

American History Timeline: Lecture Notes

Events

1. The Establishment of First Large-Scale Human Settlements in North America **3,000 B.C.E.**
2. The Settlement of Jamestown **1607**
3. The Pilgrims found the Massachusetts Bay Colony **1620**
4. The Revolutionary War **1775 - 81**
5. The Adoption of the Declaration of Independence **1776**
6. The Ratification of the Constitution/Adoption of the Bill of Rights **1787-89**
7. The Louisiana Purchase **1803**
8. The Lewis and Clark Expedition **1804-6**
9. Westward Expansion and Settlement/"Manifest Destiny" **1820's - 80's**
10. The "Removal" of Native Americans **1830's - 40's**
11. The U.S.-Mexican War **1846 - 48**
12. The Seneca Falls Women's Rights Convention **1848**
13. The California Gold Rush **1849**
14. The Civil War **1861-65**
15. The Emancipation Proclamation **1863**
16. The Completion of the Transcontinental Railroad **1869**
17. Thomas Edison Invents the Light Bulb **1879**
18. The Statue of Liberty is Dedicated; Immigrants Flock to the U.S **1886**
19. The Wright Brothers' First Airplane Flight **1903**
20. Henry Ford's Assembly Line **1913**
21. World War I **1914-1918 (U.S. enters 1917)**
22. The Passage of the Nineteenth Amendment/Women's Suffrage **1919/1920**
23. The Stock Market Crash **1929**
24. The Great Depression **1929-35**
25. World War II **1939-45 (U.S. enters 1941)**
26. The Attack on Pearl Harbor **1941**
27. The Bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki/Founding of the United Nations **1945**
28. The Cold War **1945-90**
29. The Civil Rights Movement **1950s-60s**
30. The Korean War **1951-53**
31. The Vietnam War **1960-75**
32. John F. Kennedy's Assassination **1963**
33. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Assassination **1968**
34. The Moon Landing **1969**
35. The Watergate Scandal and Nixon's Resignation **1973-74**
36. The Persian Gulf War **1990-91**
37. The Establishment of Windsor High School **1995**
38. The 9/11 Terrorist Attack **2001**
39. The Iraq War **2003-2009**
40. Barack Obama elected President **2008**
41. The Great Recession **2008-9**
42. Supreme Court Declares Marriage Equality for Gay & Lesbian Couples **2015**
43. Donald Trump Elected President **2016**

Question to Ponder: What has been omitted? What would you have included? Deleted?