

1700's

1492

Christopher Columbus
discovers America.



1595

Pocohontas
is born



May 13, 1607
Jamestown, VA
is founded.



January 17, 1706
Benjamin Franklin
is born.



1723
Crispus Attucks
is born.



1730's



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



February 22, 1732
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.



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



January 1, 1735 **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, 1735 **John Adams**, the second President of the United States, is born.

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1800's

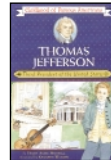
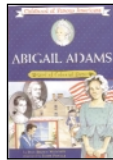
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April 13, 1743 Thomas Jefferson, 3rd President of the United States, is born.



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



1750's-60's



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

1754-1763 French and Indian War.



1770's



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.

1780's-90's



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.



1800's



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

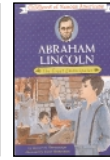
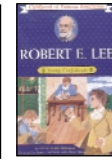
1804 Lewis and Clark, guided by **Sacagawea**, set forth on an expedition to explore the Louisiana Territory.



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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1810's

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.



1820's



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.



1820's **Harriet Tubman** is born.

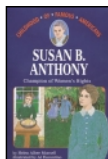
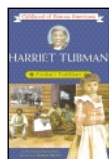


December 25, 1821 **Clara Barton**, founder of the American Red Cross, is born.

October 26, 1825 **Erie Canal** is opened.



1829 **Geronimo** is born.



1830's



1830 **Sitting Bull** is born.



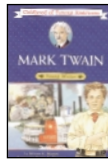
November 29, 1832 **Louisa May Alcott**, American author who wrote "Little Women," is born.



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



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



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January 13, 1846 **Mexican-American War** begins.

February 26, 1846 **William Frederick Cody**, a.k.a Buffalo Bill, the Wild West frontiersman turned-showman, is born.

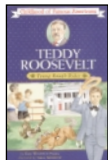
February 11, 1847 **Thomas Alva Edison**, the inventor of the light bulb and pioneer of the motion picture industry, is born.



1850's



October 27, 1858 **Theodore Roosevelt**, the 26th President of the United States, nicknamed named "Teddy Bear," is born.



1900's

1860's

April 3, 1860 The U.S. Pony Express is started.



August 14, 1860 **Phoebe Anne Moses**, a.k.a **Annie Oakley**, a marksman and entertainer, is born.

1861-1865 **Civil War** is fought.

July 1, 1863 **Battle of Gettysburg**, the turning point of the war, is fought.



July 30, 1863 **Henry Ford**, founder of Ford Motor Company, is born.

1863 President Lincoln issues the **Emancipation Proclamation**.

April 14, 1865 **President Lincoln** is shot by John Wilkes Booth.



February 7, 1867 **Laura Ingalls Wilder**, an author, is born.

1870's



April 16, 1867 **Wilbur Wright**, designer, builder and flyer of first airplane, is born.

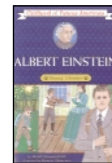


August 19, 1871 **Orville Wright**, aeronautical inventor, is born.



March 24, 1874 **Harry Houdini**, a magician and escape artist, is born.

March 14, 1879 **Albert Einstein**, a German theoretical physicist, is born.



1880's



June 27, 1880 **Helen Keller**, an author, social reformer, educator and lecturer, is born.



February 6, 1895 **George Herman "Babe" Ruth**, baseball's most dominant ballplayer, first person to hit 60 homeruns in one season and hit more than every other team put together, is born.



July 24, 1897 **Amelia Earhart**, a pilot who attempted to fly around the world, is born.



December 5, 1901 **Walt Disney** is born.



February 1, 1902 **Langston Hughes** is born.



June 19, 1903 **Lou Gehrig**, a baseball player, is born.

December 17, 1903 At Kill Devil Hill in Kitty Hawk, NC the Wright brothers' test fly the first airplane.



1905 **Albert Einstein** writes his revolutionary ideas about tiny particles of light, timematter, and energy, $E=MC^2$

April 18, 1906 Earthquake and fire leaves San Francisco in ruins and kills 700 people.



1908 **Henry Ford** makes the first Model T the "Tin Lizzie" selling 15 million of them.



July 2, 1908 **Thurgood Marshall** is born.

1909 U.S. explorers **Robert Peary** and **Matthew Henson** reach the North Pole.

1910's

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.

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.



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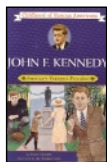
1950's

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.



1960's

1961 The first astronauts enter outer space.

1961-1973 U.S. involvement in The **Vietnam War**.

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.

1970's-90's

1974 President **Nixon** resigns and **Gerald Ford** becomes president.

1976 America celebrates bicentennial marking 200 years of independence.



1980 Ronald Reagan elected president.

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

2000 George W. Bush elected president.

Septemeber 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.