Period 1 1491-1607

1492 – Columbus Arrives in the Americas 1500s – Emergence of Atlantic Slave Trade 1512 – Encomienda System Established

1550s – De Las Casas v. De Sepulveda Debate

Period 2 1607-1754

- 1607 Virginia Established
- 1608 French Establish Quebec
- 1619 First African Slaves Arrive in America, House of Burgesses Established
- 1620 Pilgrims Arrive in Plymouth, Mayflower Compact
- 1624 Dutch Establish New Netherland
- 1630 Massachusetts Bay Founded
- 1634 Maryland Established
- 1636 Roger Williams Exiled
- 1636 Pequot War
- 1638 Anne Hutchinson Exiled
- 1639 Fundamental Orders of Connecticut
- 1649 Act of Toleration
- 1661 Barbados Slave Code Adopted
- 1675-76 King Philip's War
- 1676 Bacon's Rebellion
- 1680 Pueblo Revolt
- 1664 British Take Over New York
- 1681 William Penn Establishes Pennsylvania
- 1686 Dominion of New England
- 1713 Georgia Established (last colony)
- 1733 Molasses Act
- 1734 First Great Awakening Begins, Zenger Trial
- 1739 Stono Rebellion
- 1754 Start of the Seven Years War

Period 3 1754-1800

- 1754 Seven Years War Starts, Albany Plan of Union
- 1763 Seven Years War Ends, Pontiac's Rebellion, Proclamation of 1763
- 1765 Stamp Act, Stamp Act Congress
- 1766 Declaratory Act
- 1767 Townshend Acts
- 1770 Boston Massacre
- 1772 Committees of Correspondence
- 1773 British East India Tea Monopoly, Tea Party
- 1774 Intolerable Acts, First Continental Congress, The Association
- 1775 Lexington and Concord, Second Continental Congress
- 1776 Common Sense, Declaration of Independence
- 1777 Battle of Saratoga
- 1778 French Alliance
- 1781 Articles of Confederation Go Into Effect
- 1783 Treaty of Paris
- 1785 Land Ordinance of 1785
- 1786 Shay's Rebellion
- 1787 Northwest Ordinance, Constitutional Convention
- 1788 Ratification of the Constitution,
- 1789 George Washington Becomes President, French Revolution Starts
- 1791 Bill of Rights Adopted, Hamilton's Plan
- 1793 Neutrality Proclamation
- 1794 Whiskey Rebellion, Jay's Treaty, NW Indian Wars
- 1795 Treaty of Greenville, Pinckney's Treaty
- 1796 Washington's Farewell Address
- 1797 John Adams Becomes President
- 1798 XYZ Affair, Alien & Sedition Acts, Kentucky & Virginia Resolutions
- 1800 Election of Thomas Jefferson

Period 4 1800-1848

- 1790s Second Great Awakening Starts
- 1791 Samuel Slater's First Factory
- 1793 Whitney Invents Cotton Gin
- 1798 Whitney Develops Interchangeable Parts
- 1800 Jefferson Elected President

- 1803 Marbury v. Madison, Louisiana Purchase
- 1807 Chesapeake Affair, Embargo Act, First Steamboat
- 1812 War of 1812 Starts
- 1814 Treaty of Ghent Ends War of 1812
- 1815 Hartford Convention
- 1816 Second Bank of US, Protective Tariff (American System)
- 1817 American Colonization Society Founded
- 1819 Panic of 1819, McCullough v. Maryland
- 1820 Missouri Compromise
- 1823 Monroe Doctrine
- 1824 Gibbons v. Ogden, Corrupt Bargain Election
- 1825 Erie Canal Finished
- 1826 American Temperance Society Founded
- 1828 Jackson Elected President, South Carolina Exposition, First Railroad in US
- 1829 Walker publishes *The Appeal*
- 1830 Indian Removal Act
- 1831 Nat Turner's Rebellion, Garrison Starts The Liberator
- 1832 Bank War, Tariff Crisis, Jackson Re-elected Over Clay, Worcester v. Georgia,
- 1833 Jackson "Kills" the Bank
- 1836 Gag Order in Congress
- 1837 Deere Develops Steel Plow
- 1838 Trail of Tears
- 1841 Brook Farm Founded
- 1843 Dix Petitions for Mentally Ill
- 1844 Morse Invents Telegraph, End of Gag Order
- 1845 Potato Famine Starts, Poe Publishes The Raven, Douglass publishes autobiography
- 1846 Howe Invents Sewing Machine, Mormon Migration, Start of Mexican American War
- 1848 End of Mexican American War, Oneidas Founded

