

Timeline of U.S. History

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	Birth (Death Year)	Event 1	Event 2	Event 3	Event 4	Event 5
1900	Aaron Copeland (1990)	Gold Standard Act Ratified				
1901	Walt Disney (1966)	McKinley Assassinated	Teddy Roosevelt becomes President			
1902	John Steinbeck (1968)	Roosevelt sues Nothern Securities Company under Sherman act				
1903	Bing Crosby (1977)	Dept. of Commerce and Labor founded	Treaty signed to build Panama canal			
1904	Dr. Suess (1991)	US buys Panama canal zone	Work starts on Panama canal	First part of NYC subway opens		
1905	Howard Hughes (1976)	NAACP formed				
1906	Estee Lauder (2004)	The Jungle published	Congress passes Meat Inspection Act	Atlanta race riots		
1907	John Wayne (1979)	Busiest year at Ellis Island	Financial Panic of 1907	Oklahoma becomes a State		
1908	LBJ (1973)	Springfield Race Riots	Model T launches			
1909	Barry Goldwater (1998)	William Howard Taft becomes President	US purchases first warplane	First race at Indy Raceway		
1910	John Wooden (2010)	Boy Scouts Formed	Republicans reduce power of US Speaker	United States Dept. of Mines established		
1911	Ronald Reagan (2004)	Triangle Shirtwaste Factory fire	US Supreme Court orders Standard Oil broken up	First Indy 500	Chevrolet enters auto biz	
1912	Sam Snead (2002)	New Mexico admitted as State	Arizona admitted as a State	Girls Scouts founded	Titanic sinks	
1913	Rosa Parks (2005)	16th Amendment ratified allowing income tax	Women's suffrage march takes place in DC	Wilson becomes President	17th Amendent ratified allowing direction election of Senators	Federal Reserve created
1914	Joe DiMaggio (1999)	World War I breaks out. US declares nuetrality	Panal Canal opens	FTC is established		
1915	Frank Sinatra (1998)	Birth of a Nation premiers	Lusitania sunk	Leo Frank lynched		
1916	Walter Cronkite (2009)	Mexican Revolution led by Pancho Villa	Justice Brandeis joins Supreme Court	Wilson creates National Park Service	Margaret Sanger opens family planning center in NYC and is arrested	

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1917	JFK (1963)	Congress passes immigration Act of 1917 restricting much immigration from Asia	Zimmermann Telegraph - seeks to have Mexico declare war on US	Senate adopts cloture rule to prevent filibusters	Women get vote in New York State	
1918	Ted Williams (2002)	Spanish flu reaching US	Congress adopts time zones	World War I ends		
1919	J.D. Salinger (2010)	Prohibition goes into effect	Congress approves 19th amendment (women's suffrage)	First transcontinental motor convoy		
1920	Stan Musial (2013)	First Red Scare in US - 4,000 suspected communists held	19th Amendment is ratified (women's suffrage)	Wall Street bombing	First radio sold in US	
1921	John Glenn (2016)	Warren Harding sworn in as President	Emergency Quota act limits immigration	Tulsa Race Riots		
1922	Betty White (2021)	Teapot Dome Scandal	Lincoln Memorial Dedicated	The Cable Act		
1923	Bob Dole (2021)	Oklahoma prohibits the teaching of evolution	Hollywood sign inaugurated	Calvin Coolidge becomes President after Harding's death	Walt Disney Disney Company founded	
1924	George HW Bush (2018)	IBM founded	First Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade	Castle Gate Mining Disaster	Indian Citizenship Act	
1925	Yogi Berra (2015)	First women governor elected	Scopes Trial: teaching evolution	Air Mail Act		
1926	Marilyn Monroe (1962)	Air Commerce Act; licensing pilots and planes	US Highway Numbering System approved	NBC radio launches		
1927	Harry Belafonte (2023)	First transatlantic phone call	Great Mississippi Flood	Charles Linbergh Flight to Europe	The Radio Act	
1928	Fred Rogers (2003)	Steamboat Willy released	Congress approves Boulder Dam (Hoover Dam)			
1929	MLK (1968)	St. Valentine's Day Massacre	Herbert Hoover becomes President	Dow Jones reached high on 381	Wall Street Crash in October	Permanent Appointment Act
1930	Buzz Aldrin	Smoot-Hawley Tariff Act	Hoover asks for \$150m in public works projects			
1931	Willie Mays (2024)	Nevada legalizes gambling	Empire State Building opens	Construction on Rockefeller begins	George Washington Bridge opens	
1932	Little Richard (2020)	Hoover supports armament limitations	Dow Jones reaches lowest part of Depression	Radio City Music Hall opens		
1933	Ruth Bader Ginsberg (2020)	Congress votes for Phillipines independence	20th Amendment changing inauguration day to Jan. 20	Roosevelt makes it illegal for citizens to own gold. US goes off gold standard	21st Amendment appealing Prohibition	Tennessee Valley Authority created/Civil Works Authority Created

