

Date Dictionary: A Final Review

1000: Ericsson may have sailed to the New World.

1492: Columbus discovers America.

1497: First English explorer, Cabot, gets to America.

1499: Amerigo Vespucci finds South America.

1513: Ponce de Leon explores Florida looking for the Fountain of Youth.

1519: Cortes conquers the Aztec Indians of Mexico.

1522: Magellan's crew sails around the world.

1532: Pizarro conquers the Inca Indians.

1534: Cartier explores Canada.

1540: Coronado finds the Grand Canyon and Southwestern U.S.

1541: De Soto finds the Mississippi River.

1587: Roanoke Colony founded.

1607: Jamestown Colony founded.

1609: Hudson explores and names Hudson Bay and River.

1619: First slaves brought to Jamestown Colony.

1620: Pilgrims founded Plymouth Colony.

1630: Puritans founded the Massachusetts Bay Colony.

1682: William Penn starts the Pennsylvania Colony for Quakers.

1754-1763: England and American colonies fight the French and Indians in the French and Indian War.

1765: England makes the Stamp Act.

1770: Townshend Acts taken away, but tax on tea kept.

1770: Colonists are killed at the Boston Massacre, in protest over the English rule over the colonies.

1773: Colonists protest taxes with the Boston Tea Party.

1775: April 19—Revolutionary War starts with battle of Lexington and Concord.

1776: July 4—Declaration of Independence signed.

1776: December 25—Battle at Trenton fought.

1777: Battle at Saratoga fought.

1781: Articles of Confederation signed.

1781: Battle of Yorktown fought.

1783: Treaty of Paris signed to end the Revolutionary War.

1785: Land Ordinance Act passed.

May 1787: The Constitutional Convention meets to draw up rules for the nation. The new Constitution replaces the Articles of Confederation.

1787: Northwest Ordinance passed.

1787: Delaware becomes the first state to ratify the Constitution.

1788: Nine states have ok'd the Constitution. The Constitution is now officially the new list of rules for the U.S.

1789: George Washington becomes the first president of the U.S.

1791: Bill of Rights added to the Constitution.

1793: Washington begins a second term as president.

1794: Whiskey Rebellion takes place.

1797: John Adams becomes second U.S. president.