

Date List for Timeline Activity O. Henry Project

1855: London sewers modernized after outbreak of cholera
1857: E.G. Otis installs first elevator (U.S.)
1858: Treaty of Tientsen legalizes opium trade
1859: Charles Darwin publishes *The Origin of Species*
1860: Anglo-French troops occupy Peking

1861: Kansas becomes a state
1861-1865: American Civil War
1862: Emancipation Proclamation frees slaves in Union States of the U.S.A.
1862: Léon Foucault measures the speed of light
1862: Richard Gatling patents a machine gun (U.S.)
1863: Battle of Gettysburg; Gettysburg Address
1863: French troops occupy Mexico City and install Maximilian
1864: International Red Cross established in Geneva, Switzerland
1865: President Lincoln assassinated
1865: First oil pipeline (6 miles) laid in Pennsylvania
1865: Transatlantic cable completed
1865: Lewis Carroll publishes *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*
1865: 13th Amendment abolishes slavery
1865: Battle of Palmetto (May 13), last battle of the Civil War, fought near Brownsville before news of Appomattox surrender (April 9) reached South Texas
1865: (June 19) General Gordon Granger arrives in Galveston to announce the end of slavery

1866: Alfred Nobel invents dynamite
1866: Cattle drives begin in Texas
1866: Ku Klux Klan founded in Tennessee
1867: U.S.A. buys Alaska for \$7.2 million
1868: Louisa May Alcott publishes *Little Women*
1868: First skeleton of Cro-Magnon man found in France
1869: Suez Canal opens
1869: Jules Verne publishes *20,000 Leagues under the Sea*
1870: Charles Dickens dies
1870: Edmund J. Davis becomes first Republican governor of Texas
1870: J.D. Rockefeller founds Standard Oil Company
1870: Papal infallibility proclaimed by Vatican Council

1870-71: Franco-Prussian War
1871: Otto von Bismarck creates German Empire

1872: First Texas railroad construction begins
1872: U.S. General Amnesty Act pardons most Confederate soldiers and officials
1872: Civil War in Spain; Spanish rule rejected in the Philippines
1872: Susan B. Anthony arrested and tried for attempting to vote (Rochester, N.Y.)
1873: Black "Buffalo Soldiers" first posted in Texas
1873: E. Remington begins to make typewriters
1873: Financial "Panic of 1873" in Vienna and New York
1873: Ashanti tribes fight British in West Africa
1874: Winston Churchill born
1874: Texas Ranger Leander McNelly sent to settle banditry along the Rio Grande border.
1875: Hans Christian Andersen dies

1876: Present Texas constitution is adopted
1876: First telephone, Alexander Graham Bell
1876-1878: Russo-Turkish War
1877: Samurai revolt suppressed in Japan
1877: Bet-a-Million Gates sells barbed wire in Texas
1877: Lee Hall takes over McNelly's Texas Ranger command. Banditry and feuding by both Anglo- and Mexican-origin citizens continues.
1877-1910: Porfirio Díaz president of Mexico
1878: First phonograph, Thomas Alva Edison
1878: General William Booth founds Salvation Army
1878: A Woman Suffrage Amendment introduced; finally passes in 1919
1878: Pancho Villa born
1879: Albert Einstein born
1879: First skiing contest in Norway
1879: Edison invents light bulb
1880: Cologne (Köln, Germany) Cathedral completed (begun 1248)
1880: Henry Flipper becomes first African-American graduate of West Point

1881: Persecution of Jews begins in Russia
1882: Tschaikowsky writes *1812 Overture*
1882: R.L. Stevenson publishes *Treasure Island*
1883: First classes begin at UT-Austin
1883: Benito Mussolini born
1883: First skyscraper (10 stories), built in Chicago
1883-1885: War over French occupation of Vietnam
1885: First motor car (Germany, Benz)
1885: Dr. Pepper invented in Waco (called "Shoot a Waco" at first)
1885: Ulysses S. Grant dies

1886: Coca-Cola invented
1886: Photographer I.N. Hall moves to Cotulla
1886: Statue of Liberty dedicated
1886: Robert Louis Stevenson writes *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*
1886: Mexican artist Diego Rivera born
1888: Present state capitol building dedicated in Austin
1888: Eastman perfects box camera
1888: J.B. Dunlop invents pneumatic tire
1888: “Jack the Ripper”—6 murders occur in London
1888: Kaiser Wilhelm becomes Emperor of Germany
1889: Gustave Eiffel builds tower in Paris
1889: Insulin first used to treat diabetes
1889: Adolf Hitler born
1889: Dakota, Montana, Washington become states
1889: Brazil proclaimed a republic
1890: Rubber gloves first used in surgery
1890: First moving-picture shows in New York

1891: Arthur Conan Doyle publishes *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes*
1892: Tchaikowsky composes *The Nutcracker*
1893: Chicago World Exhibition
1893: Ho Chi Minh born (founder of Indo-Chinese Communist party)
1894: Oil discovered in Corsicana, Texas
1894: Rudyard Kipling publishes *The Jungle Book*
1895-1901: Boxer Rebellion in China

1896: Plessy v. Ferguson, U.S. Supreme Court declares “Jim Crow” laws, designed to segregate black and white Americans, are legal
1896: First modern Olympic Games (Athens)
1896: Klondike Gold Rush begins
1896: Judge Roy Bean holds a heavyweight championship fight on a sandbar in the Rio Grande
1897: R. Ross discovers malaria bacillus
1898: Spanish-American War
1899: Scott Joplin publishes “Maple Leaf Rag”
1899: Ernest Hemingway born
1899: Aspirin first manufactured
1899: Composer Johan Strauss dies
1899-1902: Boer War in South Africa
1900: Aaron Copeland born (American composer)
1900: Freud publishes *The Interpretation of Dreams*
1900: Galveston storm (hurricane) kills over 6,000 people

1901: Spindletop oil gusher drilled near Beaumont
1901: Marconi first transmits radio waves across the Atlantic
1901: Emperor Hirohito born (Japan)
1901: Queen Victoria dies
1901: First Nobel prizes awarded
1901: President McKinley assassinated
1902: Voting rights for women in Australia
1902: American author John Steinbeck born
1903: Pierre and Marie Curie win Nobel Prize in physics
1903: Artist Paul Gauguin dies
1903: Wright brothers’ first flight
1903: President Theodore Roosevelt acquires the Panama Canal Zone
1904: J.M. Barrie writes *Peter Pan*
1904: Workday limited to 10 hours in France
1905: Norway separates from Sweden
1905: Einstein formulates his Special Theory of Relativity

1906: The term “allergy” first introduced to medicine
1906: Roald Amundsen determines position of the magnetic North Pole
1906: Jukebox invented
1906: Paul Cezanne dies
1907: Wireless telegraph
1907: Boy Scouts founded (England)
1908: Henry Ford begins production of the “Model T”
1908: Date of last known I.N. Hall photograph
1909: Robert Peary reaches North Pole
1909: First movie star: Mary Pickford
1909: NAACP founded (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People)
1910: Mark Twain dies
1910: Haley’s Comet observed
1910: Mexican Revolution begins

1911: Roald Amundsen reaches South Pole
1911: Marie Curie wins Nobel Prize in Chemistry
1912: Titanic sinks
1914: Panama Canal opens
1914-1918: World War I
1915: Einstein postulates his General Theory of Relativity

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