



Two Hundred and Fifty Years in Sixty Moments

1770 · 2026

THE FRAGILE BEGINNING

- 1770 The Boston Massacre
- 1773 The Boston Tea Party
- 1775 Lexington & Concord
- 1776 The Declaration of Independence
- 1776 Washington Crossing the Delaware
- 1777–78 Valley Forge
- 1781 Surrender at Yorktown
- 1787 “We the People” — The Constitution
- 1789 Washington's First Inauguration

A YOUNG NATION FINDS ITS FEET

- 1791 The Bill of Rights
- 1803–06 The Purchase and the Walk
- 1814 The Star-Spangled Banner at Fort McHenry
- 1825 The Erie Canal
- 1838 The Trail of Tears
- 1845 Frederick Douglass Speaks
- 1848 Seneca Falls
- 1849 The California Gold Rush
- 1849–60 The Underground Railroad
- 1852 *Uncle Tom's Cabin*

THE UNION BROKEN AND REMADE

- 1861 Fort Sumter
- 1862 Antietam — the camera goes to war
- 1863 The Emancipation Proclamation
- 1863 Gettysburg & the Address
- 1865 Appomattox and the Empty Chair
- 1869 The Golden Spike
- 1870 The 15th Amendment

FORGED IN IRON AND LIGHT

- 1876 The Telephone
- 1879–80 Edison's Electric Light
- 1886–92 The Lady and the Door

- 1890 The Frontier Closes — Wounded Knee

- 1903 Kitty Hawk

- 1906 The San Francisco Earthquake

- 1913 Ford's Assembly Line

- 1916 The Land That Outlasts Us

TRIAL BY FIRE

- 1917 America Enters the Great War

- 1920 Women Win the Vote

- 1927 Lindbergh Crosses the Atlantic

- 1933–36 The Hungry Years

- 1941 Pearl Harbor

- 1944 D-Day

- 1945 The Bomb

- 1945 The War Ends

THE AMERICAN CENTURY

- 1954 Brown v. Board of Education

- 1955–56 Rosa Parks and the Montgomery Bus Boycott

- 1962 John Glenn Orbits the Earth

- 1962 The Cuban Missile Crisis

- 1963 The March on Washington

- 1963 November 22 — Dallas

- 1964 The Civil Rights Act

- 1968 Tet

- 1969 Apollo 11 — The Moon

- 1974 A President Resigns

- 1976 The Bicentennial

OUR OWN LIFETIMES

- 1982 The Wall That Names Them

- 1986 Challenger

- 1987 “Tear Down This Wall”

- 1989 The Wall Comes Down

- 2001 September 11

- 2020s The Nation Endures

- 2026 It Passes to You