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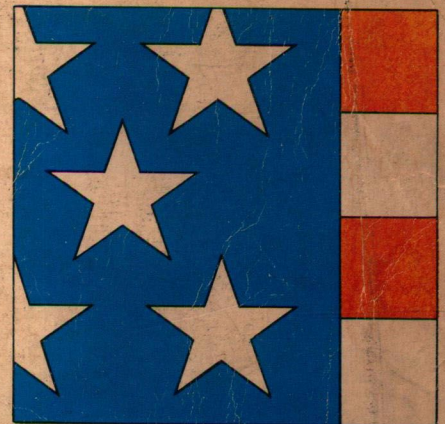
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## Preface

The essence of historical presentation is the reference of events and developments to time. This chronological table of important events in American history should serve as a useful aid for the orientation of events for all students of the nation's history. It should be especially helpful to students in courses in American History, in American literature, and in general studies in American civilization. Significant events and developments are arranged under six main headings designating common categories used in historical discussions. Contemporary events in other countries are given so the student may observe parallel developments in foreign countries and relate American events to their world context. This arrangement should call attention to interesting cause and effect and other relationships between the different events and give the student new historical insights. The student may see the full sweep of events moving forward as they actually happened. In textbooks these relationships are often lost when historians necessarily classify different types of contemporary events in separate chapters. In some histories single subjects are followed through long periods of time, often without attention to parallel events of another type.

It is best for the student to first observe the general arrangement of this booklet and then use it as it serves him best.

The *Dictionary of Important Subjects* explains starred (\*) entries more fully.

The *Presidential Outline* highlights the significant events of each administration.



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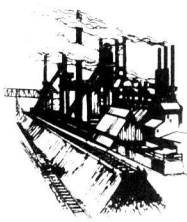
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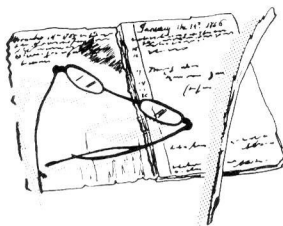
## American Foreign Relations

# I. PERIOD OF EXPLORATION AND COLONIZATION, TO

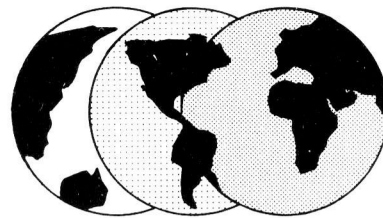
1000	Most highly developed Pre-Columbian governments in America were those of Incas in Peru and Aztecs in Mexico.				
		1482		Portugal refused to support Columbus in proposed westward voyage.	
		1492		Columbus made first voyage to America.	
		1497		Cabot claimed North American coast for England.	
		1500		Cabral discovered Brazil.	
		1513		Balboa discovered the Pacific by crossing Isthmus of Panama.	
		1513		Ponce de Leon explored Florida.	
		1519-21		Cortes conquered Aztecs.	
		1512-22		Magellan circumnavigated the globe.	
		1524		Verazzano explored in Canada.	
		1531-35		Pizarro conquered Incas in Peru.	
		1533-41		Cartier explored along St. Lawrence River.	
		1539		De Soto began exploration in North America.	
		1540-42		Coronado explored present southwestern United States.	
		1565	★	St. Augustine, Florida, founded.	
		1585-87	★	Roanoke Island settled.	
		1607	★	Jamestown founded.	
		1608		Quebec founded.	
1609	Virginia received new charter.	1609		Santa Fe founded.	
1619	★ Virginia's first legislature.				
1624	★ Virginia became royal colony.	1624		New Amsterdam (N.Y.) founded.	
		1630		Massachusetts Bay Colony founded.	
		1634		Maryland settled.	



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## Parallel Events in World History

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				1000	Leif Ericson discovered Vinland.
				1095-1291	The Crusades fought.
				1460	Prince Henry of Portugal died.
				1487	Diaz rounded Cape of Good Hope.
				1493	★ Treaty of Tordesillas fixed Line of Demarcation.
				1498	Vasco Da Gama sailed to India.
				1517	★ Luther's Theses published.
				1519-1556	Charles V reigned in Europe.
				1534	★ Henry VIII established Anglican Church.
				1577	Drake began circumnavigation of globe.
				1588	★ Spanish Armada defeated.
				1598	★ Edict of Nantes.
1612	Rolfe introduced superior variety of tobacco to Virginia.			1618-48	★ Thirty Years War.
1619	First slaves brought to Virginia.			1628	★ Petition of Rights signed by Charles I.
		1620	Pilgrims introduced Congregational churches to America.		



