

# US History B Complete Timeline

- **1914**
  - World War I begins in Europe.
  - Archduke Franz Ferdinand assassinated in Sarajevo. A black-and-white photograph of Archduke Franz Ferdinand is shown.
- **1915:** German U-boat sinks RMS *Lusitania*. A black-and-white photograph shows the RMS *Lusitania*.
- **1916:** Pancho Villa's forces attack Columbus, New Mexico.
- **1917**
  - Germany sends the secret Zimmermann telegram.
  - Woodrow Wilson delivers "Peace Without Victory" speech.
  - U.S. declares war on Germany and enters World War I. A black-and-white photograph shows soldiers fighting in a trench.
- **1918**
  - U.S. soldiers engage Germans in the Argonne Forest during WWI. A black-and-white photograph shows German soldiers in a trench pointing guns at enemy forces.
  - President Wilson issues Fourteen Points.
- **1918–1919:** Anti-communist Red Scare in the U.S.
- **1919:** Treaty of Versailles officially ends World War I. A sepia photograph shows three men leaving the Palace of Versailles.
- **1920:** Warren G. Harding overwhelmingly elected president on a platform of a return to 'normalcy.' A black-and-white photograph shows a man giving a speech behind a podium outdoors.
- **1923:** Teapot Dome scandal affects Harding presidency.
- **1924**
  - Henry Ford sells Model Ts for \$300. A black-and-white photograph shows an automobile being assembled.
  - Congress establishes immigration quotas.
- **1925**
  - John Scopes found guilty of teaching evolution in Tennessee.
  - F. Scott Fitzgerald's *The Great Gatsby* published. A black-and-white image shows F. Scott Fitzgerald.
- **1927**
  - Charles Lindbergh flies solo across Atlantic Ocean. A black-and-white photograph shows a man inspecting a plane's propeller.

- Sacco and Vanzetti, Italian American anarchists, executed in a controversial decision. A sepia photograph shows a large crowd picketing with signs.
- **1928:** Herbert Hoover elected president.
- **1929:**
  - Stock market crashes.
  - Great Depression begins.
- **1930:** Severe drought and poor farming practices create the Dust Bowl on the Great Plains.
- **1931:** Verdict in Scottsboro Boys trial in Alabama compromised by cultural racism.
- **1932:**
  - Hoover forms Reconstruction Finance Corporation to combat Great Depression.
  - Bonus Army riot in Washington, D.C.
- **1932:** Franklin D. Roosevelt elected president. A black-and-white photograph shows Franklin D. Roosevelt.
- **1933:** First New Deal legislation passes
- **1934:** Southern Tenant Farmers Union comes into existence. A black-and-white photograph shows farmers with picket signs.
- **1935**
  - Supreme Court strikes down key elements of the New Deal
  - Second New Deal begins, including Works Progress Administration (WPA). A black-and-white photograph shows workers at tables.
- **1936**
  - Roosevelt reelected in a landslide. A black-and-white photograph shows Franklin D. Roosevelt sitting at a desk.
- **1938**
  - Fair Labor Standards Act passes
  - U.S. encounters recession when government spending is curtailed
- **1938:**
  - Germany expands in Europe through force..
  - Munich Pact policy of appeasement fails to stop German expansion.
- **1941:**
  - Holocaust of Jews, others carried out by Nazi Germans in concentration camps begins.
  - U.S. begins to provide military aid to Britain under the Lend-Lease Act.
  - Japanese planes bomb U.S. naval base at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii.
- **1942:**
  - Fair Employment Practices Committee created.
  - U.S. Navy defeats Japanese forces at Midway, a turning point in the war.
  - U.S. begins internment of Japanese Americans.
- **1942:**

