Significant Dates

- 1492 Columbus
- 1565 St. Augustine FL (Spain)
- 1587 Roanoke Lost Colony (England)
- 1607 Jamestown Virginia (England)
- 1608 Quebec (France)
- 1609 Santa Fe (Spain)
- 1614 New Amsterdam (Dutch)
- 1620 Pilgrims Separatists (England)
- 1733 Georgia established (last of the 13 colonies)
- 1754 French & Indian War
- 1763 Treaty of Paris ending French & Indian War
- 1770 Boston Massacre (March 5, 1770)
- 1773 Boston Tea Party (Dec. 16, 1773)
- 1775 Lexington & Concord (April 19, 1775)
- 1776 Declaration of Independence (July 4th 1776)
- 1777-78 Valley Forge
- 1781 Articles of Confederation
- 1781 Yorktown (October 1781)
- 1783 Treaty of Paris ending Revolutionary War
- 1787 Constitution (September 17, 1787)
- 1790 Ratification of Constitution
- 1791 Bill of Rights added to the Constitution
- 1803 Louisiana Purchase
- 1812 War of 1812
- 1836 Texas Revolution & Alamo
- 1845 Texas annexed part of the U.S.
- 1846 War with Mexico begins
- 1846 Oregon annexed to the U.S.
- 1847 Mormons arrive in Utah (July 24, 1847)
- 1848 Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo ending Mexican American War U.S. receives southwest
- 1849 Gold Rush to California
- 1859 John Brown's raid on Harper's Ferry (October)
- 1860 Lincoln elected (Nov)
- 1860 South Carolina secedes (Dec. 20, 1860)
- 1861 Ft. Sumter beginning of Civil War
- 1863 Emancipation Proclamation takes effect (Jan. 1, 1863)
- 1863 Gettysburg (July 1-3, 1863)
- 1864 Sherman's March to the Sea (Nov-Dec 1864)
- 1865 Lee surrenders Appomattox Courthouse (April 9, 1865)
- 1865 Lincoln assassinated (April 14, 1865)