

American History Snapshot



1492: Columbus sailed from Spain on the Nina, Pinta, and Santa Maria and claimed the land where he arrived.

1620: The Pilgrims sailed from England to escape religious persecution and founded Plymouth Colony.

1776: The Declaration of Independence was signed.

1812: The War of 1812 began, which would lead to the burning of the White House, and the poem, "The Star-Spangled Banner."

1830: The Trail of Tears began, when Native Americans were forced to move west.

1849: Gold was discovered in California, leading to the Gold Rush.

1860: Abraham Lincoln was elected president, leading to the Civil War.

1865: The Civil War ended and slavery became illegal in all states.

1917: The USA joined World War I.

1920: Women got the right to vote.

1929: The stock market crashed and the Great Depression began.

1941: Pearl Harbor was bombed and the USA joined World War II.

1945: World War II ended when the USA dropped the first atomic bombs.

1963: Martin Luther King, Jr. gave his "I Have a Dream" speech at the Lincoln Memorial.

1969: Neil Armstrong became the first person to walk on the moon.

2001: The Twin Towers were attacked via airplanes and collapsed.