

Timeline of History & American Art- 1900-2000

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| 1900 | <p>President Theodore Roosevelt (1901-09) proclaims Open Door policy; Panama Canal opened 1914 8,800,00 immigrants to US 1901-10 First World War 1914-18; US enters in 1917 Bolshevik Revolution 1917, Soviet Union formed Dec. 1922 Mahatma Gandhi agitates for Indian Independence starting in 1919 Women Suffrage enacted in US 1920</p> | <p>Gertrude Stein, American writer (1874-1946) Eugene O' Neill, American dramatist (1888-1953)</p> | <p>Wright brother's first powered airplane flight 1903 Albert Einstein's Special Theory of Relativity 1905 Henry Ford begins assembly-line automobile production 1909 First radio station begins regularly scheduled broadcast 1920</p> | <p>Eakins, <i>Robert M. Lindsay</i> 1900 Cassatt, <i>In the Garden</i>, c. 1903 Luks, George, <i>Woman with Macaws</i>, 1907 Henri, <i>Boy with Plaid Scarf</i>, 1914-1918</p> |
| 1925 | <p>Adolph Hitler seizes power in Germany 1933 Franklin D. Roosevelt proclaims New Deal 1933 Spanish Civil War 1939-45 Atomic Bomb dropped on Hiroshima 1945 United Nations Charter signed 1945 Apartheid became govt. policy in S. Africa 1948 Communists under Mao win in China 1949</p> | <p>Virginia Woolf, English author (1882-1941) William Faulkner, American novelist (1897-1962) Ernest Hemingway, American writer (1898-1961) Thomas Wolfe, American novelist (1900-1938)</p> | <p>First regularly scheduled TV broadcasts in US 1928 Motion pictures with sound appear in theaters 1928 Margaret Mead's <i>Coming of Age in Samoa</i> 1928 Atomic fission on laboratory scale 1942 Penicillin discovered 1943 Computer technology developed 1944</p> | <p>Speicher, <i>Torso of Hilda</i>, 1927</p> |
| 1950 | <p>Korean War 1950-53 US Supreme Court outlaws racial segregation in public schools 1954 Common Market established in Europe 1957 African colonies gain independence after 1957 Fidel Castro takes over Cuba 1959</p> | <p>Wallace Stevens, American poet (1879-1955) Jack Kerouac's <i>On the Road</i> 1957</p> | <p>Genetic code cracked 1953 First hydrogen bomb (atomic fusion) exploded 1954 Sputnik, first satellite, launched 1957</p> | |
| 1960 | <p>Sit-ins protest racial discrimination in US 1960 Berlin Wall built 1961 John F. Kennedy assassinated 1963 Lyndon Johnson begins massive US intervention in Vietnam 1965 Martin Luther King, Jr., assassinated 1968</p> | <p>John Steinbeck awarded Nobel Prize 1962 Betty Friedan's <i>The Feminine Mystique</i> 1961</p> | <p>First manned space flight 1961 First manned landing on the moon 1969</p> | |
| 1970 | <p>Massacre of student demonstrators at Kent State University, Ohio 1970 Vietnam War ends 1973 Richard Nixon resigns presidency, 1974 Iranian Revolution 1979</p> | <p>First non-Italian pope elected since 1522, Pope John Paul II (from Poland) 1978</p> | <p>First orbiting laboratory (Skylab) 1973 Viking I and II probes land on Mars 1976 Personal computers available 1978 Voyager space probe orbits Jupiter 1979</p> | |
| 1980 | <p>Mikhail Gorbachev begins to implement reform policy of perestroika (restructuring) and glasnost (openness) in USSR Tiananmen Square, China massacre 1989 Soviet Union breaks into separate states 1989-90</p> | <p>Alice Walker's <i>The Color Purple</i> 1982</p> | <p>AIDS virus recognized 1981 Space shuttle initiated by US 1981 First artificial heart implanted 1982 Compact discs available 1983 Explosion of space shuttle Challenger 1986</p> | |
| 1990 | <p>Reunification of Germany 1990 Persian Gulf War 1991 Civil war erupts in the states of the former Yugoslavia 1991-92 South Africa hold first multiracial elections; Nelson Mandela elected president 1994</p> | <p>Popular acceptance of CD-ROM encyclopedias and reference works</p> | <p>New office technology fax machine, modem, software programs, fiber-optic technology 1990s Hubble space telescope launched 1990 Chicken pox vaccine developed 1994 Human origins pushed back to 4 million years ago Thirty billion new galaxies discovered 1996 Human Genome sequence decoded 2000</p> | |