

Human Timeline

March 1770	Four workers shot by British troops in the Boston Massacre
December 1773	Patriots protest the British Tea Act at the Boston Tea Party
January 1774	First Continental Congress meets in Philadelphia
April 1775	First shots of the Revolutionary War fired in Lexington and Concord
July 1776	Congress ratifies the Declaration of Independence
September 1777	Battle of Saratoga
February 1778	France signs a treaty of alliance with the United States
October 1781	British army surrenders at the Battle of Yorktown
September 1783	Great Britain and the United States sign a peace treaty
June 1788	The United States constitution is ratified