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Many timeline pages have either historic illustrations or illustrations of God's Wonders in America. You may color these if you wish. Enjoy creating your own personal timeline of American history.

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1630

- English Puritans found the Massachusetts Bay colony.
- Indians settle in what will become Chicago.

Dutch Settler



1631

- Dutch settlers establish Swanendael in present-day Delaware.
- English Puritan minister Roger Williams arrives in Boston.

1632

1633

- Dutch settlers purchase land from Pequot tribe to settle in present-day Connecticut.
- English proprietors obtain charter to establish Carolina colony.
- English settlers establish Middle Plantation (later Williamsburg) in Virginia.

1634

- _____ (29)
- Cecil Calvert organizes Catholic settlers from England to found Maryland colony.

1635

1636

- _____ (16)
- English Minister Thomas Hooker leads English settlers to present-day Connecticut.
- Harvard College, America's first college, is founded near Boston.

1637

1638

- Swedes settle in what became New Jersey, but the Dutch make them leave.
- Swedes and Dutchman Peter Minuit cooperate to form New Sweden in present-day Delaware.
- French Jesuits settle on the shores of Lake Huron.

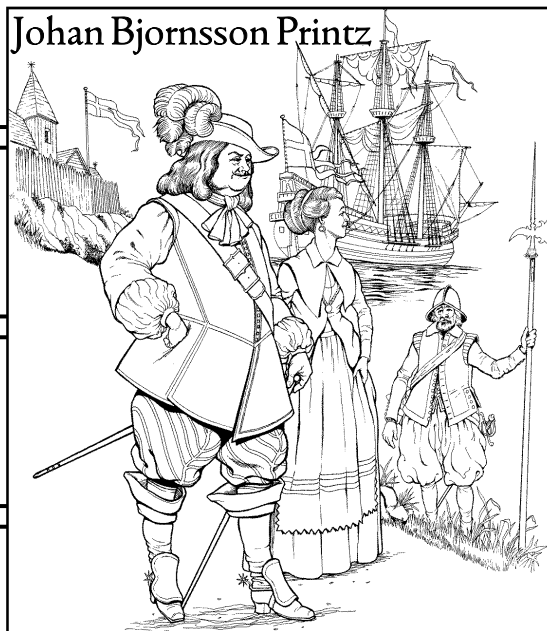
1639

- Connecticut settlers adopt the Fundamental Orders of 1639, probably the world's first constitution forming a democratic government.

1640

- _____ (19)

1641



1642

- English settlers begin a community on Martha's Vineyard.

1643

- Swede Johan Bjornsson Printz becomes Governor of New Sweden.
- Roger Williams writes *A Key into the Language of America*.

1644

1645

- John Cotton publishes *The Way of the Churches of Christ in New England*.

1646

- John Cotton publishes *Spiritual Milk for Boston Babes*.

1647

1648

1649



1770

- The Boston Massacre occurs.
- Sequoyah is born in Tennessee.

Colonial
Man
With
Gun



1771

1772

1773

- The British Parliament passes the Tea Act.
- American protesters take part in the Boston Tea Party.

1774

- The British Parliament passes the Coercive Acts (called Intolerable Acts by colonists).
- _____ (35)
- The First Continental Congress meets in Philadelphia.

1775

- _____ (26)
- The American Revolution begins with the Battles of Lexington and Concord.
- Daniel Boone and others expand the Wilderness Road through Cumberland Gap.
- The British force the Acadians out of Canada. Many move to Louisiana.

1776

- The thirteen colonies adopt the Declaration of Independence and become the United States of America.
- The Revolutionary War continues.
- The Spanish build a mission and military post at present-day San Francisco bay.

1777

- _____ (27)
- Vermont's Green Mountain Boys fight near Lake Champlain in New York.
- Americans defeat the British at Saratoga; this is the turning point of the Revolution.
- American troops spend a hard winter at Valley Forge.

1778

- Admiral John Paul Jones fights the British along the coast of England.
- Americans adopt the Articles of Confederation.
- George Rogers Clark leads in battles along the Mississippi River.
- Polish engineer Thaddeus Kosciuszko helps build fortifications at West Point.

