

Timeline of America the Beautiful

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How to Use This Timeline

A timeline assignment follows each lesson in *America the Beautiful Part 1* and *Part 2*. The student reads the assignment, turns to the assigned year in this book, finds the blank that has the corresponding lesson number, and writes the assigned statement on the blank. When the student writes a timeline assignment, it is helpful to read the other events that happened during that year and a few years before and after it.

Notice that each timeline box for the years 1000 to 1490 covers one decade. Beginning in 1500, each timeline box covers one year. Beginning with the year 2000, the boxes are larger so that the student can write milestones in his or her life, family events, news events, and other happenings he or she would like to remember.

We hope your student enjoys creating a personal timeline of American history!

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1000

- Mississippians live and build mounds in the Southeast.
- The Thule people, ancestors of the Iñupiaq and Yupik people, live in Alaska.
- _____

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1010



Northern lights over North America

1020

1030



Sod church at L'Anse aux Meadows

1040

1050

- Monks Mound is under construction at Cahokia.

1060



Monks Mound, Cahokia, Illinois

1070

1080

1090

1100

- The Hopi people of the Southwest begin to occupy the village of Oraibi.
- Pueblo Bonito in Chaco Canyon has over 600 rooms.

1110

1120

1130

1140



Pueblo Bonito, Chaco Culture National Historical Park, New Mexico

1150

- _____ (3)

1160

1170



Balcony House, Mesa Verde National Park, Colorado

1180

1190

- Ancestral Puebloan live in pueblos they build on cliffs.

1200

- _____
_____ (2)
• Mississippians live beside the Etowah River in Georgia.

1210



*Mississippian
frog bowl,
Missouri*

1220



1230

1240

Etowah Mounds, Georgia

1250



1260

1270

1280

Bandelier National Monument, New Mexico

- Marco Polo returns from China.

1290

1500

- Hawaiians live in a society with a ruling class and common people. They excel at fishing, sailing, and featherwork.

1501

1502

- Columbus makes a fourth and final voyage to the New World.
- Bartolomé de Las Casas comes to Hispaniola from Spain.

1503

1504

1505



1506

Hawaiian Fisherman by Charles W. Bartlett, 1920

1507

- _____

_____ (7)

1508

1509



1580



1581

1582

1583

1584

Site of Roanoke settlement

1585

- The Wampanoag Squanto is born around this date.
- English explorers visit the Secotan village along the Pamlico River in North Carolina.

1586

- _____

_____ (8)

1587

- English settlers arrive at Roanoke Island, off the coast of today's North Carolina.
- Virginia Dare is the first child of English parents to be born in America.

1588

- The British Navy defeats the Spanish Armada.

1589

1600

- The Wampanoag Nation lives in 67 villages on and near Cape Cod.

1601

1602

- English explorer Bartholomew Gosnold names Cape Cod.

1603

- Roger Williams is born around this time in London, England.

1604

- French explorer Samuel de Champlain visits Mount Desert Island off the coast of Maine.

1605

1606



Replicas of the Susan Constant, Godspeed, and Discovery arrive at Jamestown for the 400th anniversary celebration in 2007.

1607

- Wahunsenacawh serves as the chief of the Powhatan Confederation.
- English settlers found Jamestown, Virginia, America's first permanent English settlement.
- Jamestown settlers begin shipping lumber to England.

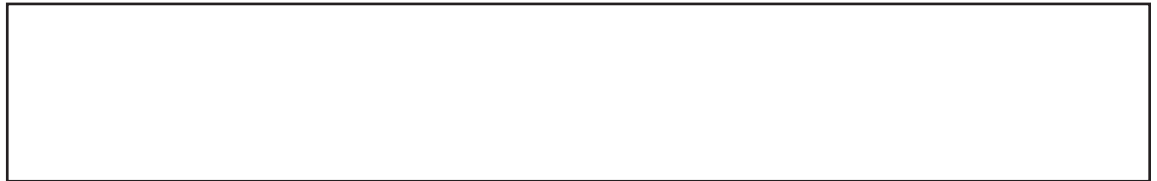
1608

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1609

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1610



1611

- The Dutch explore the area that will become Connecticut.



1612



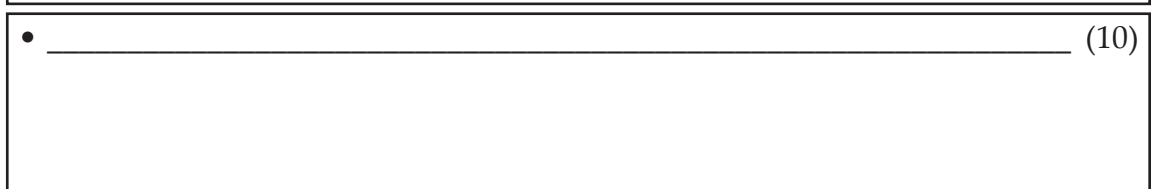
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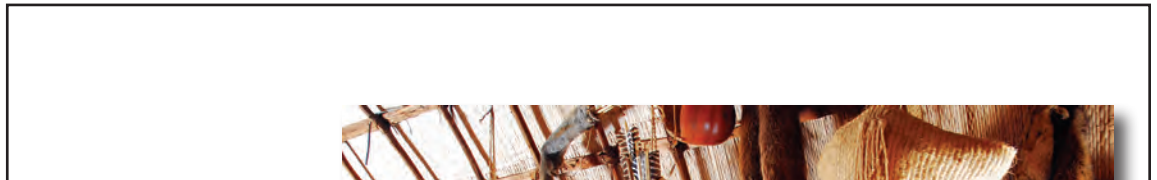
Mount Desert Island, Maine

1614

- _____ (10)



1615



1616

- John and Rebecca (Pocahontas) Rolfe travel to England.



