

AMERICAN HISTORY (I)

- 1607: Jamestown (Virginia)**, Chesapeake Bay: first permanent colony
1620: Pilgrim Fathers / Mayflower (Mayflower Compact) / Plymouth, Massachusetts
1621: first Thanksgiving, in Plymouth
1730/40s: Great Awakening (reawaken the 'Fear of God')
1773: Boston Tea Party (Sons of Liberty, after 'Intolerable Acts')
1774: First Continental Congress in Philadelphia
1774-83: American Revolutionary War ; Continental Army (G. Washington) / Loyalists
1775: first battle in Lexington and Concord ; *Paul Revere's Ride*, 'minute men'
1776, 'Fourth of July': Second Continental Congress declares Independence (Philadelphia, Penn.), Declaration written by Adams, Franklin and Jefferson → USA
1781: Yorktown victory (Lord Cornwallis surrenders)
1783: Treaty of Paris
1789: Constitution ; George Washington first POTUS
1791: Bill of Rights (James Madison ; ten amendments, inalienable rights)
1798-1800: Quasi-War against France
1804-1806: Lewis and Clark (→ expansion to the Pacific)
1800: Thomas Jefferson president → Jeffersonian Republican Area (for farmers, but...)
1800: Washington DC becomes capital of national government
1803: *Marbury v. Madison* (Marshall ; Supreme Court) = power to overturn acts of Congress
1803: Louisiana Purchase (from Napoleon)
1812-15: second war with Britain. Star-Spangled Banner
1823: Monroe Doctrine
1830: Indian Removal Act ('Cherokee Trail of Tears')
1836: battle of the Alamo (Mexico / Republic of Texas), Crockett's death
1845: Manifest Destiny (Am. Exceptionalism: *City upon a Hill* 1630, *Gettysburg Address*)
1845: Texas annexation (Republic of Texas) → war against Mexico in 1846-48
1849: California Gold Rush and '49ers (State of California 1850)
1854: Republican Party (GOP) created, against slavery (from Whigs and Democrats)
1860: Rep. A. Lincoln elected on a platform of ending slavery...
1861-65: Civil War: Confederacy (Jefferson Davis, Dixie, Robert Lee) / Union ("Army of the Potomac", Ulysses Grant, Yankees)
1863: turning point at Gettysburg + 'Gettysburg Address': 'government of/by/for the people'
1865: Confederate surrender at Appomattox (Virginia) ; assassination of 'Abe'
1863-1877: Reconstruction Era (1863-77) (1877 = 'Compromise of 1877')
1867: Alaska Purchase
1869: First transcontinental railroad completed
1876: battle of the Little Bighorn / 'Custer's last stand' ; Alexander Graham Bell / telephone
1870s-1965: 'Jim Crow laws' (+ 'separate but equal') = legal segregation
1886: Coca Cola (Atlanta)
1890: Sherman Antitrust Act (cf. 'Gilded Age')
1865-1918: 28 million immigrants, unprecedented (90% from Europe) / Ellis Island (1892)
1890s-1920s: Progressive movement: four amendments: federal income tax (1913), direct election of Senators (1913), prohibition (1920-33), woman suffrage (1920).
1898: Spanish-American War (Am. imperialism) ; Philippines, Cuba, Puerto Rico, Guam
1903: Wright brothers at Kitty Hawk
1912: Arizona final mainland state (end of the American Frontier)
1914: Panama Canal
1915: D. Griffith's *The Birth of a Nation*, first great American film, heroes = KKK