1750

9200-8000 bc Clovis culture
9100-8000 bc Sandia & Folsom cultures
8000-4500 bc Plano culture
5000-1000 bc Archaic culture
200 bc - 700 ad Hopewell mound builders
650-1400 Mississippi-Cahokia builders
1000-1002 Leif Eriksson explores
1492-1504 Christopher Columbus explores
1497-1498 John Cabot explores east coast
1513 Vasco Nunez de Balboa explores Panama
1513 Juan Ponce de Leon explores Florida
1519-1521 Hernan Cortez conquers Aztecs
1526 100 enslaved Africans at San Miguel de Gualdape
1534-1542 Jacques Cartier explores Canada
1539-1543 Hernando de Soto explores southeast
1540-1542 Francisco de Coronado explores
1578-1579 Francis Drake explores west coast
1584-1587 Sir Walter Raleigh explores Carolina
1607 John Smith founds Jamestown
1609 Henry Hudson explores Hudson River
1619 Jamestown Virginia - democracy & slavery
1620 Pilgrims settle Plymouth under Mayflower Compact
1634 Jean Nicolet explores Lake Michigan
1664 British troops seized New Netherland (NY)
1673 Marquette & Jolliet explore Wisconsin
1679-1680 Daniel Dulfh explores Minnesota

1760

1680 Louis Hennepin explores Minnesota
1692 Salem witchcraft trials
1732 Benjamin Franklin publishes Poor Richard's Almanack
1752 Franklin flies kite during storm
1754-1763 French and Indian War

1765 Stamp Act
1766-1768 Jonathan Carver explores MN
1767-1775 Daniel Boone explores Kentucky

1770

1770 Boston Massacre
1773 Boston Tea Party
1775 Midnight ride of William Dawes & Paul Revere
1775 Battle of Bunker Hill (actually Breed's Hill)
1775-1782 American Revolutionary War
1776 Declaration of Independence
1776 General Washington crosses Delaware River
1777 Continental Congress adopts Stars & Stripes
1778 France signs treaty to aid U.S.
1783 Noah Webster publishes Spelling Book
1785-1788 Financial Panic of 1785
1787 Shay's Rebellion
1787 Constitutional Convention meets
1787 John Fitch invents steamboat
1788 U.S. Constitution in effect
1789 George Washington 1st president under the Constitution
1791 Bill of Rights adopted
1792 U.S. Mint established
1792 NY securities trading
1793 Eli Whitney invents cotton gin
1794 Whiskey Rebellion
1798 Alien & Sedition Act passed

1800 Federal government moved to Washington DC
1801-1805 Tripoli war
1803 Marbury v. Madison case
1803 Louisiana Purchase a third of U.S. from France
1804 Aaron Burr shot Alexander Hamilton
1804-1806 Lewis, Clark, & Sacagawea explore northwest
1806 Noah Webster publishes dictionary
1807 Embargo Act bans foreign trade

1811-1812 New Madrid, MO earthquakes
1812-1815 War of 1812
1814 Francis Scott Key wrote Star Spangled Banner
1816 year without summer
1817 NYSE founded
1819 Spain ceded Florida to U.S.
1820 Missouri Compromise passed
1823 Monroe Doctrine established
1825 Erie Canal opened

1831 Nat Turner's rebellion
1831 Joseph Henry invents telegraph
1832 Black Hawk War
1836 Texans besieged at the Alamo
1838 Cherokee Trail of Tears begins
1838 Samuel Morse invents Morse code
1840-1855 California gold rush
1841 Wagon trails head to California
1845 Texas admitted into the union
1846-1848 Mexican-American War
1847 Mormons settle in Utah

1850
1851 Moby Dick by Herman Melville published
1851 New York Times newspaper begins
1851 San Francisco fire
1851 University of Minnesota founded
1852 Uncle Tom's Cabin by Harriet Beecher Stowe published
1854 Walden by Henry David Thoreau published
1857 Dred Scott decision - slaves did not become free in a free state
1858 First Atlantic cable completed
1858 Minnesota enters the union
1859 John Brown seized Harper's Ferry armory

1860-1861 Pony Express service starts & ends
1861 Transcontinental telegraph service begins
1861-1865 Civil War over slavery
1862 Homestead Act
1863 Emancipation Proclamation
1863 USS Monitor & CSS Merimack ironclads
1864 Sand Creek massacre of Cheyenne & Arapaho
1865 President Lincoln assassinated
1867 Alaska bought from Russia
1869 Transcontinental railroad completed