Period 5 1844-1877 (1896)

- 1787 3/5s Compromise
- 1817 American Colonization Society Founded
- 1820 Missouri Compromise
- 1829 Walker publishes The Appeal
- 1831 Nat Turner's Rebellion, Garrison Starts The Liberator
- 1836 Gag Order in Congress, Texas Wins Independence from Mexico
- 1844 End of Gag Order, Polk Elected President on Manifest Destiny Platform, Treaty of Wanghia
- 1845 Douglass publishes autobiography
- 1846 US Splits Oregon with Britain, Start of Mexican American War
- 1848 End of Mexican American War, Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo
- 1849 California Gold Rush
- 1850 Compromise of 1850
- 1852 Publication of Uncle Toms' Cabin
- 1853 Gadsden Purchase
- 1854 Commodore Perry Opens Japan, Kansas-Nebraska Act, Republican Party Formed
- 1856 Caning of Sumner, Start of Bleeding Kansas
- 1857 Dred Scott v. Sandford
- 1858 Lincoln Douglas Debates
- 1859 John Brown's Raid on Harper's Ferry
- 1860 Election of Abraham Lincoln, Secession of South Carolina
- 1861 Secession of the Rest of the South, Fort Sumter Starts Civil War, Lincoln Suspends Habeas Corpus
- 1862 Lincoln Issues Emancipation Proclamation
- 1863 Emancipation Proclamation Goes into Effect, NYC Draft Riots, Lincoln Announces 10% Plan
- 1864 Sherman's March
- $1865 South Surrenders to the North, 13^{th} Amendment, Lincoln Assassinated, Freedman's Bureau, Black Codes$
- 1866 KKK Founded
- 1867 Military Reconstruction Act
- $1868-14^{\mathrm{th}}\,\mathrm{Amendment},$ Johnson Impeached
- $1870-15^{th}\,Amendment$
- 1873 Susan B. Anthony Arrested for Voting
- 1877 Compromise of 1877
- 1870s & 80s Emergence of Jim Crow Laws, Literacy Tests, Poll Taxes
- 1883 Civil Rights Cases
- 1896 Plessy v. Ferguson

Period 6 1865-1898

- 1856 Henry Bessemer patents Bessemer Process
- 1860 Pacific Telegraph Act
- 1862 Pacific Railway Act, Homestead Act
- 1865 end of the Civil War

- 1867 Refrigerated Train Car patented, Grangers form
- 1869 Knights of Labor forms
- 1870 Standard Oil incorporated
- 1873 Carnegie begins to build is first steel mill
- 1876 telephone invented, Battle of Little Bighorn
- 1877 end of Reconstruction
- 1880 Carlisle Indian School forms
- 1882 Chinese Exclusion Act
- 1886 Wabash v. Illinois, Haymarket Square Riot, Knight of Labor die, AF of L forms
- 1887 Interstate Commerce Act, Dawes Act
- 1888 AC motor invented, People's Party forms
- 1889 motion picture invented, Andrew Carnegie publishes Gospel of Wealth essay, Hull House established
- 1890 Sherman Antitrust Act, massacre at Wounded Knee
- 1892 Homestead Strike, Omaha Platform, Election of 1892
- 1894 Pullman Strike
- 1895 EC Knight v. US, Atlanta Compromise Speech
- 1896 Election of 1896, Plessy v. Ferguson
- 1897 Ida Wells publishes Southern Horrors: Lynch Law in All its Phases
- 1898 Spanish American War
- 1909 NAACP founded