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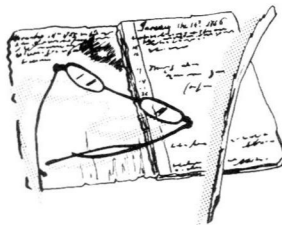


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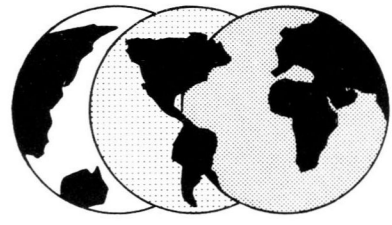
		1636 ★	Roger Williams settled Providence.
		1636	Hooker settled Connecticut.
		1638	Delaware settled.
1639	★		Fundamental Orders of Connecticut.
1643	★		New England Confederation organized.
		1664 ★	New Netherlands captured by Duke of York.
		1670	Charleston founded.
		1675	King Phillip's War.
1676	★	1676	Bacon's Rebellion.
1679		1681	Pennsylvania granted to William Penn.
		1682	LaSalle claimed the Mississippi for France.
1688			
		1690-97	King William's War.
		1691	Plymouth absorbed by Massachusetts.
		1702-13 ★	Queen Anne's War.
1729		1733 ★	Georgia settled.



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		1636	Harvard University founded.		
		1639	Baptist church first organized in Rhode Island.	1642-46 ★	Civil War in England.
		1647	★ Public elementary schools established by law in Massachusetts.	1643-1715	Louis XIV reign.
1651	First navigation act passed.	1649	★ Maryland Religious Toleration Act passed.		
1660	Enumerated Commodities Act passed.			1660	Charles II crowned King of England.
				1685	James I became King of England.
				1685 ★	Edict of Nantes revoked in France.
				1689 ★	William of Orange crowned King of England, in Glorious Revolution; Bill of Rights.
				1689-97	War of League of Augsburg.
		1692	Witchcraft trials at Salem.		
1696	Navigation Act passed.	1693	William and Mary College founded.		
1697	Triangular trade began.			1697 ★	Treaty of Ryswick.
1699	Woolens Act passed.				
1700	Rice became Carolina export staple.	1701	Yale founded.	1702-13 ★	War of Spanish Succession.
		1704	<u>Boston News Letter</u> published.	1713 ★	Peace of Utrecht.
				1715-74	Louis XV reigned in France.
1732	Hat Act passed.	1732	<u>Poor Richard's Almanac</u> began.		
1733	Molasses Act.	1735 ★	Zenger Trial.		
		1740	Great Awakening centered about this time.	1740-48	War of Austrian Succession.





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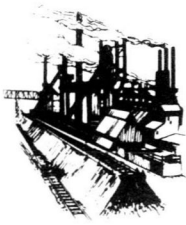


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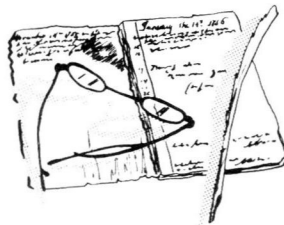
		1744-48	King George's War.		
1751	Georgia became royal colony.				
1754	★ Albany Congress.	1754-63	★ French and Indian War.		
		1755	Braddock's defeat.		
		1759	★ Fall of Quebec.		
		1760	★ Montreal taken by British.		
1761	★ Writs of Assistance protested by James Otis.				
1763	Proclamation Act established Indian reserve in the West.				

