1492
Christopher Columbus discovers America.

1595
Pocohontas is born

1607
May 13, Jamestown, VA is founded.

1706
January 17, Benjamin Franklin is born.

1723
Crispus Attucks is born.

1731
June 2, Martha Washington, the first First Lady of the United States, is born.

1732
February 22, George Washington, Commander of the Continental Army that defeated the British in 1783, and the First President of the United States of America, is born.

1734
November 2, Daniel Boone, American frontiersman, is born.

1735
January 1, Paul Revere, a U.S. patriot who rode through the streets of Boston during the American Revolution, warning of the British landings, is born.

October 30, John Adams, the second President of the United States, is born.

Read through history with the Childhood
April 13, 1743 Thomas Jefferson, 3rd President of the United States, is born.

1744 Abigail Adams, First Lady of the United States and wife of President John Adams, is born.

January 1, 1752 Betsy Ross, flag maker who contributed to the design of the American flag, is born.

1754-1763 French and Indian War.

March 5, 1770 Boston Massacre

December 16, 1773 Boston Tea Party

August 18, 1774 Meriwether Lewis, American explorer who led the Corps of Discovery with William Clark, is born.

April 18, 1775 Paul Revere began his famous ride from Charleston to Lexington, warning the British were coming.

April 19, 1775 “Shot heard round the world” is fired thus starting the American Revolutionary War.

July 4, 1776 Thomas Jefferson writes the Declaration of Independence and it is approved by The Continental Congress.

September 3, 1783 Revolutionary War ends with the Treaty of Versailles.

August 17, 1786 Davy Crockett, American frontiersman and politician who would later die in defending the Alamo, is born.

September 17, 1787 The Constitution of the United States is written.

April 30, 1789 George Washington becomes first U.S. President.

1797 Sojourner Truth, born Isabella Baumfree, was born into slavery.

1803 Louisiana Territory is purchased for $15 million, doubling the size of the U.S.

1804 Lewis and Clark, guided by Sacagawea, set forth on an expedition to explore the Louisiana Territory.

January 19, 1807 Robert E. Lee, Confederate General during the Civil War, is born.

February 12, 1809 Abraham Lincoln, 16th President of the U.S., is born.

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**June 18, 1812** The War of 1812 begins as the U.S. declares war on Great Britain.

**December 13, 1818** Mary Todd Lincoln, wife of Abraham Lincoln, is born.

**September 14, 1814** Francis Scott Key writes the “Star Spangled Banner” while detained on a British ship near Fort McHenry.

**February 15, 1820** Susan B. Anthony, American suffragist, is born.

**March 6, 1820** The Missouri Compromise is enacted by Congress and signed by President James Monroe.

**March 6, 1830** Sitting Bull is born.

**November 29, 1832** Louisa May Alcott, American author who wrote “Little Women,” is born.

**November 30, 1835** Mark Twain, American author, is born.

**March 6, 1836** The Alamo falls after 13 days of fighting.

**April 12, 1838** John Muir, a naturalist who discovered glaciers in the High Sierras of California, is born.

**October 27, 1858** Theodore Roosevelt, the 26th President of the United States, nicknamed “Teddy Bear,” is born.
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- 1910 *Halley's comet* is seen in the night sky.
- February 6, 1911 Ronald Reagan is born.
- April 15, 1912 *Titanic* sinks on her maiden voyage, 1,517 people are lost at sea.
- 1913 *Rosa Parks* is born.
- 1914-1919 World War I is fought.
- November 25, 1914 Joe DiMaggio is born.
- May 29, 1917 John F. Kennedy is born.
- 1919 *Jackie Robinson* is born.

**1920's**
- 1920 Women are given the right to vote.
- July 18, 1921 John Glenn, an astronaut, is born.
- 1924 The first winter Olympics are held in Chamonix, France.
- 1927 “The Jazz Singer” starring Al Jolson is the 1st “talkie,” a movie with sound.
- 1928 Walt Disney makes his first “Mickey Mouse” cartoon.
- January 15, 1929 Martin Luther King, Jr. is born.
- July 28, 1929 Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis is born.
- October 24, 1929 “Black Thursday” The Stock Market crashes and the Great Depression begins.

**1930's**
- August 5, 1930 Neil Armstrong, an astronaut, is born.
- 1931 The Empire State Building is completed.
- September 24, 1936 Jim Henson, a puppeteer, is born.
- 1937 The Golden Gate Bridge opens in San Francisco.
- 1937 German Zeppelin airship “Hindenburg” explodes into flames.
- 1937 Amelia Earhart vanishes when she attempts to fly around the world.
- October 24-1939-1945 World War II is fought.

**1940's**
- December 7, 1941 7:55am Sunday morning, Japan attacks the U.S. Naval Base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.
- June 6, 1949 D-Day
- August 6 and 9, 1945 Atom bombs dropped on Japan by United States.
- October 24, 1945 The United Nations is formed.
1950-1953 The Korean War
1954 Supreme Court rules segregation in public schools is unconstitutional.
1955 Rosa Parks refuses to give up her seat at the front of the bus. The Montgomery Alabama Bus Boycott begins.

1961 The first astronauts enter outer space.

October 14-28, 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis
August 28, 1963 Martin Luther King, Jr. gives his “I have a dream…” speech in Washington, D.C.
November 22, 1963 John F. Kennedy is assassinated by Lee Harvey Oswald in Dallas, Texas.
April 4, 1968 Martin Luther King, Jr. is shot and killed.
1969 Neil Armstrong is the first man in history to walk on the moon.

1974 President Nixon resigns and Gerald Ford becomes president.
1976 America celebrates bicentennial marking 200 years of independence.
1981 The space shuttle Columbia is sent into space.
1986 US officially observes Martin Luther King Jr. day for the first time.
1996 Bill Clinton elected president.

2000’s
September 11, 2001 World Trade Center in New York City is destroyed by terrorists.
February 1, 2003 Space Shuttle Columbia explodes while re-entering earth’s atmosphere.