

World population reaches 6.5 billion—2006 • Hurricane Katrina devastates U.S. Gulf Coast region—2005 • World War II Memorial opens in Washington, D.C.—2004 • XIX Winter Olympics held in Salt Lake City, Utah—2002 • Terrorist attacks in U.S. kill thousands—2001 • World celebrates beginning of new millennium—2000 • Control of Panama Canal reverts to Panama—1999 • Lieutenant Colonel Eileen Collins chosen first woman space commander—1998 • U.S. space probe Pathfinder lands on Mars—1997 • Space shuttle Atlantis docks with orbiting Russian space station Mir—1995 • Soil Conservation Service renamed Natural Resources Conservation Service—1994 • Americans with Disabilities Act becomes law—1990 • Berlin Wall torn down signaling an end to the Cold War—1989 • Sally Ride becomes first U.S. woman astronaut—1983 • Sandra Day O'Connor becomes first woman member of U.S. Supreme Court—1981 • Viking 1 becomes first spaceship to reach Mars—1976 • U.S. Armed Forces withdraw from Vietnam—1975 • Congress passes Endangered Species Act—1973 • First "Earth Day" observed—1970 • American astronaut Neil Armstrong walks on moon—1969 • Thurgood Marshall becomes first African American member of U.S. Supreme Court—1967 • Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. receives Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo, Norway—1964 • President John F. Kennedy assassinated in Dallas, Texas—1963 • British pop group The Beatles makes its first recordings—1962 • Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin becomes first human to orbit Earth—1961 • African American track star Wilma Rudolph wins three gold medals at Olympic Games, Italy—1960 • Hawaii becomes 50th State—1959 • Elvis Presley's first film "Love Me Tender" premieres in New York City—1956 • Korean War ends—1953 • Dr. Jonas Salk successfully tests polio vaccine—1952 • Mao Tse-tung rises to power in China—1949 • World War II ends—1945 • Brown Creek Soil Conservation District in North Carolina becomes first conservation district in the Nation—1937 • Charles Curtis of the Kaw Tribe, Kansas, a U.S. Senator for 25 years, becomes Vice President of the United States—1929 • Amelia Earhart becomes first woman to fly across Atlantic Ocean—1928 • Sonja Henie wins first of 10 consecutive World Figure Skating Championships—1927 • Hirohito becomes 124th Emperor of Japan—1926 • 19th amendment to the U.S. Constitution gives women the right to vote—1920 • World War I ends—1918 • Jeannette Rankin (Montana) elected first U.S. Congresswoman—1916 • Jim Thorpe of the Sauk and Fox Tribes wins decathlon and pentathlon in Olympic Games, Sweden—1912 • First Model "T" Ford rolls off assembly line—1908 • Upton Sinclair's novel "The Jungle" leads to U.S. Pure Food and Drug Act—1906 • Orville Wright makes first successful flight in self-propelled airplane—1903 • International Exposition opens in Paris—1900 • Amusement pier opens in Atlantic City, New Jersey—1898 • Dr. George Washington Carver begins to develop more than 300 products from the peanut and 118 from the sweet potato—1896 • Katherine Lee Bates publishes "America the Beautiful"—1895 • Philip Pratt unveils first electric automobile—1888 • Statue of Liberty presented to U.S. in Paris—1884 • Thomas Edison invents phonograph—1877 • Alexander Graham Bell invents telephone—1875 • U.S. experiences worst grasshopper plague in its history—1874 • Yellowstone, first national park, created—1872 • Suez Canal opens—1869 • President Abraham Lincoln delivers Gettysburg Address—1863 • Julia Ward Howe composes the song "Battle Hymn of the Republic"—1862 • Frederick Douglass establishes abolitionist newspaper "The North Star"—1847 • Elias Howe patents sewing machine—1846 • Samuel F.B. Morse develops code for electric telegraph systems—1838 • Texas proclaims independence from Mexico—1836 • Louis Braille publishes system of writing for the blind—1829 • Emma Hart Willard founds first U.S. women's college, Troy Female Seminary, New York—1821 • Construction of Erie Canal begins—1817 • Napoleon defeated by Wellington and Blucher at Battle of Waterloo—1815 • Lewis and Clark begin "Corps of Discovery" expedition to find a water route across North America—1804 • Louisiana Territory purchased by U.S. for \$15 million—1803 • Library of Congress established—1800 • English physician Edward Jenner develops vaccination against smallpox—1796 • Kamehameha I becomes King of Hawaii—1795 • Eli Whitney invents cotton gin—1793 • First U.S. mint established in Philadelphia—1792 • Bill of Rights ratified—1791 • First American patent awarded to Samuel Hopkins for process of manufacturing potash—1790 • French Revolution begins with attack on the Bastille—1789 • U.S. Constitution ratified—1788 • American Revolutionary War ends—1781 • Continental Congress adopts Declaration of Independence—1776 • American colonists throw British tea into Boston Harbor—1773 • Thomas Jefferson born—1743 • Astronomer Anders Celsius introduces Centigrade temperature scale—1741 • British agriculturist Jethro Tull invents seed drill—1733 • George Washington born—1732 • Daniel Gabriel Fahrenheit, inventor of mercury thermometer, devises Fahrenheit temperature scale—1724 • First permanent Native American school created in Williamsburg, Virginia—1720 • Peter the Great becomes tsar of Russia—1689 • Rice cultivation begins in North America—1685 • Edmund Halley observes Great Comet, which is later named for him—1682 • John Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress" published—1678 • First mail service in North America established between New York and Boston—1673 • Mt. Etna erupts in Italy, killing 20,000—1669 • First Quakers land in America—1657 • First book printed in Native American language—1653 • World population estimated at 500 million—1650 • First newspaper, Gazette de France, published in Paris—1631 • Pilgrim leaders at Plymouth Colony establish a governing authority through Mayflower Compact—1620 • Native American princess Pocahontas marries John Rolfe—1614 • Native Americans teach colonists how to raise corn—1608 • John Smith settles first permanent English colony in North America at Jamestown, Virginia—1607 • Virginia Dare becomes first child of English parents born in America—1587 • Sir Walter Raleigh brings first tobacco to England from Virginia—1586 • Spain settles colony in St. Augustine, Florida—1565 • Shakespeare and Galileo born—1564 • Earthquake in China is worst in history with a death toll of 830,000—1556 • University of Mexico founded—1551 • First botanical garden founded in Pisa, Italy—1543 • Francesco Coronado introduces horses to North America—1540 • Juan Ponce de Leon becomes first European to set foot in Florida—1513 • Michaelangelo finishes painting Sistine Chapel ceiling—1512 • First sugar cane mill established in the Americas—1509 • Martin Waldseemüller, German geographer, first mapmaker to call the New World "America"—1507

In the time it took to form 1 inch of soil

Let's take time to protect the soil, every inch of it.



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