1779

- Clark captures a French town on the Wabash River in present-day Indiana.
- General "Mad" Anthony Wayne takes 543 British prisoners at King's Ferry, New York.
- "Lighthorse Harry" Lee leads a surprise attack on British forces in New Jersey.
- Admiral John Paul Jones captures the *Serapis*, a British man-of-war.

1780

- The British capture Charleston, South Carolina.
- Benedict Arnold is found guilty of treason.
- Overmountain men help win the Battle of King's Mountain in South Carolina.

1781

- Battles occur in North and South Carolina.
- Cornwallis surrenders to Washington at Yorktown, ending the American Revolution.

1782

1783

- The Americans and the British sign the Treaty of Paris.
- Noah Webster publishes *The Blue-Backed Speller*.

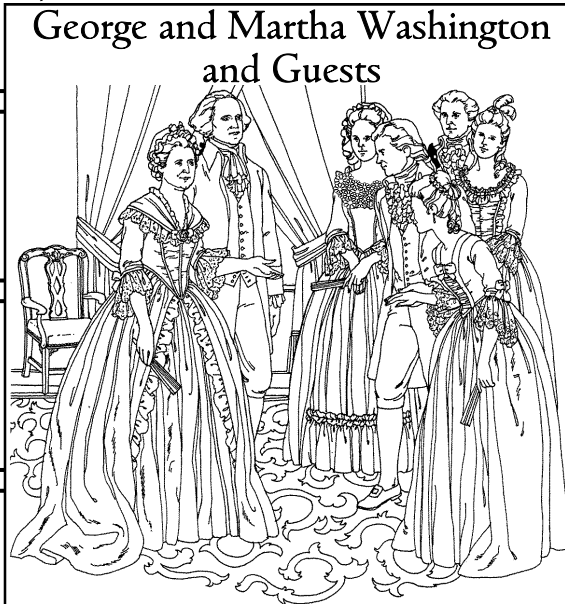
1784

- _____ (95)

1785

1786

- Quakers begin helping runaway slaves.



1787

- The Confederation Congress passes the Northwest Ordinance of 1787.
- The Constitutional Convention writes a new United States Constitution.
- Delaware, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey become the first three states.
- Hamilton, Madison, and Jay begin writing *The Federalist Papers*.

1788

- Georgia, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maryland, South Carolina, New Hampshire, Virginia, and New York become the 4th through 11th states.

1789

- George Washington is inaugurated as the first President of the United States.
- John Jay becomes the first Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court.
- The first United States Congress convenes.
- North Carolina becomes the 12th state.

1850

- Millard Fillmore is sworn in as the 13th President of the United States.
- The Compromise of 1850 becomes law.
- Nathaniel Hawthorne publishes "The Great Stone Face."
- California becomes the 31st state.

1851

- Whites first enter Yosemite Valley.

1852

- _____ (61)
- _____ (65)
- _____ (68)

1853

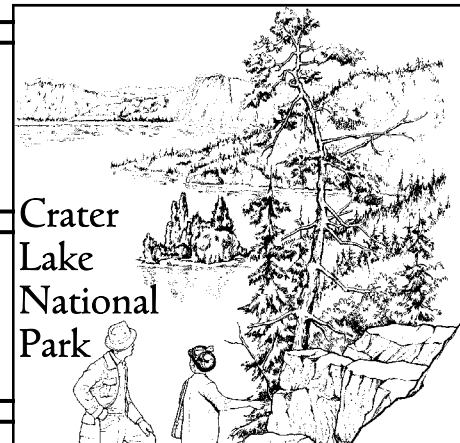
- Prospectors discover Crater Lake in Oregon.
- Franklin Pierce is inaugurated as the 14th President of the United States.

1854

- The Kansas-Nebraska Act is passed.
- John Philip Sousa is born in Washington, D.C.
- Panna Maria, Texas, is founded by Polish immigrants.

1855

- The first bridge is built across the Niagara River near Niagara Falls.



1856

1857

- James Buchanan is inaugurated as the 15th President of the United States.
- _____ (45)
- The Supreme Court decides the *Dred Scott v. Sanford* case.

1858

- _____ (74)
- Minnesota becomes the 32nd state.

1859

- John Brown leads a raid on an arsenal at Harper's Ferry (now in West Virginia).
- Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Creek, and Seminole tribes organize as 5 Civilized Tribes.
- _____ (80)
- Oregon becomes the 33rd state.

