- 1. **1607** Jamestown founded: The first permanent English settlement in North America.
- 2. **1620** Mayflower Compact signed: Pilgrims establish a self-governing colony in Plymouth, Massachusetts.
- 3. **1773** Boston Tea Party: Protest against British taxation leading to the American Revolution.
- 4. **1776** Declaration of Independence: U.S. declares independence from Britain on July 4.
- 5. **1787** U.S. Constitution drafted: Foundational document of U.S. government and law.
- 6. **1789** George Washington inaugurated: First President of the United States.
- 7. **1791** Bill of Rights ratified: First ten amendments to the Constitution.
- 8. **1803** Louisiana Purchase: U.S. acquires territory from France, doubling its size.
- 9. **1812-1815** War of 1812: Conflict between the U.S. and the United Kingdom.
- 10. **1830** Indian Removal Act: Law leading to the forced relocation of Native Americans.
- 11. **1846-1848** Mexican-American War: U.S. acquires California, Nevada, and Utah.
- 12. 1848 Gold Rush begins: Mass migration to California following gold discoveries.
- 13. **1861-1865** American Civil War: Conflict over slavery and states' rights.
- 14. **1862** Homestead Act: Encouraged Western migration by providing settlers land.
- 15. 1863 Emancipation Proclamation: Lincoln declares all slaves in Confederate states free.
- 16. **1865** 13th Amendment ratified: Abolition of slavery in the United States.
- 17. **1867** Alaska Purchase: U.S. buys Alaska from Russia.
- 18. **1869** First Transcontinental Railroad completed: Connecting the east and west coasts.
- 19. **1870** 15th Amendment ratified: Granting African American men the right to vote.
- 20. **1890** Wounded Knee Massacre: Last major armed conflict between the U.S. Army and Native Americans.
- 21. **1896** Plessy v. Ferguson: Supreme Court upholds racial segregation laws.
- 22. **1898** Spanish-American War: U.S. becomes a world power with overseas colonies.
- 23. 1903 Wright Brothers' first flight: Beginning of the aviation era.
- 24. **1917-1918** U.S. involvement in World War I.
- 25. **1920** 19th Amendment ratified: Women gain the right to vote.
- 26. **1929** Stock Market Crash: Beginning of the Great Depression.
- 27. 1933 New Deal: Franklin D. Roosevelt's policies to combat the Great Depression.
- 28. **1941-1945** U.S. involvement in World War II.
- 29. **1945** Atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki; World War II ends.
- 30. **1947** Truman Doctrine: Policy to contain communism begins the Cold War.
- 31. 1954 Brown v. Board of Education: Supreme Court rules racial segregation in schools unconstitutional.
- 32. **1955-1968** Civil Rights Movement: Struggle for racial equality and civil rights.
- 33. **1963** Assassination of President John F. Kennedy.
- 34. **1964** Civil Rights Act passed: Prohibiting racial discrimination.
- 35. **1964** Gulf of Tonkin Resolution: Escalates U.S. involvement in Vietnam War.
- 36. **1969** Apollo 11 Moon Landing: Neil Armstrong becomes the first man on the moon.
- 37. **1974** President Richard Nixon resigns: Following the Watergate scandal.
- 38. **1981** First Space Shuttle launch: Columbia launches on April 12.
- 39. **1991** Cold War ends: Collapse of the Soviet Union.
- 40. **2001** September 11 attacks: Terrorist attacks on World Trade Center and Pentagon.
- 41. **2008** Global Financial Crisis: Worst financial crisis since the Great Depression.
- 42. **2010** Affordable Care Act enacted: Major healthcare reform in the U.S.
- 43. **2011** Osama bin Laden killed: Leader of Al-Qaeda responsible for 9/11 attacks.
- 44. 2012 Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting: Tragic mass shooting in Newtown, Connecticut.
- 45. **2015** Supreme Court legalizes same-sex marriage nationwide.
- 46. **2016** Donald Trump elected President: Significant political upset.
- 47. **2020** COVID-19 pandemic: Global health crisis significantly affects the U.S.
- 48. **2020** Black Lives Matter protests: Nationwide protests against police brutality and racism.
- 49. **2020** U.S. Presidential Election: Contested election amidst a pandemic.
- 50. **2021** Storming of the U.S. Capitol: Unprecedented attack on the Capitol building.