

Date Dictionary: A Final Review

1821: The first free public high school opens in Boston, Massachusetts.

1833: Temperance Movement Convention meets in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

1837: Horace Mann reforms education in Massachusetts.

1841-51: Dorothea Dix changes the way the mentally ill are treated.

1848: First Women's Rights Convention is held.

1849: The U.S. has its first woman doctor: Elizabeth Blackwell.

1850: Prison reform has brought kinder treatment to criminals.

1865: The 13th Amendment abolishes slavery in the U.S.

1867: Alaska is purchased from Russia.

1867: Midway Islands are added to U.S. rule.

1868: The 14th Amendment gives blacks the same civil rights as whites.

1869: The Knights of Labor is the first labor union to form.

1870: The 15th Amendment guarantees blacks the right to vote.

1872: Susan B. Anthony is arrested for voting.

1879: Frances Willard is made the head of WCTU.

1886: The American Federation of Labor is formed from small unions coming together.

1889: Jane Addams opens Hull House.

1890: National American Woman Suffrage Association is founded.

1892: The farmers start a third political party: the Populist Party.

1896: Plessy vs. Ferguson ruling.

1898: Philippine Islands are added to U.S. rule.

1898: U.S. Maine sinks in Cuba.

1898: U.S. declares war on Spain.

1898: Guam, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico are added to U.S. rule.

1898: Spanish forts on San Juan Hill surrender.

1898: Cuba is freed from Spain.

1899: Wake Island and American Samoa are added to U.S. rule.

1900: Boxer Rebellion ends.

1902: Newlands Act passes.

1903: Department of Commerce and Labor is founded.

1904: Roosevelt Corollary passes.

1905: Treaty of Portsmouth is signed.

1906: Meat Inspection Act passes.

1906: Pure Food and Drug Act passes.

1908: White House Conference on Conservation.

1910: Mann-Elkins Act passes.

1912: Wilson is elected president.

1913: Federal Reserve Act passes.

1914: Archduke Ferdinand is assassinated.

1914: War starts in Europe.

1914: Panama Canal officially opens.

1914: Battle of the Marne is fought.

1914: Submarines first used by Germany in World War I.

1915: Lusitania is torpedoed.

1917: U.S. declares war on Germany.

1918: Wilson draws up 14-point plan.

1918: Battle of the Argonne Forest is fought.

1918: Armistice is signed between Germany and Allies.

1919: Treaty of Versailles is signed.

1920: U.S. Senate rejects the Treaty of Versailles.