1860

- The Pony Express begins operating.
- William Jennings Bryan is born in Illinois.

1861

- Kansas becomes the 34th state.
- Abraham Lincoln is inaugurated as the 16th President of the United States.
- Confederate soldiers fire on Fort Sumter.
- _____ (66)

1862

- The Union army wins the Battles of Fort Henry and Fort Donelson.
- The Union army wins the Battle of Pittsburg Landing (Shiloh).
- The Confederate army wins the Second Battle of Bull Run (Manassas).
- Congress passes the Homestead Act.

1863

- Abraham Lincoln issues the Emancipation Proclamation.
- West Virginia becomes the 35th state.
- The Union wins the Battle of Gettysburg and Lincoln delivers the Gettysburg Address.
- _____ (78)

1864

- Ulysses S. Grant becomes commander of all Union forces.
- The Union army under General William T. Sherman captures Atlanta, Georgia.
- The Union army under General William T. Sherman captures Savannah, Georgia.
- Nevada becomes the 36th state.

1865

- General Robert E. Lee surrenders his Confederate army to General Ulysses S. Grant.
- Abraham Lincoln is assassinated.
- Andrew Johnson is sworn in as the 17th President of the United States.

1866

- Queen Emma of the Sandwich Islands visits President Johnson in the White House.

1867

- _____ (70)
- _____ (71)
- Nebraska becomes the 37th state.

1868

- President Andrew Johnson is impeached but not convicted.

1869

- Ulysses S. Grant is inaugurated as the 18th President of the United States.
- _____ (73)

1950

- _____ (62)
- Senator Joseph McCarthy claims that Communists are in the U.S. Government.
- President Truman sends American troops to South Korea.

1951

- The *I Love Lucy* television show premiers.

1952

- Jonas Salk and assistants develop a polio vaccine.
- The Mr. Potato Head toy is introduced.

1953

- A truce is signed between countries involved in the Korean War.
- Dwight Eisenhower is inaugurated as the 34th President of the United States.
- The Baskin-Robbins ice cream company is established.

1954

- The United States Supreme Court declares school segregation unconstitutional.
- The phrase “under God” is added to the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Elvis Presley begins his recording career at Sun Records in Memphis.

1955

- African-American Rosa Parks refuses to give up her bus seat to a white rider.
- Bill Gates is born in Seattle, Washington.

1956

- _____ (122)
- _____ (128)

1957

- Billy Graham holds a 16-week evangelistic crusade at Madison Square Garden.
- _____ (123)
- Wham-O begins to sell Frisbees.

1958

- Boston residents establish the Freedom Trail.
- National Aeronautics and Space Administration is established.
- _____ (121)
- Wham-O introduces the Hula Hoop toy.

1959

- Alaska becomes the 49th state.
- Hawaii becomes the 50th state.
- _____ (133)

1960

- The first televised presidential debate is held.
- The Soviet Union shoots down an American spy plane and captures the pilot.
- Norman Rockwell paints his first work in support of the Civil Rights movement.
- _____ (132)

1961

- John F. Kennedy is inaugurated as the 35th President of the United States.
- The Bay of Pigs invasion in Cuba ends in disaster.
- Alan Shepard becomes the first American to fly in space.
- Cape Cod National Seashore established.

1962

- _____ (118)
- John Glenn becomes the first American to orbit the earth.

1963

- _____ (126)
- President Kennedy is assassinated in Dallas, Texas.
- Lyndon Johnson is sworn in as the 36th President of the United States.

1964

- Congress passes the Civil Rights Act.
- The United States begins military involvement in the war in Vietnam.

1965

- _____ (39)

1966

- *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* first airs on television.
- The National Register of Historic Places is established.
- _____ (130)
- _____ (135)

1967

- President Johnson appoints Thurgood Marshall to the U.S. Supreme Court.
- The Green Bay Packers win Superbowl I.

1968

- Martin Luther King Jr. is assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee.
- Robert F. Kennedy is assassinated in Los Angeles, California.
- _____ (148)

1969

- First Lady Lady Bird Johnson adds a children's garden to the White House grounds.
- Richard Nixon is inaugurated as the 37th President of the United States.
- American astronaut Neil Armstrong becomes the first man to walk on the moon.