Time Line of Historical Events

1620 MAYFLOWER COMPACT
work together for the good of all

1626 NEW AMSTERDAM FOUNDED
Then a Dutch Colony, *now New York City*

1630 FOUNDING OF MASSACHUSETTS BAY
became most powerful colony

1634 FOUNDING OF MARYLAND
safety for Catholics

1635 RHODE ISLAND FOUNDED
first real religious freedom

1636 FUNDAMENTAL ORDERS OF CONNECTICUT
first framework of government in the colonies

1642 CIVIL WAR BREAKS OUT IN ENGLAND
Protestant armies attack forces loyal to the King

1650 FIRST NAVIGATIONAL ACT
first major regulation of colonial commerce

1662 HALFWAY COVENT ESTABLISHED
allowed for more participation in government

1663 ANOTHER NAVIGATIONAL ACT

1670 JOHN LOCKE WRITES THE FUNDAMENTAL CONSTITUTIONS FOR CAROLINA

1676 BACON'S REBELLION
major conflict between colonists in backwater area and colonists in tidewater area

1681 PENNSYLVANIA COLONY FOUNDED
religious freedom for Quakers

1688 GLORIOUS REVOLUTION
established the idea that the king rules at the will of the people

1696 ANOTHER NAVIGATIONAL ACT

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1710 1720 1730 1740 1750 1760 1770 1780 1790 1800

1732 GEORGE WASHINGTON BORN
Westmoreland County, Virginia

1754 FRENCH AND INDIAN WAR BEGINS
reveals importance of America in world affairs

1760 GEORGE III
becomes the new king of England

1763 PROCLAMATION OF 1763
restricts western settlement

1763 PEACE OF PARIS
ends French and Indian War

1765 STAMP ACT
colonists violently react against British policies

1767 TOWNSHEND ACTS
continued "abuse" by Britain

1770 BOSTON MASSACRE
continued violence by colonists

1773 TEA ACT
caused the Boston Tea Party

1774 FIRST CONTINENTAL CONGRESS
united colonists

1774 INTOLERABLE ACTS
pulled colonists together

1775 SECOND CONTINENTAL CONGRESS
organized colonists

1775 BATTLE OF LEXINGTON AND CONCORD
began revolution

1776 DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE
announced independence

1776 PUBLICATION OF *COMMON SENSE*
urged colonists to permanent separation from Britain

1777 BATTLE OF SARATOGA
U.S. victory, convinces French to enter war

1777 ADOPTION OF ARTICLES OF CONFEDERATION
first U.S. constitution

1781 BATTLE OF YORKTOWN
Cornwallis surrenders

1783 TREATY OF PARIS
ends the Revolutionary War

1786 SHAY'S REBELLION
revealed problems with Articles of Confederation

1786 VIRGINIA STATUTE OF RELIGIOUS LIBERTY
steps toward separation of church and state

1787 CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION
The Constitution is written

1789 MASSACHUSETTS REQUIRES PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO ADMIT WOMEN

1801 SECOND GREAT AWAKENING

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