AP American History Timeline!

* 1430: Portuguese start voyages down the west coast of Africa
* 1492: Columbus arrives in Western Hemisphere
* 1509-1547
  + Henry VII rules England
  + Protestant reformation begins in England
* 1558-1603
  + Reign of Queen Elizabeth I
  + Ireland conquered by England
* 1607: Jamestown founded
* 1612: Tobacco made a profitable crop by John Rolfe
* 1619
  + First group of blacks brought to Virginia
  + First legislative assembly meets in Virginia
* 1620: First Pilgrims in Plymouth
* 1622: Indian attacks in Virginia end hopes of becoming a bi-racial society
* 1629: Great Puritan migration to Massachusetts Bay
* 1636: Harvard founded
* 1676: Bacon's Rebellion
* 1686: Creation of Dominion of New England
* 1688: Glorious Revolution in England
* 1700: 250,000 settlers in English colonies
* 1704: First colonial newspaper
* 1720s: Colonial economic life quickens
* 1739-1744: Great Awakening
* 1756-1763: French and Indian War
* 1763: Proclamation Line established
* 1763-1764: Pontiac's Rebellion
* 1764-1765: Sugar Act and Stamp Act Controversies
* 1766: Declaratory Act
* 1767: Townshend Act, New York Assembly suspended
* 1770: Boston Massacre
* 1772: Committees of Correspondence formed
* 1773: Boston Tea Party
* 1774: Coercive Acts, First Continental Congress convenes
* 1775: Revolution begins with fighting at Lexington and Concord
* 1776: Declaration of Independence
* 1777: British defeated at Saratoga
* 1778: French join the war against the British
* 1781
  + Battle of Yorktown
  + Articles of Confederation ratified
* 1783: Peace signed in Paris
* 1784-1787: Northwest Ordinance of 1784, 1785, and 1787
* 1786: Annapolis Convention
* 1787
  + Shays' Rebellion
  + Constitutional Convention
* 1788
  + Federalist Papers written
  + Constitution ratified
* 1789
  + George Washington inaugurated as President of the United States
  + French Revolution begins
* 1790: Capital placed on the Potomac River
* 1793: Citizen Genet
* 1794
  + Whiskey Rebellion
  + Indians defeated at Fallen Timbers
* 1795: Jay Treaty, Pinckney Treaty
* 1798
  + Un-declared war with France
  + Alien and Sedition Acts
  + Kentucky and Virginia Resolutions
* 1800: Jefferson elected
* 1803: Louisiana Purchase
* 1807-1809: Embargo in effect
* 1808: Slave trade ended
* 1809: Non-intercourse Act
* 1812: War with England
* 1814: Treaty of Ghent
* 1820: Missouri Compromise
* 1820s
  + First labor unions formed
  + Romanticism flourished in America
* 1823: Monroe Doctrine
* 1828: Andrew Jackson elected
* 1830s: Railroad era begins
* 1831
  + Nat Turner's rebellion
  + Liberator founded
* 1832: Nullification crisis
* 1834: Whig party formed
* 1835: Texas Revolution, Republic of Texas established
* 1840s
  + Manifest Destiny
  + Telegraph and railroads create a communications revolution
* 1846: Mexican War begins
* 1848
  + Treaty of Guadeloupe Hidalgo ended Mexican War
  + U.S. acquires California and territory of New Mexico which includes present-day Nevada, Utah, Arizona, new Mexico, and part of Colorado
* 1849: Gold discovered in California
* 1850
  + Compromise of 1850
  + California admitted to the union
  + Fugitive Slave Law strengthened
* 1853: Gadsden Purchase
* 1854
  + Kansas-Nebraska Act
  + Republican Party formed
* 1856
  + Violence in Kansas
  + Senator Sumner attacked in the Senate
* 1858: Lincoln-Douglas Debates
* 1859: John Brown's raid on Harper's Ferry
* 1860
  + Democratic Party splits apart
  + Abraham Lincoln elected 16th President of the United States
  + Lower South secedes
* 1861
  + Confederate States of America formed
  + Civil War begins at Fort Sumter
  + Upper South secedes
  + North is defeated at the first battle of Bull Run
* 1862
  + Battle of Antietam
  + Morill Tariff, Homestead Act
  + Emancipation Proclamation issued (effective January 1, 1863)
* 1864
  + Grant's wilderness campaign
  + Sherman takes Atlanta
  + Sherman's "March to the Sea"
* 1865
  + Sherman takes South and North Carolina
  + Lee surrenders at Appomattox Court House
  + Thirteenth Amendment abolishes slavery
  + Lincoln assassinated
  + Andrew Johnson becomes President
  + KKK formed
* 1867
