

The New York Times

“Major events of 1900”

February 5th – U.S. and Britain sign treaty for canal in Nicaragua

November 8th – Republican McKinley retains Presidency

“Major events of 1901”

September 7th – President McKinley shot at Buffalo fair

September 15th – Mr Roosevelt is now the President

“Major events of 1904”

October 27th – New York City subway opening today with simple ceremony

November 10th – Roosevelt is elected to his own full term

“Major events of 1906”

April 19th – San Francisco hit by major earthquake

“Major events of 1911”

November 6th – Calbraith Rodgers completes first cross-country flight

“Major events of 1912”

April 15th – Titanic disaster

November 6th – Woodrow Wilson elected President

“Major events of 1914”

August 5th – England declares war on Germany

“Major events of 1915”

May 8th – Lusitania sunk by a submarine, probably 1,000 dead

October 22nd – Wireless call from New York spans the Atlantic Ocean

“Major events of 1916”

November 10th – With 272 electoral votes, Wilson wins

“Major events of 1917”

April 7th – President Wilson formally declares war on Germany

May 19th – President calls the nation to arms

June 14th – American troops land in France

“Major events of 1918”

January 9th – President Wilson specifies terms as basis for world peace

November 11th – Armistice signed, end of the war!

“Major events of 1919”

January 30th – ‘Dry’ amendment proclaimed part of constitution

June 29th – Peace signed, ends the Great War

“Major events of 1920”

November 3rd – Harding elected President of the United States

“Major events of 1921”

December 7th – Ireland to be a free state within the British Empire

“Major events of 1922”

February 22nd – Giant army dirigible wrecked; 34 dead, 11 are saved

Major events of 1923”

February 17th – Tut-ankh-Amen’s inner tomb is opened

“Major events of 1924”

February 4th – Woodrow Wilson passes away in sleep

November 5th – Calvin Coolidge elected President of the United States

“Major events of 1925”

July 22nd – John Scopes found guilty for teaching the theory of evolution

“Major events of 1926”

September 24th – Gene Tunney wins championship, beats Dempsey in 10 rounds

“Major events of 1927”

May 22nd – Charles A. Lindbergh completes Atlantic flight

“Major events of 1928”

June 19th – Amelia Earhart, first woman to fly Atlantic

November 7th – Herbert Hoover, new President of America

“Major events of 1929”

February 15th – St. Valentine’s Day massacre

October 30th – Stocks collapse in 16,410,030 – share day

“Major events of 1931”

May 2nd – Empire State Building formally opened by President Hoover

“Major events of 1932”

November 9th – Roosevelt winner in landslide

“Major events of 1934”

May 24th – Clyde Barrow & Bonnie Parker are slain by police in Louisiana trap

Major events of 1936”

March 8th – Hitler sends German troops into Rhineland

“Major events of 1938”

October 31st – Radio listeners in panic – ‘gas raid from Mars’

“Major events of 1939”

September 1st – German army attacks Poland

September 3rd – Britain and France declare war on Germany

“Major events of 1940”

November 6th – Roosevelt elected President for a third term

“Major events of 1941”

June 22nd – Hitler begins war on Russia

December 8th – Japanese surprise attack on Pearl Harbour

December 12th – U.S. now at war with Germany & Italy

“Major events of 1942”

June 7th – Battle of Midway – 2, perhaps 3, Japanese Carriers sunk

“Major events of 1943”

July 1st – MacArthur starts allied offensive in Pacific

December 25th – Eisenhower named commander for invasion of Europe

“Major events of 1944”

June 6th – Allied armies land in France

November 8th – Roosevelt wins fourth term

“Major events of 1945”

April 13th – President Roosevelt is dead

August 7th – First atomic bomb dropped on Japan

“Major events of 1946”

March 6th – Churchill assails Soviet policy – “iron curtain” dividing Europe

October 2nd – 12 Nazi war leaders sentenced to be hanged

“Major events of 1948”

