4 0 0 Years of American Literature

1607 Jamestown Colony founded; 1618 first Englishwomen arrive; 1618 first African slaves

1616 Smallpox decimates New England Indians

1620 Plymouth colony founded; Spanish found Santa Fe (now New Mexico)

1624 Dutch found New Amsterdam (later New York)

1636 Harvard College founded

1637 Pequot War

1664 English conquer New Amsterdam

1675 King Phillip's War, New England

1676 Bacon's Rebellion

1692 Salem Witch Trials, Massachusetts

1700

1714 Tea introduced to the colonies

1730s First Great Awakening, religious revival

1749 Benjamin Franklin invents lightning rod

1750 First playhouse, New York City

1760 George III king

1763 French & Indian War ends; Pontiac's reberllion begins

1763 Stamp Act, Stamp Act Congress & Repeal

1770 Boston Massacre

1773 Boston Tea Party; 1774 First Continental Congress; 1775 Battles of Lexington & Concord; 1776 Declaration of Independence

1778 Treaty of Alliance with France

1781 Articles of Confederation

1783 Revolutionary War ends

1787 Constitutional Convention

1789 Washington President

1791 Bill of Rights ratified

1793 Eli Whitney invents cotton gin

1798 Alien and Sedition Acts

1803 Louisiana Purchase

1804 Lewis & Clark set out; NJ abolishes slavery

1800

1807 Robert Fulton invents steamboat

1808 Slave trade with Africa outlawed

1812 War of 1812

1818 Cumberland Road opens

1820 Missouri Compromise

1823 Monroe Doctrine

1825 Erie Canal complete

1830 Indian Removal Act

1831 Nat Turner's Rebellion; The Liberator founded

1832 Telegraph invented

1846 Mexican War begins

1848 Seneca Falls Convention

1849 California Gold Rush

1857 Dred Scott Case

1859 Harpers Ferry Raid

1860 Lincoln elected

1861-5 Civil War

1865 13th Amendment frees slaves

1866 Ku Klux Klan founded

1869 Transcontinental Railroad completed

1870's Buffalo slaughtered

1875 Civil Rights Act passed (nullified 1887)

1876 Battle of Little Bighorn

1877 Pres. Hayes ends Reconstruction

1882 Chinese Exclusion Act

1890 Wounded Knee massacre

1892 Homestead Strike

1893 Panic of '93

1894 Coxey's Army

1896 Bryan's "Cross of Gold" speech

1898 Spanish-American War

1901 J.P. Morgan founds U.S. Steel

1904 U.S. acquires Panama Canal Zone

1906 Pure Food and Drug Act

1908 Model T Ford; FBI established

1909 W.E.B. DuBois founds NAACP

1912 Titanic sinks

1913 16th Amendment (income tax)

1900

1917 U.S. enters WWI; Espionage & Sedition Acts

1918 Eugene Debs imprisoned

1919 - Senate rejects Treaty of Versailles

1919-20 Red Scare

1919 Prohibition

1919 Women get the vote

1923 Teapot Dome scandal

1924 Immigration Act

1927 Lindbergh flies Atlantic

1929 Stock Market Crash

1931 Bonus Army; FDR elected

1933 Prohibition repealed; New Deal begun

1934 Dust Bowl starts

1935 Social Security Act

1941 Pearl Harbor; U.S. enters WWII

1945 Potratz born; FDR dies

1945 Hiroshima/Nagasaki bombings end WWII

1948 Nurember Trials; Alger Hiss case

1949 USSR tests atomic bomb

1950 Korean War begins; Sen. McCarthy's Wheeling speech

1952 Eisenhower elected

1953 Rosenbergs executed

1954 Brown v. Board of Edu.

1955 Montgomery bus boycott

1957 Space Race begins

1960 JFK elected

1961 Peace Corps

1962 Cuban Missile Crisis

1963 March on Washington; Kennedy assassinated

1964 Vietnam War heats up; Civil Rights Act

1965 Watts Riot

1968 MLK. Jr. & RFK killed

1969 Moon Landing

1970 Kent State shootings

1973 Vietnam War ends . . .

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