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1934	Hank Aaron (2021)	Dust Bowl	Securities & Exchange Commission created	National Firearms Act		
1935	Elvis Presley (1977)	Works Progress Administration created	Social Security Act signed into law	Hoover Dam dedicated	The Wagner Act	
1936	Mary Tyler Moore (2017)	Gone with the Wind is published	Jesse Owens wins 100 meter dash in Berlin Olympics			
1937	Colin Powell (2021)	FDR proposes to enlarge to the SC Court	Steel workers organization sign collective bargaining agreement with US Steel	Hindenberg disaster	Amelia Earhardt disappears	Snow White and Seven Dwarfs premiers
1938	Stephen Breyer	First appearance of Superman	Evian Conference. US only accepts 27,000 Jews	FDR reaffirms US neutrality	Minimum wage established in US	Fair Labor Standards Act
1939	Judy Collins	Nazi rally in MSG draws 20,000/SS St. Louis turned around from US	Wizard of Oz and Gone with Wind premier	Batman makes his first appearance	Einstein writes to FDR about Atom Bomb	US declares its neutrality
1940	Nancy Pelosi	First McDonald's opens	Lend lease agreement between US and Britain	First peacetime draft	US must become the great Arsenal of Democracy	Alien Registration Act
1941	Bob Dylan	FDR Four Freedoms Speech	Japanese Spy arrives in Pearl Harbor	America First Committee holds first mass rally	Attack on Pearl Harbor	America declares war on Japan; Germany and Italy declare war on US
1942	Muhammad Ali (2016)	First US Troops arrive in Ireland	FDR signs order creating Japanese Internment Camps	Battle of Midway	Alaska Highway is completed	
1943	Janice Joplin (1970)	The Penatagon is opened	Eisenhower chosen to lead allies in Europe	Jefferson Memorial Dedicated	Italy Surrenders	Works Progress Administration closed
1944	Rudy Giuliani	D-Day commences	Battle of the Buldge	George Marshall becomes 5 star general	GI Bill signed into law	
1945	Goldie Hawn	Yalta Conference	Battle for Iwo Jima & Okinawa	FDR dies. Truman becomes President	Victory in Europe	Bombing of Hiroshima & Nagasaki/Japan surrenders
1946	Dolly Parton	ENIAC is launched. First general purpose computer	Ho Chi Ming signs an agreement with France to recognize Vietnam's independence	Phillipines granted independence	US Atomic Energy Commission launches	Truman establishes Commission on Civil Rights

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1947	Hillary Clinton	Jackie Robinson signs contract with Dodgers, plays in MLB	First use of Cold War	Marshall Plan unveiled	Supposed UFO seen in Roswell, NM	CIA established/Air Force becomes separate
1948	James Taylor	NASCAR founded	Organization of American States formed	US recognizes Israel	First monkey astronaut launched	Truman ends segregation in military
1949	Meryl Streep	Fair Deal unveiled	NATO is created	Department of Defense formed	Housing Act of 1949	Reorganization Act of 1949
1950	Chuck Schumer	North Korean troops cross into South Korea	Defense Production Act signed into law			
1951	Sally Ride (2012)	UN headquarters opens in NY	22nd Amendment ratified, limiting Presidents to 2 terms	Great Flood of 1951	Catcher in the Rye is published	I Love Lucy makes its debut
1952	Bob Costas	Occupation of Japan ends	Puerto Rico becomes a self-governing commonwealth	First Hydrogen bomb test	NSA founded	
1953	Tim Allen	Eisenhower becomes President	Julius & Ethel Rosenberg executed	Korean war ends with armistace	Earl Warren becomes Chief Justice	
1954	Sonia Sotomayer	Eisenhower gives Domino theory speech	Brown v. Bd. Of Education decided	McCarthy hearings	Under God added to pledge of allegiance	Ellis Island closes
1955	Bill Gates	Eisenhower sends first advisors to Vietnam	Salk's polio vaccine gets FDA approval	Disneyland opens	Emmett Till murdered/Rose Parks arrested for refusing to give up her seat	James Dean killed; one month before Rebel without a Cause released
1956	Joe Montana	Elvis Presley enters music charts for first time	Eisenhower signs Federal Aid Highway Act	Hard disk invented by IBM	The Ten Commandments Released	Supreme Court declares segregated busing illegal; Montgomery bus boycott ends
1957	Vanna White	Civil Rights Act of 1957 enacted	Eisenhower sends troops to Little Rock to protect the Little Rock 9	First combat death in Vietnam	Toyota begins exporting to US	Soviets launch Sputnik
1958	Alec Baldwin	US launches first Satellite	Recession of 1958	Federal Aviation Act of 1958 giving authority to FAA of American skies	NASA created	National Defense Education Act
1959	Magic Johnson	Alaska & Hawaii admitted as States	US recognizes Fidel Castro as leader of Cuba	First Daytona 500	NASA announces Mercury 7	First arms control treaty between US and Soviet Union over Antarctica
1960	John Elway	Greensboro sit-ins/Ruby Bridges attends elementary school in New Orleans/Civil Rights Act of 1960	3,500 soldiers to Vietnam	U-2 with Gary Powers is shot down	FDA approves first birth control pill	To Kill a Mockingbird is released