  + First Reconstruction Act launches Radical Reconstruction
  + Alaska purchased
* 1868
  + Fourteenth Amendment guarantees Civil Rights
  + Johnson impeached
* 1870: Fifteenth Amendment forbids denial of vote on racial grounds
* 1870s: Terrorism against blacks in South, flourishing of Darwinism and ideas of racial inferiority
* 1876
  + End of Reconstruction
  + Battle of Little Big Horn
* 1877: Munn v. Illinois:  Court rules states may regulate warehouse rates
* 1879: Stand Oil Trust formed
* 1880s: Big Business emerge
* 1883
  + Railroad companies divide nation into four time zones
  + Pendleton Civil Service Act
* 1886: Haymarket Riots
* 1887
  + Interstate Commerce Commission
  + Davies Act
* 1890
  + Sherman Anti-Trust Act
  + Massacre at Wounded Knee
  + Sherman Silver Purchase Act
* 1890-1920: Fifteen million "new" immigrants
* 1893: Repeal of Sherman Silver Purchase Act
* 1895
  + Pollock v Farmers
  + Court strikes down income tax
* 1898
  + War with Spain
  + Hawaii annexed
* 1899: Peace with Spain, U. S. receives Philippines, Samoa, Guam, and Puerto Rico
* 1900: Gold Standard
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* 1901: Theodore Roosevelt becomes President
* 1904: Roosevelt Corollary to Monroe Doctrine
* 1904-1914: Panama Canal built
* 1906
  + Hepburn Act, Pure Food and Drug Act
  + The Jungle
* 1912: Election of Woodrow Wilson
* 1913
  + Sixteen Amendment authorizing income tax ratified
  + Seventeenth Amendment providing for direct elections of Senators ratified
  + Federal Reserve System begun
  + Wilson broadens segregation in civil service
* 1914
  + World War 1 begins
  + U. S. troops occupy Vera Cruz
* 1915
  + U. S. troops sent to Haiti
  + Lusitania sunk, U. S. intervened
  + KKK revived
* 1916: Germany issues Sussex pledge
* 1917
  + Russian Revolution
  + U.S. enters WW1
* 1918
  + WW1 ends
  + Treaty of Versailles
* 1919
  + Eighteenth Amendment prohibits alcoholic beverages
  + Red Scare
* 1920
  + Nineteenth Amendment gives women the right to vote
  + First radio station KDKA in Pittsburgh
* 1921: Washington Naval Conference
* 1924: Revenue Act slashes income tax on wealthy and corporations
* 1927: Lindbergh crosses the Atlantic
* 1929: Stock market crashes
* 1932: Franklin Roosevelt elected
* 1933
  + Bank holiday, "Hundred Days"
  + NRA, AAA, FDIC, TVA, FERA, CCC
  + Twentieth Amendment changes inauguration day to January
  + Twenty-first Amendment repeals prohibition
  + Hitler comes to power in Germany
* 1934
  + Gold standard terminated
  + SEC
* 1935
  + Social Security Act, WP, NLRA
  + CIO formed
  + U. S. Begins neutrality legislation
* 1936: FDR re-elected
* 1937
  + FDR attempts to pack Supreme Court
  + Japan invades China
* 1938
  + United States Housing Authority
  + Fair labor Standards Act
  + Hitler takes Austria, Munich Agreement
* 1939: World War 2 begins
* 1940
  + Roosevelt makes destroyers-for-bases deal with the British
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* 1941
  + Lend-Lease, Battle of Britain, Hitler attacks USSR
  + Atlantic Charter
  + Japan attacks Pearl Harbor
* 1942
  + Allied year of disaster
  + U. S. interns Japanese
  + U. S. halts Japanese at Coral Sea and Midway
* 1943
  + Tide turns against Axis
  + Russia wins at Stalingrad, unconditional surrender demanded
  + Italy invaded
* 1944
  + France invaded
  + Bombing of Japan begins
  + Russia sweeps through Eastern Europe
  + Philippines liberated
* 1945
  + Yalta
  + FDR dies
  + Germany surrenders
  + Atom bombs
  + End of WW 2
* 1946
  + U. S. - USSR relations worsen
  + "Iron Curtain" speech
* 1947
  + Cold War begins
  + Marshall Plan
  + Containment
* 1948-1949
  + Berlin Airlift
  + Taft-Hartley
  + Military integrated
* 1949
  + NATO
  + Russia explodes the bomb
  + Communists control China
* 1950
  + Korean War
  + Joseph McCarthy
* 1951: Twenty-second Amendment limits the President to two terms
* 1952: Dwight Eisenhower elected President
* 1953: Industries agree on guaranteed annual wage
* 1954
  + Brown v. Board of Education, Supreme Court strikes down "separate but equal."
  + Vietnam divided
* 1955: Montgomery Bus Boycott, emergence of Martin Luther King, Jr.
