind* (achievements)
- 1937 – Roosevelt inaugurated for second term (politics)
- 1937 – Hindenburg disaster (important events)
- 1938 – Minimum wage first established (economics)
- 1941 – Roosevelt inaugurated for third term (politics)
- 1941 – Attack on Pearl Harbor (conflicts)
- 1941 – U.S. enters World War II (conflicts)
- 1942 – Battle of Midway (conflicts)
- 1945 – Roosevelt dies in office (politics)
- 1945 – Harry S. Truman inaugurated as 33rd president (politics)
- 1945 – Bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki (conflicts)
- 1947 – Jackie Robinson 1st African American in major league baseball (important events)
- 1949 – Truman inaugurated for second term (politics)
- 1949 – NATO established (politics)
- 1950 – U.S. enters Korean War (conflicts)
- 1951 – 22nd Amendment limits presidency to two terms (politics)
- 1952 – Puerto Rico becomes U.S. commonwealth (politics)
- 1953 – Dwight D. Eisenhower inaugurated as 34th president (politics)
- 1953 – Jonas Salk announces discovery of polio vaccine (achievements)
- 1954 – Army-McCarthy hearings (politics)
- 1954 – *Brown v. Board of Education* desegregates schools (judicial system)
- 1954 to 1975 – Vietnam War (conflicts)
- 1955 – Rosa Parks refuses to give up seat (important events)
- 1955 – Montgomery Bus Boycott (important events)
- 1957 – Eisenhower inaugurated for second term (politics)
- 1961 – John F. Kennedy inaugurated as 35th president (politics)
- 1961 – Bay of Pigs invasion (conflicts)
- 1962 – John Glenn becomes first American to orbit Earth (achievements)
- 1962 – Cuban Missile Crisis (conflicts)
- 1963 – Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech (important events)
- 1963 – Assassination of John F. Kennedy (important events)
- 1963 – Lyndon B. Johnson inaugurated as 36th president (politics)
- 1964 – Civil Rights Act (politics)
- 1965 – Johnson inaugurated for second term (politics)
- 1966 – *Miranda v. Arizona* establishes Miranda rights (judicial system)
- 1968 – Assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. (important events)
- 1969 – Richard Nixon inaugurated as 37th president (politics)
- 1969 – Neil Armstrong becomes first man on moon (achievements)
- 1969 – Woodstock Music Festival (important events)
- 1972 to 1974 – Watergate scandal (politics)
- 1973 – Nixon inaugurated for second term (politics)
- 1973 – *Roe v. Wade* legalizes abortion (judicial system)

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- 1974 – Nixon resigns (politics)
- 1974 – Gerald Ford inaugurated as 38th president (politics)
- 1977 – Jimmy Carter inaugurated as 39th president (politics)
- 1980 – Eruption of Mount St. Helens (important events)
- 1981 – Ronald Reagan inaugurated as 40th president (politics)
- 1981 – Sandra Day O'Connor becomes 1st female Supreme Court Justice (judicial system)
- 1985 – Reagan inaugurated for second term (politics)
- 1986 – Iran-Contra scandal (politics)
- 1989 – George H. W. Bush inaugurated as 41st president (politics)
- 1989 – Exxon Valdez oil spill (important events)
- 1990 to 1991 – Gulf War (conflicts)
- 1992 – Los Angeles riots (important events)
- 1993 – Bill Clinton inaugurated as 42nd president (politics)
- 1993 – Clinton signs NAFTA (politics)
- 1997 – Clinton inaugurated for second term (politics)
- 1998 – President Clinton impeached by House (politics)
- 2001 – George W. Bush inaugurated as 43rd president (politics)
- 2001 – September 11 Attacks (important events)
- 2003 to 2011 – Iraq War (conflicts)
- 2005 – Bush inaugurated for second term (politics)
- 2005 – Hurricane Katrina (important events)
- 2007 to 2009 – Great Recession (economics)
- 2009 – Barack Obama inaugurated as 44th president (politics)
- 2011 – Osama bin Laden killed by Navy SEALs (important events)
- 2013 – Obama inaugurated for second term (politics)
- 2017 – Donald Trump inaugurated as 45th president (politics)
- 2019 – Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi killed during U.S. military raid (important events)
- 2019 – President Trump impeached by House (politics)

<p>Color Legend</p> <p>politics</p> <p>economics</p> <p>judicial system</p> <p>conflicts</p> <p>achievements</p> <p>important events</p>