1617



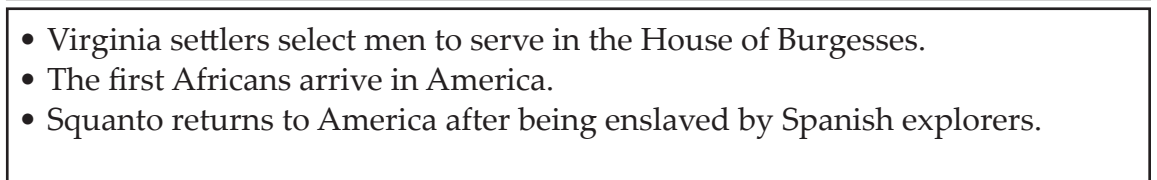
1618



Replica of the interior of a Powhatan home near Jamestown, Virginia

1619

- Virginia settlers select men to serve in the House of Burgesses.
- The first Africans arrive in America.
- Squanto returns to America after being enslaved by Spanish explorers.



1620

- English Pilgrims sign the Mayflower Compact and found the Plymouth colony in present-day Massachusetts.
- Dutch settlers establish a trading post in present-day New Jersey.
- Étienne Brûlé visits Madeline Island, main island of the Ojibwe Nation.

1621

- _____ (11)

1622

- Étienne Brûlé explores Lake Superior.

1623

- David Thomson establishes a fishing colony in what is now New Hampshire.
- During the 1620s, Dutch settlers build a fort called the House of Hope at what is now Hartford, Connecticut.

1624

- The Dutch West India Company sends 30 families to America. Most are French-speaking Belgians who had gone to the Netherlands to escape persecution.

1625

- Many settlers on Governors Island move to Manhattan Island, establishing New Amsterdam.

1626

1627

1628

1629



1635 map of New Netherland and New England (north to the right)

1630

- John Winthrop leads over 700 Puritans in 11 ships to the Massachusetts Bay colony.
- Native nations settle in what will become Chicago.

1631

- Dutch settlers establish Swaanendael in present-day Delaware.
- English Puritan minister Roger Williams arrives in Boston.
- Ferry service begins in Boston.

1632

- Boston becomes the capital of the Massachusetts Bay colony.
- English settlers establish Middle Plantation (later Williamsburg) in Virginia.

1633

1634

- Cecil Calvert organizes Catholic settlers from England to found Maryland colony.

1635

- French settler Pierre Boucher and his family come to New France.

1636

- _____ (14)
- English minister Thomas Hooker leads settlers to present-day Connecticut.
- The Massachusetts Bay colony founds Harvard, America's first college.

1637

1638

- Swedes and Dutchman Peter Minuit cooperate to form New Sweden in present-day Delaware.

1639

- Connecticut settlers adopt the Fundamental Orders of Connecticut, probably the world's first constitution forming a democratic government.
- French Jesuits construct a mission on the shores of Lake Huron.

1650

- Anne Bradstreet becomes the first American to publish a book of poetry.
- Around this time the Natchez Nation establishes its capital at present-day Natchez, Mississippi.

1651

1652

1653

1654



Sun Mound, Natchez, Mississippi

1655

- Swedes and Finns live on farms and in small villages on both sides of the Delaware River in what later becomes Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania.
- The Dutch capture Delaware, making it part of New Netherland.

1656

- _____

_____ (12)

1657

- By this year 1,500 members of the Wampanoag Nation on Martha's Vineyard have come to believe in Jesus.

1658

1659

1830

- _____ (46)
- William Clark serves as a guide in the West for artist George Catlin.

1831

- On July 4, the Park Street Church children's choir debuts "My Country 'Tis of Thee" in Boston.
- James Garfield is born in Orange Township, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.

1832

- _____ (53)
- Artist Karl Bodmer travels in the West with naturalist Prince Maximilian.

1833

- Chicago is incorporated as a town.
- Forks of the Road Slave Market becomes the center for buying and selling enslaved people in Natchez, Mississippi.
- Benjamin Harrison is born in North Bend, Ohio.

1834

- _____ (5)

1835

- _____ (13)
- _____ (47)
- _____ (54)

1836

- The Battle of the Alamo takes place.
- Arkansas becomes the 25th state.
- Missionaries travel the Oregon Trail to Oregon.