1882 Electric power station
1886 Coca-cola invented
1886 Geronimo surrendered
1886 Haymarket Riot in Chicago
1886 Sears started in MN
1886 Statue of Liberty dedicated
1888 Eastman invents consumer camera
1889 Johnson, PA flood kills 2,200
1890 General Electric started
1890 Sherman Antitrust Act
1890 Wounded Knee massacre
1892 Ellis Island opened to receive immigrants
1894 Edison's kinetoscope shown
1894 Corn flakes invented
1897 Campbell's soup invented
1898 Battleship Maine blown up
1898 Hawaii annexation
1898 Pepsi created
1898-1899 Spanish-American War

1900

1901 Big oil discovery in Texas
1903 Ford Motor company starts
1903 Wright brothers plane flies
1906 San Francisco earthquake
1908 General Motors starts
1908 Ford sells the Model T for $850

1910

1910 Boy Scouts founded
1912 Titanic sank
1914 Panama Canal opened
1914-1918 World War I
1915 Lusitania sank
1916 Virgin Islands purchased
1917-1933 Prohibition

1920 NFL started
1920 Women vote - 19th amendment
1921 Immigration limited with quotas
1921 Tulsa race riot
1923 Time magazine started
1923 Walt Disney company founded
1923-1941 Mt Rushmore carved
1925 Great Gatsby by F Scott Fitzgerald
1925 John Scopes evolution trial
1926 NBC founded
1927 Lindberg flew Atlantic
1928 Mickey Mouse created
1928 Sliced bread invented
1929 St Valentine's Day massacre
1929 Tup invented
1929 Stock market crash
1929-1939 Great depression

1926

1929 Al Capone convicted
1931 Empire State Building opened
1933 Monopoly game introduced
1933 New Deal laws passed
1934 Radar pulse system
1935 Social Security created
1936 Boulder Dam completed
1936 Life magazine began
1937 Amelia Earhart disappears
1937 Golden Gate Bridge
1937 Hindenberg zeppelin disaster
1938 Superman created
1939 Batman created
1939 Gone With The Wind movie
1939 Wizard Of Oz movie
1939-1945 World War II
1940 Bugs Bunny created
1941 Citizen Kane movie
1941 Lend Lease Act aids Britan (WW2)
1941 Pearl Harbor attacked (WW2)
1944 D-Day invasion (WW2)
1944 GI Bill of Rights enacted (WW2)
1945 Hiroshima atom bomb (WW2)
1945 Spencer microwave oven
1946 Philippines given independence
1946-1989 Cold War - US vs USSR
1947 Marshall Plan aids Europe
1948 McDonalds 1st hamburger stand
1948-1949 Berlin airlift
1949 NATO established

1950 Charlie Brown created
1950-1953 Korean War
1951 Julius & Ethel Rosenberg spy trial
1952 Hydrogen Bomb exploded in Pacific
1952 Microwave oven created
1953 The Crucible play by Arthur Miller
1954 Brown vs Board of Education - civil rights
1954 McCarthy hearings
1955 Ray Kroc's McDonalds opens
1955 Rosa Parks refuses to give up bus seat
1956 Interstate highways started
1958 Explorer I - 1st US satellite
1958 Lego blocks created
1958 NASA formed
1958 TV ownership increases
1959 Barbie created
1960 Sit-ins for civil rights
1960 U2 spy plane shot down
1961 Minnesota Vikings founded
1961 Bay of Pigs invasion in Cuba
1962 Cuban missile crisis
1962 John Glenn orbits Earth
1962 Wal-mart created
1963 Kennedy assassination
1963 MLK - I Have A Dream speech
1964 Smoking & cancer report
1964 Beatles visit the US
1964-1973 Vietnam War
1969 MLK & RFK assassinations
1970 Kent State shootings
1970 Visa credit cards
1971 Pentagon papers
1972 Watergate burglary
1973 OPEC bans exports, gas prices rise
1973 Roe vs Wade - abortion rights
1974 Nixon resigns
1975 Microsoft founded
1977 Star Wars movie
1978 Apple Computer founded
1979 Iran hostage crisis
1979 Three Mile Island meltdown
1980 CNN started
1980 Mt St Helens erupted
1981 MTV started
1981 AIDS diagnosed
1982 AT&T gives up 22 baby Bells
1983 Grenada invasion
1983 Mario Brothers created
1985 Windows created
1986 Challenger shuttle disaster
1986 Iran-Contra scandal
1988 Exxon Valdez oil spill
1988 Climate change testimony
1989 Panama invasion

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