## II. ERA OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION AND THE

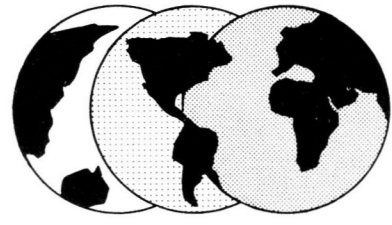
1763	★ Paxton Boys.	1763	★ Pontiac's War.		
1764	★ Sugar Act.				
1765	★ Stamp Act.	1765	★ Stamp Act Congress.		
1765	★ Quartering Act and repeal of Stamp Act.				
1766	★ Declaratory Act.				
1767	★ Townshend Acts.	1768-71	Regulator movements.		
		1769	Spanish colonize California.		
1770	Townshend Acts repealed except tea tax.	1770	★ Boston Massacre.		
1772	★ Committees of Correspondence organized.	1772	★ <u>Gaspée</u> burned.		
1773	Tea Act.	1773	★ Boston Tea Party.		
1774	★ Intolerable Acts and Quebec Act.	1774	Lord Dunmore's (Indian) War in Kentucky.		
1774	★ First Continental Congress met.				
1775	★ Second Continental Congress met.	1775	Battles of Lexington, Concord and Bunker Hill.		
1776	Declaration of Independence.	1776	Washington lost Battle of Long Island.		
		1776-83	American Revolution.		
1777	★ Articles of Confederation submitted to states.	1777	★ Battle of Saratoga.		
		1777-78	Washington at Valley Forge.		



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## Parallel Events in World History

1747	Franklin began experiments with electricity.
1750	Iron Act passed.

1748	★ Treaty of Aix-la-Chapelle.
1756-63	★ Seven Years War.
1758	★ William Pitt Prime Minister.
1760-1820	Reign of George III.

## CONFEDERATION, 1763-89

1764	Parliament forbade colonial paper money by Currency Act.
1775	First American submarine built.

1776	★ Thomas Paine wrote <u>Common Sense</u> .
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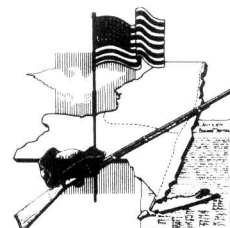
1763	Treaty of Paris.
1770	Lord North made Prime Minister in England.
1774-92	Louis XVI reigned in France.
1776	★ Adam Smith published <u>Wealth of Nations</u> .



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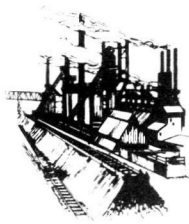


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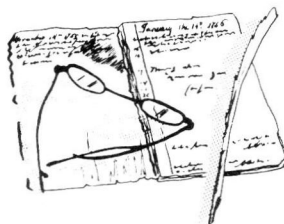
		1778	British land at Savannah.	1778	★ Treaty of Alliance with France signed.
		1778-79	★ Clark captured British posts in the Northwest Territory.		
1781	★ Articles of Confederation ratified.	1781	★ Cornwallis captured at Yorktown.		
1785	Land Ordinance enacted.			1783	★ Treaty of Paris recognized American independence.
1787	★ Northwest Ordinance enacted.	1786	★ Shays' Rebellion.	1785	★ Jay-Gardoqui Treaty negotiated but failed of ratification.
1787	★ Constitutional Convention met at Philadelphia.				
1788	Constitution ratified.				

## III. EARLY NATIONAL PERIOD, 1789-1828

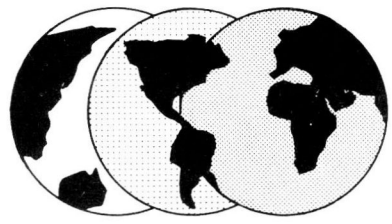
1789	Washington inaugurated President.				
1789	★ Judiciary Act.				
1790	National capital moved to Philadelphia.				
1791	★ Whiskey Tax.				
1791	★ Bill of Rights.				
1791	Vermont, first state admitted.				
1792	Kentucky admitted.				
				1793	Washington proclaimed neutrality; Citizen Genet's recall demanded.
		1794	★ Whiskey Rebellion.	1794	★ Jay Treaty.
		1795	Treaty of Greenville ended Indian wars in Northwest.	1795	★ Pinckney Treaty.
1797-1811	John Adams President.			1797	★ XYZ Affair.
1798	★ Alien and Sedition Acts; Kentucky and Virginia Resolutions.	1798-99	★ France, undeclared naval war with.		
1800	Capitol removed to Washington.			1800	Alliance with France abrogated.
1800	Jefferson elected President.			1800	Louisiana transferred to France.
		1801-05	★ War with Tripoli.	1803	★ Louisiana Purchase Treaty.
1803	★ Marbury v. Madison.	1804	Hamilton-Burr Duel.		
1804	★ 12th Amendment ratified.	1804-06	★ Lewis and Clark Expedition.	1805	★ Essex decision.
		1806	Burr expedition.	1806	★ Berlin decree.