January 31st – Gandhi is killed by a Hindu, India shaken, world mourns

May 15th – Zionists proclaim new state of Israel

November 3rd – Truman leads Dewey in late returns

“Major events of 1949”

May 12th – Berlin land blockade is lifted – airlift planes continues

“Major events of 1950”

June 28th – Truman orders United States air & naval forces to fight in aid of Korea

“Major events of 1951”

April 11th – Truman relieves MacArthur of all his posts

“Major events of 1953”

March 6th – Stalin dies after 29-year rule

June 20th – Rosenbergs executed in electric chair

July 27th – Korean War ends

“Major events of 1957”

September 25th – President sends troops to Little Rock

October 5th – Soviet Union fires earth satellite into space

“Major events of 1960”

November 10th – Senator John F. Kennedy wins Presidential election

“Major events of 1961”

April 18th – Anti-Castro units land in Cuba

“Major events of 1962”

October 2nd – 3,000 troops put down Mississippi rioting & seize 200 as Negro attend classes

“Major events of 1963”

November 23rd – President John F. Kennedy assassinated

November 25th – President’s assassin shot to death in jail corridor

“Major events of 1964”

November 4th – Johnson swamps Goldwater

“Major events of 1965”

February 22nd – Assassination of Malcolm X, leader of Organisation for Afro-American Unity

May 26th – Cassius Clay knocks out Sonny Liston in one-minute bout

“Major events of 1968”

April 5th – Martin Luther King slain in Memphis

June 6th – Robert Kennedy assassinated

November 7th – Nixon wins by a thin margin

“Major events of 1969”

July 21st – Men walk on moon

“Major events of 1971”

February 6th – 2 astronauts walk and work on moon’s surface

“Major events of 1972”

November 8th – Nixon elected in landslide

“Major events of 1973”

January 28th – Vietnam peace pacts signed; America’s longest war halts

“Major events of 1974”

March 2nd – Federal grand jury indicts 7 Nixon aides on charges of conspiracy

August 9th – Nixon resigns – Ford will take office today

August 10th – Ford sworn in as President; asserts ‘nightmare is over’

“Major events of 1976”

November 3rd – Carter victor in tight race; Ford loses New York state

“Major events of 1977”

August 17th – Elvis Presley dies

“Major events of 1978”

November 21st – 400 found dead in mass suicide by cult – hundreds more missing

“Major events of 1980”

November 5th – Reagan easily beats Carter

December 9th – John Lennon killed

“Major events of 1982”

June 15th – Britain announces Argentine surrender in the Falklands

“Major events of 1983”

June 19th – First American woman in space

“Major events of 1984”

November 7th – Reagan wins by a landslide, sweeping at least 48 states

“Major events of 1985”

March 12th – Chernenko is dead in Moscow at 73; Mikhail S. Gorbachev succeeds him

“Major events of 1986”

January 29th – Space shuttle Challenger explodes

“Major events of 1987”

October 20th – Stocks plunge 508 points, a drop of 22.6%

“Major events of 1988”

November 9th – Bush is elected by a 6-5 margin – Democrats hold both houses

“Major events of 1990”

February 12th – Nelson Mandela wins his freedom

August 3rd – Invading Iraqis seize Kuwait and its oil

October 3rd – Two Germanys unite after 45 years

“Major events of 1991”

January 17th – U.S. and allies open air war on Iraq

“Major events of 1992”

November 4th – Clinton captures Presidency with huge electoral margin

“Major events of 1994”

January 18th – Severe earthquake hits Los Angeles; at least 30 killed

June 18th – Simpson is charged, chased, arrested

“Major events of 1997”

August 31st – Princess Diana killed in a car accident in Paris

“Major events of 1998”

January 27th – Clinton emphatically denies an affair with ex-intern

“Major events of 1999”

February 13th – Clinton acquitted decisively: no majority for either charge