Period 7 1898-1945

- 1890 How the Other Half Lives published
- 1892 Sierra Club created
- 1893 Turner Thesis on Closing of American Frontier
- 1898 Spanish American War, annexation of Hawaii
- 1899 Filipino Rebellion
- 1901 Theodore Roosevelt becomes president
- 1902 Anthracite Coal Strike
- 1903 Northern Securities v. US, acquisition of Panama
- 1904 Roosevelt Corollary
- 1905 US Fish Commission created
- 1906 The Jungle published, Pure Food and Drug Act, Meat Inspection Act
- 1913 16th Amendment, 17th Amendment, Federal Reserve Act
- 1914 World War I Starts
- 1915 Birth of a Nation movie, sinking of the Lusitania
- 1917 Alice Paul Hunger Strike, Henry Ford begins construction on River Rouge Plant, Zimmerman Note, US Joins World War I
- 1918 Sedition Act, World War I Ends, Treaty of Versailles
- 1919 18th Amendment, Schenck v. US, First Red Scare, Red Summer, Big Labor Strikes, US Rejects Treaty of Versailles
- 1920 19th Amendment
- 1921 Sanger founds American Birth Control League, Immigration Act of 1921, Washington Naval Conference
- 1924 Immigration Act of 1924
- 1925 Scopes Monkey Trial
- 1927 *The Jazz Singer* movie
- 1928 Hoover elected president. Kellogg Briand Pact
- 1929 Stock Market Crash
- 1932 Reconstruction Finance Corporation, Bonus Army, Hoover-Stimson Doctrine, Franklin D. Roosevelt elected president
- 1933 FDIC created, Prohibition Repealed
- 1935 Black Sunday Dust Storm, WPA created, Social Security Act, Schechter Poultry v. US, Neutrality Act
- 1937 FDR announces court packing plan, Quarantine Speech
- 1938 Fair Labor Standards Act
- 1939 World War II Starts, Cash and Carry Law
- 1940 FDR wins third term, Bases for Destroyers Deal
- 1941 Lend Lease Act, Atlantic Charter, Pearl Harbor, US Joins WWII
- 1942 Japanese Internment Order
- 1943 Zoot Suit Riots
- 1944 Korematsu v. US, Yalta Conference, D-Day Invasion
- 1945 V E Day, Atomic Bombs, End of World War II

Period 8 1945-1980

- 1944 GI Bill
- 1945 End of World War Two
- 1947 Truman Doctrine, First Levittown Started
- 1948 Marshall Plan, Berlin Airlift, Desegregation of Military, Creation of Israel
- 1949 NATO Created, Loss of China
- 1950 Korean War Starts, McCarthy West Virginia Speech on Communism in Govt.
- 1952 Eisenhower Elected President
- 1953 Korean War Ends, Iran Coup
- 1954 Brown v. Board of Education, Geneva Convention Divides Vietnam, Guatemala Coup
- 1955 Montgomery Bus Boycott

- 1956 Interstate Highway Act
- 1957 Little Rock Crisis, Peak of Baby Boom, Eisenhower Doctrine, Brooklyn Dodgers move to LA
- 1959 Castro Takes Over Cuba
- 1960 JFK Elected President
- 1961 Bay of Pigs, Mapp v. Ohio
- 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis, Cesar Chavez Creates UFW, Silent Spring published
- 1963 Feminine Mystique published, Equal Pay Act, Clean Air Act
- 1964 Civil Rights Act of 1964, Heart of Atlanta v. US, 24th Amendment, Gulf of Tonkin Attacks, Great Society Speech
- 1965 Voting Rights Act of 1965, Malcolm X Assassinated, Immigration Act of 1965, Medicaid, Griswold v. Connecticut
- 1966 Creation of Black Panthers, Medicare, Miranda v. Arizona
- 1968 Election of 1968, Creation of AIM
- 1969 Stonewall Inn Riots
- 1970 Environmental Protection Agency Created
- 1972 Opening of China, SALT I Treaty, Clean Water Act, Title IX, Watergate Break In
- 1973 US Leaves Vietnam, War Powers Act, Roe v. Wade, AIM Occupies Wounded Knee, Oil Shock I
- 1974 Nixon Resigns 1979 Iranian Hostage Crisis, Oil Shock II
- 1980 Reagan Elected President
- 1982 Equal Rights Amendment Rejected

Period 9 1980-Present

- 1979 Moral Majority founded by Jerry Falwell
- 1980 election of Ronald Reagan
- 1981 Economic Recovery Tax Act of 1981, PATCO Strike
- 1983 Reagan proposes Star Wars, US invades Grenada
- 1985 Mikhail Gorbachev comes to power; first Reagan-Gorbachev summit
- 1986 second Reagan-Gorbachev summit
- 1987 "Tear Down This Wall" Speech
- 1988 election of George HW Bush
- 1989 fall of the Berlin Wall
- 1991 USSR dissolves, First Iraq War
- 1992 election of Bill Clinton
- 1994 NAFTA goes into effect, Netscape emerges as a popular Internet browser
- 1996 Clinton/Congress pass welfare reform
- 1998 Bill Clinton is impeached
- 2000 election of George W. Bush
- 2001 9/11 attacks, invasion of Afghanistan, Patriot Act
- 2003 Second Iraq War
- 2004 Facebook is created
- 2006 Medicare Part D goes into effect, first tweet on Twitter
- 2007 first iPhone
- 2008 election of Barack Obama
- 2010 Affordable Care Act is passed