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1961	George Clooney	Eisenhower gives military industrial complex speech	JFK becomes President	Kennedy launches the Peace Corps	Amendment passes to allow DC residents to vote in Presidential elections	Bay of Pigs invasion fails
1962	Tom Cruise	John Glenn orbits earth	First Wal-Mart opens in Arkansas	Cuban Missile Crisis	Trade Expansion Act	
1963	Michael Jordan	Ban on all transactions with Cuba	JFK delivers Civil Rights Address	Zip codes established in US	US, UK and USSR sign test ban treaty	MLK delivers I have a Dream Speech
1964	Kamala Harris	Lyndon Johnson calls for War on Poverty in State of Union	24th Amendment passed prohibiting poll taxes in national elections	Beatles appear on the Ed Sullivan Show	Johnson signs the Civil Rights Act of 1964	Gulf of Tonkin incident
1965	Ben Stiller	Johnson unveils Great Society in State of Union	Macolm X assassinated/ Bloody Sunday	Voting Rights Act of 1965	Johnson establishes Medicaid and Medicare	Johnson signs immigration law eliminating quotas based on national origin
1966	Mike Tyson	US announces major troop expansion in Vietnam	Demonstrations increase against war	Black Panther Party founded	Department of Transportation created	First Kwanzaa celebrated
1967	Kurt Cobain (1994)	Super Bowl I	Apollo I tragedy	25th Amendment is ratified (President succession)	Six Day War in Israel	Loving v. Virginia - bans on interracial marriages unconstitutional
1968	Tony Hawk	North Vietnam launches the Tet offensive	LBJ announces he will not seek reelection	MLK & RFK assassinated	US repeals gold standard	LBJ signs Civil Rights Act of 1968
1969	Jennifer Aniston	Nixon becomes President	747 makes first flight	Stonewall riots launch gay rights movement	Apollo 11 moon landing	Woodstock Festival
1970	Matt Damon	First Earth Day	Beatles break up	Apollo 13 accident	Kent State shooting, students protesting spread of Vietnam war into Cambodia	EPA begins operations
1971	Michael Strahan	All in the Family debuts	First Starbucks opens	US ends trade embargo of China	26th Amendment ratified. Lowering voting age to 18	Walt Disney World opens
1972	Shaquille O'Neal	Nixon visits China	Congress votes to send Equal Rights Amendment to the States	US and Russia sign SALT I treaty	Watergate break-in	Last US ground forces withdraw from Vietnam
1973	Kristen Wiig	Roe v. Wade - SC overturns state bans on abortion	Peace announced with Vietnam; US prisoners released	First cell phone call in US	World Trade Center opens in NYC	DEA is founded
1974	Leonardo DiCaprio	House launches impeachment hearings	Nixon announces his resignation; Ford assumes Presidency	Ford signs Campaign Finance Reform law	Restrictions on holding private gold are lifted	Privacy Act of 1974

