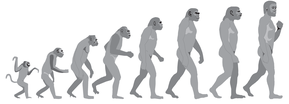
1930

1940

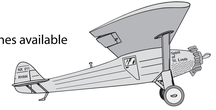
1924
- V.I. Lenin dies
- First Olympic Winter Games held
- J. Edgar Hoover appointed FBI Director



1925
- Scopes "Monkey Trial" tests teaching of evolution
- F. Scott Fitzgerald publishes, The Great Gatsby
- Hitler publishes Mein Kampf
- Flapper dresses in style

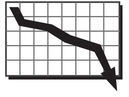
1926
- Robert Goddard launches first liquid-fuel rocket
- Magician Harry Houdini dies
- A.A. Milne publishes Winnie-the-Pooh

1927
- Babe Ruth makes home-run record – 60 runs in a single season
- Lindbergh flies solo non-stop across Atlantic
- First talking movie, *The Jazz Singer*, premieres
- Diphtheria, whooping cough and tuberculosis vaccines available
- Home refrigerators popularized



1928
- Amelia Earhart first woman to fly solo across Atlantic
- First Mickey Mouse cartoon
- Fleming discovers penicillin
- Bubble gum invented
- First Oxford English Dictionary published

1929
- First Academy Awards presented
- Radio comedy show *Amos and Andy* premieres
- New York Stock Market crashes
- Car radio invented



1930
- Solar System now includes Pluto
- Gandhi's Salt March
- Sliced bread available

1931
- US officially adopts *Star Spangled Banner* as National anthem
- Empire State Building completed

1932
- Lindbergh's baby kidnapped
- Air conditioning invented
- Scientists split atom

1933
- Adolf Hitler becomes Chancellor of Germany
- FDR launches New Deal
- First Nazi concentration camp established
- Prohibition ends in US

1934
- Bonnie and Clyde killed by police
- Cheeseburger created
- Dust Bowl

1935
- Alcoholics Anonymous founded
- Social Security enacted in US
- Germany issues Anti-Jewish Nuremberg Laws
- John Maynard Keynes suggests new economic theory
- Parker Brothers sells "Monopoly" game

1936
- Hoover Dam completed
- Santa Fe railroad inaugurates *Super Chief* passenger train
- Spanish Civil War begins

1937
- Hindenburg disaster
- Golden Gate Bridge opens
- Amelia Earhart disappears over New Guinea

1938
- Minimum wage established by law in US
- Benny Goodman headlines at Carnegie Hall
- Broadcast of *The War of the Worlds* causes panic

1939
- Hewlett-Packard Company founded
- First commercial trans-Atlantic flight
- World War II begins

1940
- Hitler and Mussolini form alliance against France and Britian
- Leon Trotsky assassinated
- McDonald's is founded

1941
- Japan attacks Pearl Harbor
- Manhattan Project to develop nuclear weapons begins
- Mount Rushmore completed

1942
- Anne Frank goes into hiding
- Japanese-Americans moved to internment camps
- T-shirt introduced

1943
- World's largest office building, the Pentagon, dedicated
- Duke Ellington performs at Carnegie Hall
- Warsaw Ghetto uprising

1944
- Ballpoint pens go on sale
- Allied troops land in Normandy (D-Day)
- Toscanini leads concert performance on NBC radio

1945
- FDR dies
- First computer built
- Germany surrenders and Hitler commits suicide
- Microwave oven invented
- Slinky toy hits shelves
- United Nations founded
- US drops atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki
- First Flu vaccine; Penicillin now widely available