

## Events That Shaped America

<b>Year</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Description</b>
1861	American Civil War	The American Civil War, was fought between the Union, for the north, and the Confederates, for the south. Abolitionist wanted to end slavery, while the southerners disagreed. The American Civil War is important today, because if the battle had not been fought, slavery might still be around today, which would be horrendous, due to the treatment of the African-Americans, during the slavery era.
1864	13 <sup>th</sup> Amendment	The 13 <sup>th</sup> Amendment abolished slavery, throughout the entire United States of America. It was a step towards African-American equality. If the 13 <sup>th</sup> Amendment was never passed, life would not be fair. Life would be horrible for African-Americans. Today, because of the 13 <sup>th</sup> Amendment, African-Americans are able to rejoice with friends, no matter the race.
1868	14 <sup>th</sup> Amendment	The 14 <sup>th</sup> Amendment granted citizenship to all people born or naturalized in the United States. This also included African-Americans, who had recently been freed. The 14 <sup>th</sup> Amendment is important today, because it gave immigrants, and African-Americans their citizenship.
1876	Invention of the Telephone	Alexander Graham Bell, was the first inventor of the telephone, that was successful. Bell worked at a school for the deaf, and attempted to invent a machine that would transmit sound by electricity. He made a device that would transmit the human voice, in terms of an electric current. Today, we use telephones, almost every hour. The telephone is a major invention, and shaped America, by allowing direct communication with each other.
1885	Invention of the Automobile	Karl Benz was credited for the invention of the automobile. He created the three-wheeled Motor Car in 1886; the first modern automobile. Benz was given credit, due to the fact that his invention of the automobile, was the most practical. Today, automobiles are very important. Automobiles are used in our everyday lives. People all around the world use automobiles for traveling from place to place. Without automobiles being invented, people would not be able to explore much, and the transportation methods would be extremely slow.
1903	Invention of the Airplane	In 1903, the Wright Brothers created the first successful airplane, which marked the beginning of a

		<p>new era. Airplanes are used for medical transportation, weather observation, flight training, crop dusting, firefighting, aerial photography, surveying, and most commonly used, transportation. The airplanes are important today, because of the tasks they are able to perform.</p>
1906	Pure Food and Drug Act	<p>The Pure Food and Drug Act was the first of a series of consumer protection laws, made by Congress. It eventually led to the creation of the Food and Drug Administration, whom are still here today. This event is important today, because they determine whether or not food or drugs are safe, for the consumers use.</p>
1909	Creation of the NAACP	<p>The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is a civil rights organization, in the United States, that fought for equality for African-Americans. The NAACP helped promote civil rights, and played a huge role in ending segregation. Without the NAACP, the United States would still be segregated, and we the people, would not be able to stand together, side-by-side.</p>
1913	Development of the Modern Assembly Line	<p>In 1913, Henry ford developed the first modern assembly line, allowing cars to be produced in large quantities. This is important today, because in almost all factories, there are assembly lines, for the mass production of goods.</p>
1913	16 <sup>th</sup> Amendment	<p>The 16<sup>th</sup> Amendment allows Congress to charge tax on an individual's income. This amendment still carries on today, and allows the government to keep an army, build roads and bridges, enforce laws, and carry out other important duties.</p>
1914-1918	World War 1	<p>World War 1 sparked, when Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria was assassinated by a Serbian Nationalist, whom was part of the Black Hand. The war included: Germany, Austria-Hungary, and the Ottoman Empire, against Great Britain, France, Russia, Italy, and Japan. Today, World War 1 is important, because it portrays a horrible time in history, where millions died. We want to steer clear of the steps that led to World War 1, and with this written in history, we are able to look back, at what not to do.</p>
1920	19 <sup>th</sup> Amendment	<p>The 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment gave women suffrage. They were allowed to vote, providing them with more freedom, and a larger role in society. The 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment is important today, because without it, the women of the United States would not be allowed to vote, making it so they had no say in such matters.</p>

1920	The Roaring 20's	The Roaring 20's was the time where the nation's economy flourished. This was the time the nation's economy was more than doubled, driving Americans to consumerism. The Roaring 20's brought on movies, plays, as well as music. Without the Roaring 20's, we wouldn't have movies, plays, or music today.
1921	Federal Highway Act of 1921	The Federal Highway Act of 1921, was a program, established to develop an immense national highway system. Without the Federal Highway Act, we would not have highways today, to drive on. Highways today, are used for major roads, helping people get place to place.
1929	The Great Depression	The Great Depression of 1929, was the longest lasting economic crisis, due to the crash of the American stock market. The Great Depression made the people of America wake up and face the harsh-reality, that it was caused by them. The Great Depression is important today, because it created the FDIC, SEC, NIRA, etc., which are used to help prevent another depression.