

MAGIC YEARS

Memorizing years is not required for mastery of U.S. history; however it is useful if you can identify the following years by sight... and be able to explain how each is an important turning point in history. **RED ITEMS INDICATE SPECIFIC YEARS EXPLICIT ON FRAMEWORK. BLUE ITEMS ALSO EXPLICIT.**

1492 – Columbus “discover” America, Spanish colonization begins, **Columbian Exchange** begins

1607 – First permanent English colony – **Jamestown** on **Chesapeake Bay**

1619 – First slaves arrive in Jamestown & House Of Burgesses

1620 – Plymouth founded (**Puritans**) in **New England**

1676 – Bacon’s Rebellion

1754 – **French and Indian War** begins (**Seven Years War**)

1763 – **Treaty of Paris** - **French and Indian War** ends, **Pontiac’s Rebellion**, and **Proclamation Line**

1765 – Stamp Act, first direct tax, “no taxation without representation”

1775 – **American Revolution** begins; Lexington and Concord, Second Continental Congress

1776 – **Thomas Paine’s Common Sense & the Declaration of Independence**

1783 – Treaty of Paris - end of **American Revolution** & beginning of U.S.A. under **Articles of Confederation**

1787 – **Northwest Ordinance**

1789 – **Constitution ratified** (**Constitutional Convention**, 1787, **Federalists vs Anti-Federalists**)

1791 – **Bill of Rights** added to **Constitution**

1790s – **First Two Party System**, **Hamilton vs Jefferson**

1800 – “Revolution of 1800,” election of Thomas Jefferson

1803 – **Louisiana Purchase**, **Marbury vs Madison** (**judicial review**)

1808 – **slave importation ends** (**Slavery Compromise 1789**)

1812 – War of 1812 begins

1815 – Treaty of Ghent – end of War of 1812, Hartford Resolutions, end of **Federalist Party**, beginning of Era of Good Feelings

1820 – **Missouri Compromise**

1823 - **Monroe Doctrine**

1824 – Corrupt Bargain, election, beginning of **Democratic Party** (pro-Jackson movement)

1828 – **Andrew Jackson** elected, Era of the Common Man

1820s-1830s – **Second Two Party System**, **Jackson vs Clay**

1844 – Election of Polk; **Manifest Destiny**

1846 – **Mexican-American War** begins

1848 – Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, **Mexican Cession**, end of **Mexican American War**

1850 – **Compromise of 1850** (CA free, end of slave trade in DC, pop-sovereignty in cession lands, fugitive slave law)

1854 – **Kansas Nebraska Act** (pop-sov. in territories, bleeding Kansas), **Republican Party** replaces **Whig Party** which split over slavery

1857 – **Dred Scott vs Sanford**

1860 – **Election of Abraham Lincoln**, **secession begins**

1861 – beginning of **Civil War**, Battle of Fort Sumter

1862 – Homestead Act, Pacific Railway Act, Treasury System, Morrill Act

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1863 – Battle of Gettysburg, **Gettysburg Address**, Battle of Vicksburg, **Emancipation Proclamation**

1865 – end of **Civil War**, assassination of Lincoln, **13th Amendment**

1877 – end of **Radical Reconstruction**, Compromise of 1877. All states back in the Union and have ratified **13th**, **14th**, and **15th Amendments**, Jim Crow begins

1890 – Wounded Knee; **Closure of the West** (frontier closed), **Sherman-Antitrust Act**

1892 – **People’s Party** (**Populist Third Party**) nationwide and run Weaver for President

1896 – **Plessy v. Ferguson**

1898 – **Spanish American War**, beginning of imperialism, Philippines, Guam, Puerto Rico acquired, imperialists vs anti-imperialists

1903 – Panama Canal construction begins

1912 – election of 1912

1917 – U.S. enters **W.W.I.** – **Fourteen Points**

1918 – **W.W.I** ends

1919 – **First Red Scare**

1920 – **19th Amendment** (4th of 4 **Progressive Amendments**), **Treaty of Versailles** not ratified, U.S. does NOT join **League of Nations**

1920s - **more urban than rural**, **culture conflicts**

1929 – Stock Market Crash and beginning of **Great Depression**

1933 – **FDR’s New Deal** begins (**1930s-Great Depression**)

1941 – **Pearl Harbor**, U.S. enters **W.W.I.I.**; **Depression ends**

1945 – end of **W.W.I.I.**; **atomic bombs** on Hiroshima and Nagasaki; beginning of **Cold War** (“iron curtain” descends)

1950 – **Korean War** begins

1953 – **Korean War** ends; armistice and DMZ

1954 – **Brown v. Board of Education**

1957 – Sputnik; beginning of **space race**

1963 – I have a dream; **MLK**; March on Washington, JFK assassinated

1964 – Gulf of Tonkin Resolutions, troops fighting in **Vietnam War**

beginning of **LBJ’s Great Society**, **Civil Rights Act of 1964**

1965 – **Immigration Act** reverse quotas, **Civil Rights Movement** splinters as some question non-violent tactics of King

1968 – MLK and RFK assassinated, Tet Offensive, Chicago riot, silent majority elects Nixon, race riots, **anti-war** escalates

1973 – **Vietnam War** ends with armistice

1974 – Watergate scandal leads to Nixon resigning before he’s impeached

1975 – Fall of Saigon (**South Vietnam** falls to North Vietnam, then Laos and Cambodia)

1980 – **Election of Ronald Reagan**; **conservative resurgence**

1989 – Berlin Wall falls, end of **Cold War** with U.S.S.R.

2000 – election of George W. Bush, **Bush vs Gore**

2001 – **September 11th attacks on Pentagon and World Trade Center**; Osama Bin Laden; Patriot Acts, Department of Homeland Security, NSA

2008 – election of Barack Obama, the Great Recession of 2008