- Winston Churchill, Franklin Roosevelt, and Joseph Stalin meet in Tehran to discuss Allied war priorities.
  - U.S. troops invade Italy.
- **1944:** Allied forces land at Normandy in France as part of D-Day invasion.
- **1945:**
  - Battles of Iwo Jima and Okinawa are waged against Japanese forces.
  - U.S. drops atomic bombs on Japan.
  - World War II ends with surrender of Axis powers.
  - Surviving Holocaust victims are freed.
  - Winston Churchill, Franklin Roosevelt, and Joseph Stalin meet in Yalta to discuss postwar world.
- **1946:** George Kennan sends Long Telegram from Moscow. An image shows a telegram.
- **1947:**
  - Truman Doctrine announced
  - First Levittown house sold
  - Anti-communist House Un-American Activities Committee hearings begin
- **1948:** Berlin Airlift begins in East Germany. A black and white photograph shows a large military plane surrounded by a group of soldiers.
- **1950:** North Korean troops cross 38th parallel
- **1952:** Dwight D. Eisenhower elected president
- **1953:** Julius and Ethel Rosenberg executed for espionage
- **1954:**
  - Bill Haley and His Comets record “Rock Around the Clock”
  - Senator Joseph McCarthy censured for misconduct by U.S. Congress
  - Supreme Court rules on *Brown v. Board of Education*. An image shows a wooden gavel and block.
- **1955:** Montgomery Bus Boycott begins
- **1957:**
  - Little Rock’s Central High School integrates
  - USSR launches *Sputnik*, the first satellite to circle Earth. A sepia photograph shows a group of observers with telescopes.
- **1960:** Greensboro lunch counter sit-ins inspire student-led demonstrations.
- **1961:** CIA orchestrates failed Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba.
- **1962:** Cuban Missile Crisis leads to standoff between the United States and the Soviet Union.
- **1963:**

- John F. Kennedy assassinated in Dallas
- Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson becomes president.
- **1964:** Congress passes Gulf of Tonkin resolution.
- **1965:** Congress passes Voting Rights Act.
- **1966:** National Organization for Women founded.
- **1968:**
  - Gains for North Vietnamese forces during the Tet Offensive prolong the Vietnam War.
  - Martin Luther King Jr. assassinated in Memphis.
- **1969:** Apollo 11 lands first humans on moon.
- **1968:**
  - Vietnamese civilians massacred at My Lai.
  - Richard Nixon elected president. A black and white photo of Richard Nixon is shown.
- **1969:** First Woodstock music festival held in Woodstock, New York.
- **1970:** National Guard fires on student protesters at Kent State University. A black and white photograph shows armed members of the National Guard facing a large group of student protestors.
- **1972:** President Nixon goes to China, improving political relations.
- **1973:**
  - Roe v. Wade legalizes abortion in the United States.
  - Paris Peace Accords end U.S. role in Vietnam.
  - OPEC proclaims oil embargo.
- **1974:** Nixon resigns due to the Watergate scandal and Gerald Ford becomes president. A black and white photo of Gerald Ford is shown.
- **1976:** Jimmy Carter is elected president. A color photo of Jimmy Carter is shown.
- **1978:** Camp David Accords signed. A black and white photo shows Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin celebrating in a crowd of people clapping their hands.
- **1979:** Iranian protesters take hostages in a U.S. embassy, beginning a hostage crisis that lasts 444 days.
- **1980:** Ronald Reagan is elected president. A black and white photo shows Ronald Reagan.
- **1982:** States fail to ratify equal rights amendment to promote fair pay for women in the workplace.
- **1988:** George H. W. Bush elected president.
- **1989:** Berlin Wall falls as communism weakens in Germany. A photograph shows graffiti on the Berlin Wall.
- **1990:** Operation Desert Storm begins in Persian Gulf.
- **1992:** Bill Clinton elected president. A black and white photo shows Bill Clinton.

- **1993:** Congress approves North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).
- **1994:** Contract with America leads to Republican control in Congress.
- **1995:**
  - Internet opens to commercial use. A photograph shows a search bar of a web browser.
  - Domestic terrorist bombing of federal building in Oklahoma City.
- **1998:** U.S. House of Representatives votes to impeach President Clinton, but Senate votes against impeachment.
- **1998:** Your favorite teacher, Mrs. Lacey West was born.
- **2001:**
  - On September 11, terrorists attack the World Trade Center and the Pentagon with hijacked commercial airplanes.
  - U.S. invades Afghanistan in response to the September 11 terror attacks.
- **2002:** President George W. Bush founds the Department of Homeland Security.
- **2003:** American and coalition forces invade Iraq in a controversial decision.
- **2004:** Massachusetts legalizes same-sex marriage.
- **2005:** Hurricane Katrina devastates New Orleans, Louisiana, Alabama, and Mississippi.
- **2007:** Nancy Pelosi becomes the first woman Speaker of the House.
- **2008:**
  - Global financial crisis begins
  - Barack Obama is elected president, becoming America's first African American president.
- **2010:** Congress passes Affordable Care Act, reforming health care.
- **2013:**
  - Terrorists attack Boston Marathon.
  - Supreme Court rules Defense of Marriage Act unconstitutional.