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## Parallel Events in World History

1784 Depression in America.

1784 Methodist Church in America organized.

1789 ★ First tariff act.

1790 Slater built first textile mill.

1791 ★ Bank of the United States chartered.

1793 Cotton gin invented.

1794 Lancaster Turnpike completed.

1797 Great Revivals began.

1789 French Revolution began.

1793 Louis XVI beheaded.

1793-94 French "Reign of Terror."

1799 Napoleon became First Consul.

1803 Napoleon renewed war in Europe.

1804 Napoleon made Emperor.





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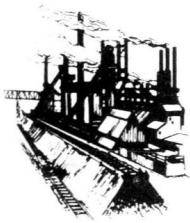


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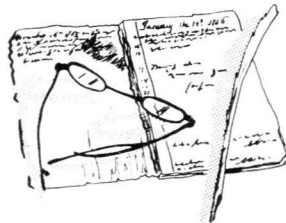


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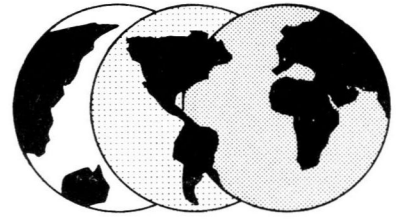
		1807 ★ <u>Chesapeake-Leopard</u> Affair.	1807 ★ Embargo Act.
			1809 ★ Non-intercourse Act.
1810 ★	Fletcher v. Peck.		1810 ★ Macon's Bill.
		1812	
		War begun against Great Britain.	
1814 ★	Hartford Convention.	1814	
		British burned national capital.	1814 ★ Treaty of Ghent ended War of 1812.
		1815 ★	
		Jackson's victory at New Orleans.	
1819 ★	McCulloch v. Maryland; Dartmouth College case.	1818 ★	
		Rush-Bagot Agreement.	1819 ★ Adams-Onis (Florida) Treaty.
1820 ★	Missouri Compromise.		
1821	Missouri admitted.	1821	
		Stephen F. Austin began colonization of Texas.	
		1821	
		Santa Fe trade begun.	
1824 ★	Adams defeated Jackson.		1823 ★ Monroe Doctrine announced.
1824 ★	Gibbons v. Ogden.		
1826	Antimasons organized.	1826	Panama Congress.
1828 ★	Tariff of Abominations.	1827	Joint occupation of Oregon renewed.



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1807	Embargo stimulated rise of American manufacturing.				
1807	<u>Clermont</u> steamed up the Hudson.				
1808	Foreign slave trade became illegal.				
1811	National Road begun.			1810-22 ★	Wars for Latin American independence.
		1815	U.S. population 9 million.	1815	Battle of Waterloo and Congress of Vienna.
1816	★ Second Bank of the U.S. chartered; protective tariff passed.	1815-60	New England literary renaissance		
1817	★ Bonus Bill vetoed.	1817	American Colonization Society organized.		
1817	Erie Canal begun.				
1819	Panic.				
1819	Cast iron plow.				
1820	Land Law revised.				
1820	New England ships became more active in California coastal trade.			1822	Latin American independence completed.
1825	★ Erie Canal completed.	1825	★ Robert Owen founded New Harmony colony.		
1827	Baltimore & Ohio Railroad chartered.				
1830	"Tom Thumb" locomotive made trial run on B & O Railroad.				



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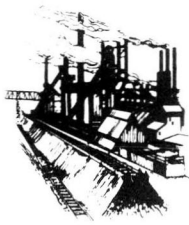
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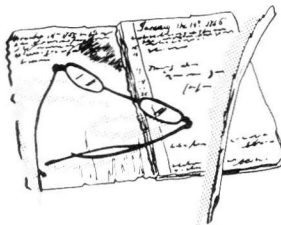
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# IV. AGE OF JACKSONIAN DEMOCRACY, 1828-50

