

notes:

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you don't need to be a human calendar, but knowing when things happened in relation to each other is really helpful. get a general sense of when things happened - a rough timeline in your head is key!

color key:

RED: war / rebellions / battles

ORANGE: sc cases / laws / acts / agreements / treaties etc

PINK: people

Columbus arrives at the Bahamas - 1492

Jamestown founded - 1607

Plymouth colony founded (Puritans) - 1620

Bacon's Rebellion - 1676

Great Awakening - 1730s to 1740s

French and Indian War - 1756 to 1763

Pontiac's Rebellion - 1763 to 1764

All the taxing acts (sugar, tea, townshend etc) - 1764 to 1774

Boston Massacre - 1770

Committees of Correspondence formed - 1772

Boston Tea Party - 1773

American Revolution - 1775 to 1783

Declaration of Independence - 1776

Battle of Saratoga - 1777

Battle of Yorktown - 1781

Articles of Confederation - 1781

Treaty of Paris - 1783

Shays Rebellion - 1787

Constitutional Convention - 1787

Constitution ratified - 1788

Republican Motherhood emerges - 1790

Whiskey Rebellion - 1794

Jay's and Pinckney's Treaty - 1795

Second Great Awakening - 1790s to 1840s

Louisiana Purchase - 1803
Slave trade ended - 1808
War of 1812 - 1812 to 1815
Treaty of Ghent - 1814
Missouri Compromise - 1820
Monroe Doctrine - 1823
Railroad era begins - 1830s
People begin venturing on the Oregon Trail - 1830s
Nat Turner's Rebellion - 1831
The Liberator by William Lloyd Garrison - 1831
Nullification Crisis - 1832
Whig Party emerges - 1834
Manifest Destiny emerges - 1840s
Mexican American War - 1846 to 1848
Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo - 1848
Gold discovered in California - 1849
Compromise of 1850 - 1850 (an easy one !)
Republican Party emerges - 1854
Bleeding Kansas - 1855 to 1861
Dred Scott v Sanford - 1857
Lincoln elected - 1860
South Carolina secedes - 1860
Confederate States of America formed - 1861
Civil War - 1861 to 1865
Emancipation Proclamation - 1863
KKK formed - 1865
Reconstruction - 1865 to 1877
Lincoln assassinated and Johnson becomes President - 1865
First Reconstruction Act - 1867
Alaska purchased - 1867
Fourteenth Amendment - 1868
Fifteenth Amendment - 1870
End of Reconstruction with Rutherford Hayes elected - 1876
Big businesses emerge - 1880s
Progressive Era - 1897 to 1920s
Spanish-American War - 1898
Hawaii Annexed - 1898
US receives Philippines, Samoa, Puerto Rico and Guam - 1899

Roosevelt Corollary - 1904

Panama Canal built - 1904 to 1914
Great Migration - 1916
World War 1 - 1914 to 1918
Treaty of Versailles - 1918
18th Amendment banning alcohol - 1919
Red Scare - 1919
Nineteenth Amendment (women's suffrage) - 1920
Stock Market crashes - 1929
FDR elected, New Deal begins - 1932
Destroyers-for-bases deal - 1940
Lend-Lease - 1941
Pearl Harbor bombing - 1941
Atomic bombs dropped in Japan - 1945
NATO established - 1949
Korean War - 1950
Joseph McCarthy's impact - 1950
Brown v Board of Ed - 1954
Montgomery Bus Boycott - 1955
Sputnik - 1957
Freedom Rides - 1961
The Feminine Mystique - 1963
Vietnam War (US involvement) - 1964 to 1973
Roe v. Wade - 1973
Nixon resigns because of Watergate backlash - 1974
Reagan elected - 1980
Iran-Contra scandal - 1985
USSR falls - 1991
NAFTA established - 1994

9/11 - 2001