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1975	Tiger Woods	Wheel of Fortune premiers	Bill Gates starts Microsoft	The fall of Saigon to North Vietnamese forces	Jaws released	SNL launches
1976	Reese Witherspoon	Apple is founded	Ford signs the Federal Election Campaign Act	NBA-ABA merger	Supreme Court rules that death penalty is not inherently cruel and unusual	Carter defeats Ford in Presidential election
1977	John Oliver	Carter sworn in as President	Roots runs on ABC/Star Wars released	NYC blackout of 1977	Saturday Night Fever released	Community Reinvestment Act
1978	Kobe Bryant (2020)	First Home Depot opens	Senate votes to give Panama control of Panama canal in 1999	legal gambling starts in AC	Grease is released	Carter signs Full Employment Act
1979	Drew Brees	US and China have full diplomatic relations	Egypt and Israel meet to sign on peace agreement	Carter signs law establishing Department of Education	Iran hostage crisis. 90 hostages taken	First Republican Governor in Louisiana in 100 years
1980	Kim Kardashian	US Hockey Team beats USSR for the Miracle on Ice	Mass exodus of Cubans to US	CNN is launched	Republicans drop support for Equal Rights Amendment	Reagan beats Carter in Presidential race
1981	Serena Williams	US hostages are released by Iran	Reagan becomes President	CDC recognizes first recognized cases of AIDS in homosexual men	Sandra Day O'Connor nominated as first female Supreme Court Justice	Space Shuttle program launches
1982	Kelly Clarkson	AT&T broken up into baby bells	Epcot opens in Disney World	Vietnam Memorial Dedicated	Michael Jackson's Thriller released	First US execution by lethal injection
1983	Carrie Underwood	Apple Lisa Computer is released	Final episode of MASH, most watched television broadcast	Bombing of US Embassy in Beirut, Lebanon	Sally Ride becomes first women in space	Cabbage Patch dolls released
1984	Olivia Wilde	Soviet Union boycott LA Olympic games	Reagan reelected in landslide	Goetz shooting on NYC subway	Comprehensive Crime Control Act of 1984	
1985	Bruno Mars	Reagan sworn in for second term	FBI brings charges against heads of mafia's five families	NEXT is founded by Steve Jobs after he leaves Apple	Live Aid Benefit Concerts	Nintendo is released in US
1986	Lindsay Lohan	First MLK day observed	Challenger Disaster	Halley's Comet	Hands Across America supports fighting hunger	Statute of Liberty Reopens after renovation
1987	Colin Kaepernick	Reagan famous "Tear Down this Wall" speech	Reagan Bork nomination fails in Senate	Jessica McClure falls down a well	Black Monday on Wall Street	
1988	Kevin Durant	Anthony Kennedy appointed to Supreme Court	Wrigley Field - First nightgame in history	George HW Bush elected President	Reagan signs bill for death penalty for drug traffickers	First World AIDS day is observed
1989	Alex Morgan	President Bush takes office	First GPS satellite goes into space	Exxon Valdez spill	Minimum wage increased to \$4.25	Berlin Wall falls

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1990	Jennifer Lawrence	Buster Douglas knocks out Mike Tyson	Ryan White dies of Aids	Hubble Telescope launched	George Bush agrees to raise taxes to reduce deficit	George Bush signs American with Disabilities Act
1991	Aaron Donald	Operation Desert Storm	Rodney King beating	Nirvana releases Nevermind	Clarence Thomas confirmed to SC	Soviet Union dissolves
1992	Miley Cyrus	LA riots	27th Amendment becomes law. Prevents mid-term pay raises	Mall of America opens	Hurricane Andrew	Clinton defeats Bush and Perot to win Presidency
1993	Ariana Grande	Bill Clinton sworn in as President	WTC bombing	Waco standoff	"Don't Ask, Don't Tell" Policy	PLO and Israel sign peace accord
1994	Aly Raisman	Nancy Kerrigan hit in the leg	The Superhighway Summit	Clinton signs Federal Assault Weapons Ban	Nicole Brown Simpson and Ron Goldman murdered	Republican Revolution
1995	Kendell Jenner	Yahoo! Is incorporated	Oklahoma City Bombing	OJ Simpson murder trial	Microsoft releases Windows 95	Million Man March
1996	Zendaya	Clinton signs line-item veto act. SC rules law unconstitutional	Hoover Institute releases an optimistic report on Global Warming	Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act	Bob Dole nominated as Republican candidate for President	Clinton signs welfare reform law
1997	Lamar Jackson	FDR memorial opens	Titanic premiers	Nasa's Pathfinder lands on Mars	Steve Jobs returns to Apple	google.com is registered
1998	Malia Obama	Smoking is banned in California bars and restaurants	Monica Lewinsky affair/Clinton impeached	Presidential line item veto found unconstitutional	Viagra is approved by FDA	White Supremists murder James Byrd
1999	Kiernan Shipka	Roth IRA is introduced	Columbine Massacre	US Women win World Cup	Unemployment rate falls to under 4%	Recording industry files lawsuit against Napster
2000	Laurie Hernandez	AOL buys Time Warner	Vermont legalizes same-sex civil unions	Court orders breakup of Microsoft	USS Cole bombing	Bush v. Gore Recount
2001	Billie Eilish	George Bush becomes President	Bush withdraws from 1997 Kyoto Protocol	Bush tax cuts signed into law	Judge Roy Moore installs ten comandments in Court rotunda	September 11th
2002	Maddie Ziegler	George Bush signs No Child Left Behind Act	Daniel Pearl is kidnapped in Pakistan	GWB describes Iraq, Iran and North Korea as the Axis of Evil	DC sniper attacks	Congress authorizes attack on Iraq
2003	Olivia Rodrigo	Space Shuttle Disaster	Colin Powell presents case against Iraq at UN	Iraq War begins	Northeast power outage	Mass rules laws outlawing gay marriage are unconstitutional
2004	Coco Gauff	Nasa's Spirit and Opportunity land on Mars	Abu Ghraib prison controversy	Final episode of Friends	Mass legalizes same-sex marriage	Assault Weapons Ban expires
2005	Honey Boo Boo	George Bush begins second term	YouTube goes online	Terri Schiavo debate	The Office debuts	Hurricane Katrina
2006	Suri Cruise	Liquids banned on US flights	Steve Irwin killed by a Stingray	Google buys YouTube	Dems take Control of both houses of Congress	US Housing Bubble; foreclosures increase by 42%

