

HISTORY OF THE USA TIMELINE 1607 - 1865

Dates	Main event	Details
1607 1733	13 colonies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Established by GB • Del., Penn., Ga, Conn., Mass.,MD, SC, NH, NJ ,NY, NC, RH, Va, • on the Atlantic coast of North America
1776	Declaration of Independence July 4 th = national day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 13 existing colonies declare themselves independent from GB • drafted by Thomas Jefferson • statement of individual human rights: « We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. »
1775 1783	American Revolution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Known as « the war of independence” • War against Britain • War due to tensions between the colonists and British Authorities • King George III defeated
1783	Treaty of Paris	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End of the War of Independence
1787 1789	American Constitution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ratified to establish a federal government • is the supreme law of the USA • establishes the 3 branches of the government (legislative, executive and judicial) • has 27 amendments • comes into effect two years later
1789	Presidential elections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • George Washington becomes the 1st president of the USA
1861 1865	The Civil War	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confronted the North and the Southern states • Grant vs Lee = Union vs Confederacy • Lee surrenders at Appomatox Courthouse, Virginia
1865	Abolition of Slavery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Declared by the 13th Amendment to the Constitution • President Abraham Lincoln assassinated