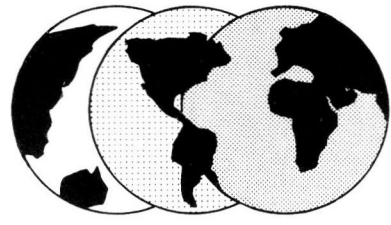
1830	★ Webster-Hayne debates.				
1831	★ Eaton Affair; Jackson's cabinet reorganized.				
1832	★ Protective tariff maintained; Nullification Ordinance; Nullification Proclamation.	1832	Year of several fur expeditions to the Far West.		
1832	Jackson vetoed Bank Bill; Jackson reelected.	1832	★ Black Hawk's War.		
1833	★ Force Bill and Compromise Tariff.	1834	Rev. Lee started mission in Oregon.		
1836	★ Specie circular issued.			1836	★ Texas, Republic of, won independence.
1836	★ Gag rule adopted.				
1837	Independent treasury defeated.	1837	★ Caroline Affair.	1837	Texan independence recognized.
		1837-42	Seminole War.		
		1838	★ Aroostook War.		
1840	★ Harrison elected, first Whig President.				
1841	★ Harrison died; Tyler became President.	1841	First pioneer settlers travelled overland to California.		
				1842	★ Webster-Ashburton Treaty.
		1843	Large migration to Oregon.	1842	Commod. Jones seized Monterey, California.
1844	★ Polk defeated Clay for President.			1845	Texas annexed.
				1845	Slidell mission sent to Mexico.
1846	★ Wilmot Proviso first introduced.	1846-48	Mexican War.	1846	★ Oregon Treaty.
		1847	Mormons began colonization of Utah.		
		1847	Scott marched to Mexico City.		
1848	Taylor elected President.	1848	Gold discovered at Sutter's mill.	1848	★ Treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo.
1849	Department of Interior established.	1849	California Gold Rush.		



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## Parallel Events in World History

		1830	Mormon church organized.	1830	July Revolutions; Louis Phillippe became King of France.
		1831	★ Garrison began publication of <u>The Liberator</u> .		
		1831	★ Nat Turner Rebellion.	1832	First English Reform Bill.
		1833	Oberlin College founded.		
1835	Colt revolver patented.				
1835-36	Speculative boom and inflation.				
1837	Business panic followed by long depression.			1837	Rebellion in Canada.
1837	Deere's steel plow.				
1841	★ Preemption Act.				
1842	Courts recognized right of collective bargaining.				
1844	Morse constructed first telegraph line.	1845	Poe published <u>The Raven</u> .		
1846	★ Walker Tariff.			1846	★ Repeal of English Corn Laws.
1846	Howe invented sewing machine.				
1846	Ether used in surgery.				
				1848	Revolutions in Europe; <u>Communist Manifesto</u> .





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## V. SECTIONAL STRIFE AND CIVIL WAR, 1850-65

1850	Taylor died in office and was succeeded by Fillmore.			1850	★ Clayton-Bulwer Treaty.
1850	★ Compromise of 1850; California admitted.				
1852	Pierce inaugurated as President.			1853	★ Gadsden Purchase Treaty.
1854	★ Kansas-Nebraska Act; Republican Party organized.			1854	★ Admiral Perry negotiated treaty with Japan.
		1856	Proslavery forces burned Lawrence, Kansas.	1854	★ Ostend Manifesto.
1857	Buchanan inaugurated as President.	1857	Senator Sumner assaulted by Preston Brooks.		
1857	★ Dred Scott.				
1857	★ Lecompton constitution refused by Kansas.				
1858	★ Lincoln-Douglas debates.	1859	★ John Brown's Raid.		
1860	Lincoln elected President.	1860-61	Southern states seceded.		
1861	Lincoln inaugurated.	1861	Ft. Sumter surrendered; Civil War began; Battle of Bull Run.	1861	★ Trent Affair; Mason and Slidell.
1861	Proposals of Peace Convention ignored.			1861	★ Napoleon III intervened in Mexico.
1862	★ Emancipation Proclamation issued.	1862	Battle of Antietam.		
1862	Homestead Act.	1863	Vicksburg taken by Grant; Lee defeated at Gettysburg.		
1864	★ Wade-Davis Bill vetoed by Lincoln.	1864	Wilderness Campaign; Sherman's march through Georgia.		

## VI. RECONSTRUCTION PERIOD, 1865-77

1865	Lincoln assassinated; Johnson became President.	1865	Lee surrendered at Appomattox.		
1865	★ 13th Amendment ratified.	1865-85	Last Indian wars fought.		
1866	Civil Rights Bill passed.	1866	Race riots in the South.	1866	★ Maximilian executed in Mexico.
1867	★ Congressional Reconstruction acts passed.			1867	★ Alaska Purchase.