* 1957
  + Sputnik
  + Eisenhower Doctrine
  + Little rock Crisis
  + Civil Rights Act
* 1958
  + First U. S. satellite and ICBM
  + NASA
  + U. S. occupies Lebanon
* 1960
  + U-2 shot down over Russia
  + Soviet and Chinese split
  + John F. Kennedy elected President
  + non-violent protests against segregation
* 1961
  + Freedom rides
  + Twenty-third Amendment gives District of Columbia the right to vote for President
  + Berlin crisis
  + Peace Corps
  + Bay of Pigs
  + 16,000 in Vietnam
* 1962
  + University of Mississippi integrated
  + Cuban Missile Crisis
* 1963
  + Civil Rights march on Washington
  + JFK assassinated
  + Feminine Mystique
* 1964
  + Free speech movement at Berkeley
  + Beatles
  + Twenty-fourth Amendment outlaws the poll tax
  + War on poverty
  + Gulf of Tonkin
* 1965
  + Great Society
  + Operation Rolling Thunder in Vietnam
  + Malcolm X assassinated
* 1966
  + Black Power
  + France withdraws from NATO
  + N. O. W. formed
* 1967
  + Detroit Riot
  + Peace movement in the U. S.
* 1968
  + Robert Kennedy and Martin Luther Kin murdered
  + Tet Offensive
  + Johnson won't seek re-election
  + Richard Nixon elected President
* 1969
  + Vietnamization
  + First man on the moon
  + Nixon proposed New Federalism
* 1970
  + Massacre at Kent State
  + EPA established
  + Cambodian invasion creates anti-war turbulence
  + SALT talks begin
* 1971
  + Nixon opens talks with China
  + Wage-price controls
  + My Lai massacre revealed
  + Pentagon Papers published
* 1972
  + Intensive bombing of North Vietnam
  + Watergate
  + Nixon re-elected
  + GNP over 1 trillion
* 1973
  + Cease-fire in Vietnam
  + U. S. forces withdraw
  + Spiro Agnew resigns
* 1974
  + Watergate tapes
  + Nixon resigns, Ford's pardon
  + Serious inflation and recession
* 1975
  + Vietnam falls
  + 44% of married women employed
* 1976
  + Bicentennial
  + Jimmy Carter elected President
* 1977: Human rights
* 1978
  + Camp David Accords
  + Panama Canal treaties ratified
* 1979
  + SALT 2 completed
  + U. S. recognizes china
  + American Embassy in Iran occupied
  + USSR invaded Afghanistan
* 1980
  + U. S. boycotts Olympics, withdraws from SALT 2
  + Reagan elected President
* 1982
  + Equal Rights Amendment dies
  + CIA Organizes contra war against Nicaragua's Sandinista government
* 1983
  + 239 U.S. Marines die in Beirut terrorist attack
  + U.S. Invasion of Grenada
  + Reagan proposes Strategic Defense Initiative (Star Wars)
* 1984
  + Geraldine Ferraro chosen as vice presidential running mate on Democratic ticket
  + Reagan defeats Walter Mondale in landslide
  + Congress bars military aid to contras
* 1986
  + William Rehnquist becomes chief justice of the Supreme Court
  + Antonin Scalia joins the Supreme Court
* 1988
  + Oliver North, John Poindexter, and other Iran-contra figures indicted
  + Reagan signs INF Treaty in Moscow
  + George Herbert Walker Bush elected President
  + Anthony Kennedy joins the Supreme Court
* 1989
  + Oliver North convicted of Iran-contra role
  + Massive Alaskan oil spill by Exxon Valdez
  + U.S. Invasion of Panama; Manuel Noriega overthrown
  + China's rulers crush prodemocracy movement
  + Berlin Wall is opened
* 1990
  + Iraq invades Kuwait
  + Recession begins
  + Germany reunited; Soviet troops start withdrawal from Eastern Europe
  + David H. Souter joins the Supreme Court
* 1991
  + Gulf War (Operation Desert Storm)
  + U.S. and U.S.S.R. sign treaty reducing strategic nuclear arms by 25%
  + Soviet Republics declare independence
  + Clarence Thomas joins the Supreme Court
* 1992
  + Recession recovery
  + Supreme Court upholds Roe v. Wade
  + Bill Clinton elected President
* 1993
  + Congress approves NAFTA treaty
  + Recession Ends
  + Ruth Bader Ginsberg joins the Supreme Court
  + World Trade Center bombed
* 1994
  + Republican victory in Mid-term Elections
  + Stephen G. Breyer joins Supreme Court
* 1996
  + Bill Clinton re - elected President
* 1998
  + Monica Lewinsky Scandal breaks
  + Operation Desert Thunder
  + House Judiciary Committee sends 4 articles of Impeachment
  + Bill Clinton is Impeached by the United States House of Representatives
* 1999: Bill Clinton is acquitted by the United States Senate
* 2000: George W. Bush elected President of the United States
* 2001
  + Sen. Jeffords of Vermont leaves the Republican Party, thus upsetting Republican majority in the Senate
  + World Trade Center, and Pentagon attacked by Terrorists, along with a plane crash in rural Pennsylvania
  + Operation Enduring Freedom and War against Terrorism begins
  + George W. Bush's approval ratings soar to 94%
* 2002
  + Bi - Partisan Education Reform Bill signed into law