

Major Historical Periods throughout U.S. History

Period	Date	Events marking beginnings and endings
Colonial Period	1607-1763	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jamestown founded 2. French and Indian War ended
Revolutionary Period	1763-1783	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. England ended salutary neglect 2. Treaty of Paris signed ending Revolution
Confederation Period	1781-1789	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. States surrender their western land claims 2. Constitution ratified
Era of Good Feelings	1815-1824	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. War of 1812 ended 2. Election of 1824
Jacksonian Era	1828-1848	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Andrew Jackson elected president 2. Mexican War ended/James Polk leaves office
Antebellum Period (South before Civil War)	1793-1861	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cotton gin invented/rise of slavery 2. Civil War started
Reconstruction Era	1865-1877	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Civil War ended 2. Compromise of 1877
Gilded Age	1868-1901	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ulysses Grant elected president 2. Assassination of William McKinley
Progressive Era	1901-1917	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Square Deal began 2. America entered the Great War
New Deal Era	1933-1939	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Franklin Roosevelt began his presidency 2. World War II began in Europe
Fair Deal Era	1945-1953	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Truman became president/F.D.R. died 2. Korean War divided nation/Truman retired
New Frontier/ Great Society Era	1961-1968	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. John Kennedy became president 2. Vietnam War divided nation