1837

- Michigan becomes the 26th state.
- President Jackson recognizes the Republic of Texas as an independent nation.
- Martin Van Buren is inaugurated as the 8th president of the United States.
- Grover Cleveland is born in Caldwell, New Jersey.

1838

- _____ (50)
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1839

- Cherokee in Oklahoma elect John Ross as their principal chief.
- Cherokee write a new constitution and establish Tahlequah as their new capital.

1890

- Idaho becomes the 43rd state.
- Wyoming becomes the 44th state.
- Dwight D. Eisenhower is born in Denison, Texas.
- Many of the Minneconjou band of the Lakota die at the Battle of Wounded Knee.

1891

- The Populist party forms.
- Thomas Edison and his staff invent the motion picture camera.
- Carnegie Hall opens in New York City.

1892

- Ellis Island opens as an immigrant station.

1893

- Grover Cleveland is inaugurated as the 24th president of the United States.
- _____ (84)
- Sears, Roebuck and Co. sends out the first Sears, Roebuck and Co. catalog.

1894

- Norman Rockwell is born in New York City.
- _____ (78)

1895

- _____ (150)

1896

- _____ (83)
- Utah becomes the 45th state.

1897

- Marian Anderson is born in Philadelphia.
- William McKinley is inaugurated as the 25th president of the United States.
- _____ (68)
- _____ (120)

1898

- _____ (4)
- _____ (85)

1899

- The Bronx Zoo opens in New York City.

2000

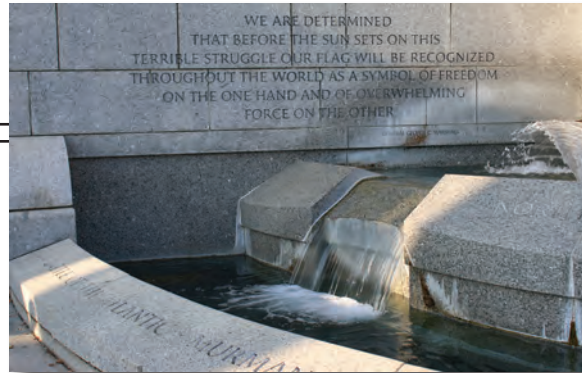
- The U.S. Postal Service issues a Sgt. York stamp.
- Bill Shepherd is the first American to reside in the International Space Station.
- _____ (138)

2001

- George W. Bush is inaugurated as the 43rd president of the United States.
- _____ (141)
- The United States and its allies attack terrorist bases in Afghanistan.

2002

- President George W. Bush awards Fred Rogers the Presidential Medal of Freedom.



World War II Memorial, National Mall

2003

- The United States and its allies invade Iraq as part of the war on terrorism.
- The United States and its allies capture Saddam Hussein.

2004

- The U.S. Mint introduces the Westward Journey Nickel Series.
- The World War II Memorial opens in Washington, D.C.
- The National Underground Railroad Freedom Center opens in Cincinnati, Ohio.
- The Smithsonian opens the National Museum of the American Indian.

2005

- Hurricane Katrina hits the coast of the Gulf of Mexico.
- American Bible Society publishes the New Testament in Gullah.

2006

- Shirley Temple Black receives the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Screen Actors Guild.

2007

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_____ (9)

2008

- The U.S. struggles through the worst economic recession since the Great Depression.



Washington, D.C., July 4, 2008

2009

- Barack Obama is inaugurated as the 44th president of the United States.

2010

- President Obama visits Billy Graham in Graham's home.
- The U.S. Mint begins the America the Beautiful Quarters Program.

2011

- The *Atlantis* completes the final flight of the U.S. Space Shuttle Program.
- The National September 11 Memorial opens in New York City.



Curiosity in Gale Crater on Mars

2012

- The *Curiosity* Mars Rover explores the surface of Mars.

2013

- _____ (80)
- The Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Monument opens in Church Creek, Maryland.

2014

- On January 7, each of the 50 states had at least one location with temperatures below freezing.
- On November 18, each of the 50 states had at least one location with temperatures below freezing.

2015

- _____ (149)
- The National Park Service opens the Manhattan Project National Historical Park in New Mexico, Tennessee, and Washington.

2016

- The Smithsonian Institution opens the National Museum of African American History and Culture.

2017

- Birmingham Civil Rights National Monument opens in Alabama.
- Donald Trump is inaugurated as the 45th president of the United States.
- Total solar eclipse occurs over the United States with millions watching.
- Hurricanes Harvey and Maria impact the United States.

2018

- NASA launches the Parker Solar Probe.

2019

- _____ (142)
- The House of Representatives impeaches President Donald Trump.
- Kansas farmers raise 348,400,000 bushels of winter wheat.

2020

- The U.S. Senate finds President Donald Trump not guilty.
- America faces the coronavirus pandemic.
- The number of homeschooling families rises in America.
- _____ (148)
- _____ (146)

2021

- Protestors force their way into the U.S. Capitol while law enforcement officers try to keep them out.
- The House of Representatives impeaches President Donald Trump for a second time.
- Joe Biden is inaugurated as the 46th president of the United States.
- The U.S. Senate finds President Donald Trump not guilty.

2022

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