U.S. History

Pre-Colonial (Before 1600)

- 12,000 B.C. North American Indian cultures appear.
- A.D.1000 Leif Ericsson lands in and calls it Vinland.
- 1492 Christopher Columbus lands in the Bahamas.
- 1513 Spanish explorer Juan Ponce de León lands on the coast of Florida.
- 1565 Saint Augustine - Florida
  - settled by the Spanish
  - first permanent European colony

Colonial America (1600–1799)

- 1620 Plymouth Colony in Massachusetts by Pilgrims from England
- 1664 New York
  - English
  - New Amsterdam from the Dutch
- 1672 The Blue Laws are enacted in Connecticut.
- 1688 Glorious Revolution
  - James
  - William and Mary
- 1689 King William's War begins.
- 1697 War of the Grand Alliance Treaty of Ryswick.
- 1752 Gregorian calendar
  - switch from the Julian
  - Britain and the British colonies
- 1753-1763 French and Indian War Treaty of Paris
- 1770 Boston Massacre
- 1773 Boston Tea Party Pouring Event
- 1774 First Continental Congress
  - in Philadelphia
  - 56 delegates
  - no Georgia
- 1775 American Revolution
  - Begining: Battles of Lexington and Concord
  - War of independence
- 07/04/1776 ★ Declaration of Independence in Philadelphia.
- 1789
  - George Washington is unanimously elected president of the United States
  - U.S. Constitution goes into effect ratified by nine states

A New Nation (1800–1849)

- 1800
  - The U.S. capital is moved from Philadelphia to Washington, DC.
  - U.S. Congress meets in Washington, DC, for the first time.
- 1803 Louisiana Purchase pay France $15 million for
- 1812 War of 1812: U.S. declares war on Britain
- 1820 Missouri Compromise
- 1830 President Jackson signs the Indian Removal Act
- 1846 Mexican War Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo
- 1848 Gold Discover Sutter's Mill in California
  - The gold rush reaches its height the following year.

Civil War & Reconstruction (1850–1899)

- 1850 Compromise of 1850
- 1860 Abraham Lincoln is elected president
- 1882 U.S. adopts standard time
- 1890 Indian Wars
  - Wounded Knee
  - Last major battle
- 1892 Ellis Island - chief immigration station of the U.S.
- 1898 Spanish-American War
- 1899 Treaty with Great Britain and Germany

Progressive Era & World Wars (1900–1949)

- 1917 World War I
  - war on Germany (April 6, 1917)
  - war on Austria-Hungary (Dec. 7, 1917)
- 1929 Stock market crash the Great Depression
- 1933 New Deal recovery measures are enacted by Congress.
- 1939-1945 World War II
  - 1939 neutrality in Euro conflict
  - 1945 U.S. declares war on Japan.
  - 1941 Yalta Meeting
- 1949 North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) is established.

Mid-Century & Cold War (1950–1999)

- 1950-1953 Korean War
  - President Truman commits
  - without the approval of Congress
- 1950-1975 Vietnam War
  - U.S. troops in South Vietnam.
  - U.S. troops invade Cambodia.
- 1964 Civil Rights Act President Johnson
- 1991 Persian Gulf War
  - U.S. leads international coalition
  - military operation
- 1992 End of the Cold War