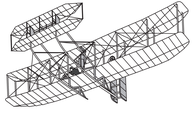
1900 | 1910 | 1920

1900
- **Life expectancy: Men 45.6 years; Women 49.9 years**
- **95% of births take place at home**
- **US population 76 million; 500,000 Hispanic**
- Chicago completes nation's first modern sewage system
- Max Planck formulates quantum theory

1901
- Century of electricity begins, ending century of steam
- First great Texas oil gusher discovered
- President McKinley assassinated
- First trans-Atlantic radio signal

1902
- Ragtime jazz develops in US
- First US movie theater opens in Los Angeles

1903
- Toy bears marketed as "Teddy Bears" in honor of President Roosevelt
- First silent movie, *The Great Train Robbery*
- First World Series
- First flight at Kitty Hawk



1904
- Work begins on Panama Canal
- Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show opens in England
- Broadway subway opens in New York City

1905
- Einstein formulates his theory of relativity
- Freud publishes his theory of sexuality
- Huckleberry Finn & Tom Sawyer banned from Brooklyn Public Library

$E=mc^2$

1906
- Upton Sinclair writes, The Jungle
- San Francisco earthquake
- Kellogg's starts selling Corn Flakes

1907
- **Infant mortality rate: 9.99 percent**
- First electric washing machine
- Picasso introduces Cubism

1908
- Philadelphia completes nation's first clean water system
- Grand Canyon designated a National Monument
- Women compete in Olympic Games for first time
- Ford introduces Model-T

1909
- NAACP founded
- Robert Peary first person to reach North Pole
- Plastic invented

1910
- Halley's Comet makes an appearance
- Boy Scouts established in US
- Tango catches on

1911
- The "week-end" becomes popular in US
- Start of Mexican Revolution
- Roald Amundsen reaches South Pole

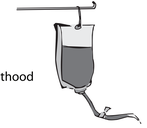
1912
- Arizona and New Mexico become states
- Oreo cookies first introduced
- Titanic sinks

1913
- Personal Income Tax introduced in US
- Henry Ford pioneers new assembly line techniques
- First crossword puzzle published
- Los Angeles Owens Valley aqueduct opens

1914
- Charlie Chaplin first appears as "Little Tramp"
- Colorado National Guard attack striking coal miners in Ludlow
- Panama Canal officially opens
- World War I begins

1915
- D.W. Griffith's film, *The Birth of a Nation*, premieres
- Panama-Pacific International Exposition opens in San Francisco

1916
- Monet paints *Water Lilies* series
- First successful blood transfusion
- Margaret Sanger founds Planned Parenthood



1917
- Mata Hari is arrested for spying
- US enters World War I
- First Pulitzer Prizes awarded

1918
- Daylight Saving Time introduced in US
- Influenza pandemic kills 20-40 million people

1919
- Prohibition begins in US
- Treaty of Versailles ends World War I

1920
- League of Nations established, US votes against joining
- First commercial radio broadcast airs
- Women granted the right to vote in US

1921
- National quotas on immigration established by US Congress
- First Miss America Pageant held

1922
- First successful insulin treatment of diabetes
- Mussolini marches on Rome
- Tomb of King Tut discovered

1923
- Time Magazine hits newsstands for first time
- Pancho Villa assassinated
- The Charleston becomes popular dance