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2007		Release of first iPhone	Virginia Tech Massacre	Live Earth concerts	Mitchell Report detailing steroids in baseball	
2008		Writers strike	Bush releases an economic stimulus plan	California legalizes same sex marriage	Lehman Brothers declare bankruptcy	Obama elected President
2009		Iowa allows same sex marriages	Obama releases mileage and emission requirements for cars	Michael Jackson dies	Sonia Sotomayer becomes a Justice	Obama signs Hate Crimes Prevention Act
2010		Haiti Earthquake	SC decides Citizens United v. FEC	Obamacare signs into law	BP Oil Spill	Dodd-Frank signed into law
2011		Gabbie Giffords shot and injured	Watson wins on Jeopardy	Obama releases long-form birth certificate	Bin Laden killed in Pakistan	Space Shuttle program ends
2012		Trayvon Martin killed by George Zimmerman	SC holds Obamacare is constitutional	Aurora movie theatre shooting/Sandy Hook tragedy	Hurricane Sandy	Obama wins reelection
2013		Boston Marathon Bombing	IRS admits that it targeted conservative groups	SC strikes down Section 4 of 1965 Voting Rights Act	SC strikes down Defense of Marriage Act	Detroit files for bankruptcy
2014		Minimum wage for federal contractors lifted from \$7.25 to \$10.10	Obama proposes deep cuts to military	West Africa Ebola Outbreak	One World Trade opens in NYC	US and Cuba engage in normal diplomatic relations
2015		American Pharoah wins Triple Crown	Bruce Jenner comes out transgender	Trump announces run for White House	SC upholds Obamacare	SC rules in favor of same-sex marriages
2016		Justice Scalia dies	Kobe's last game. Scores 60 points	Harriet Tubman to replace Jackson on the 20	Pulse nightclub shooting	Trump wins election
2017		Trump becomes President	Trump leaves TPP	Gorsuch fills Scalia's seat	Comey fired. Mueller hired as Special Counsel	March in Charlottesville
2018		Parkland shooting/Tree of Life Shooting	Unemployment rate falls to 3.9%	Trump meets with Kim Jung-Un	Kavanaugh becomes SC justice, replacing Kennedy	Trump withdraws from Iran nuclear deal
2019		Mueller report is released	Bump stocks made illegal in US	Ukraine scandal breaks with whistleblower/Trump impeached	Protests to support fighting climate change led by Greta Thunberg	USMCA replaces NAFTA
2020		First case of Covid-19 on January 21, 2020	Kobe Bryant killed in a helicopter crash	Trump acquitted at impeachment trial	George Floyd killing and Black Lives Matter protests	Biden elected President
2021		January 6th attack on capital	First flight on Mars by Ingenuity helicopter	Tokyo Olympics. Delayed a year due to Covid	Afganistan falls to Taliban	Launch of James Webb Telescope
2022		World population reaches 8 billion	Russia invades Ukraine	Global Covid deaths reach 6 million	Queen Elizabeth Dies	Open AI releases Chat GPT

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2023		Silicon Valley Bank and First Republican Bank fail	Titan submersible implodes	Barbie and Oppenheimer open the same weekend	Hamas launches attack on Israel	The first AI safety summit takes place in UK
2024		Container ship hits Francis Scott Key Bridge	Total Solar Eclipse across North America	Dow Jones reaches 40,000 for first time	Biden drops out of Presidential race. Vice President Harris accepts Dem nomination	Trump Elected Reelected 47th President