

This Day in History I-IV

Course Overview

This Day in History is a collection of highly engaging lessons that share a unique part of history that happened on a particular day. Some sample topics include the day the Guardians of the Galaxy premiered in the U.S., the day Keiko Fukuda became the highest-ranking woman in judo, and the day baseball great Roberto Clemente was born. Lessons are written to be appropriate and accessible for all students. This Day in History III lessons include two levels of the text specifically for beginning readers—at 100L and 0L.

This Day in History I

Unit Name	Lesson Title	Lesson Summary
On This August Day	<i>August 27: Guinness's First Book of World Records Is Published</i>	What's the length of the longest human tongue in the world? Guinness World Records has the answer. The book was first published on August 27, 1955. (Note: Guinness World Records should be italicized)
On This September Day	<i>September 3: Happy Birthday, eBay!</i>	On September 3, 1995, a young techie created a website to sell some junk. That website is eBay, the multi-billion-dollar online shopping giant.
	September 10: Keiko the Orca Returned to Iceland	On September 10, 1998, Keiko, the most famous orca—or killer whale—in the world, was returned to his native waters.
	September 17: Joshua Norton Becomes Emperor of the United States	On September 17, 1859, California businessman Joshua Norton declared himself emperor of the United States, and no one objected.
	September 24: Muppets Creator Jim Henson Was Born	On September 24, 1936, famous puppeteer Jim Henson was born. Henson is the creator of Kermit the Frog, Elmo, and other Muppets.
On This October Day	October 1: Disney's EPCOT Center Opened to the Public	The EPCOT Center, one of Disney's theme parks in Florida, had its first public preview on October 1, 1982, and things didn't get off to a great start.
	<i>October 8: Yankee Pitcher Made World Series History</i>	Don Larsen played baseball for the New York Yankees. On October 8, 1956, he became the first person to pitch a perfect game during the World Series.

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On This October Day	October 15: Grace Bedell's Letter Grows on Lincoln	On October 15, 1860, 11-year-old Grace Bedell wrote to Abraham Lincoln and told him he'd look better with a beard. A few months later, he grew one.
	<i>October 22: The First High-Altitude Parachute Jump</i>	On October 22, 1797, French balloonist André-Jacques Garnerin became the first person in history to make a high-altitude parachute jump.
	October 29: Gymnast with Wooden Leg Wins Six Olympic Medals	On October 29, 1904, gymnast George Eyser made Olympic history by winning six medals—three of them gold—while wearing a wooden leg.
On This November Day	November 5: Guide Dogs Introduced to the United States	On November 5, 1927, a magazine article introduced the United States to guide dogs.
	<i>November 12: The First Trapeze Act Debuted in Paris</i>	On November 12, 1859, French acrobat Jules Léotard debuted the world's first trapeze act at a circus in Paris. He also created the leotard.
	November 19: The End of the Edsel	On November 19, 1959, the Ford Motor Company took the Edsel off the market because the car was a multimillion-dollar lemon.
	November 26: King Tut's Tomb Was Entered	On November 26, 1922, two British archaeologists entered King Tut's 3,000-year-old tomb in Egypt and made him an international celebrity.
On This December Day	December 3: Kidfluencer Ryan Kaji Named YouTube's Top Earner	On December 3, 2018, seven-year-old Ryan Kaji became YouTube's top earner of the year. His channel, Ryan's World, made him a millionaire.
	December 10: First Nobel Prizes Awarded	On December 10, 1901, the first annual Nobel Prizes were awarded to the scientists, peacemakers, and writers who have helped humanity the most.
	December 17: <i>The Simpsons</i> TV Series Began	On December 17, 1989, <i>The Simpsons</i> started its long run on TV with a holiday special.
	December 24: NORAD's Santa Tracker Began	On December 24, 1955, the NORAD Santa Tracker began tracking Santa Claus's sleigh on Christmas Eve. And it all began with a misprint in a newspaper.
	December 25: Christmas Baseball Game during the Civil War	On Christmas Day in 1862, some soldiers in South Carolina took a break from the Civil War and played a game of baseball.

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On This December Day	December 26: The Frisbee Took Off to New Heights	On December 26, 1967, a California inventor added a few touches to the Frisbee, and the plastic disc really took off.
	December 27: Charles Darwin Began His Journey around the World	On December 27, 1831, 22-year-old Charles Darwin began a voyage around the world that helped form his ideas about nature.
	December 28: Stan Lee Was Born	Comic book writer Stan Lee helped create characters like Spider-Man, Black Panther, the Avengers, and the X-Men. Lee was born on December 28, 1922.
	December 29: Tom Brady Set Two Football Records	Quarterback Tom Brady has had a career full of major highlights. On December 29, 2007, he set two NFL records in a single game.
	December 30: Edwin Hubble Discovered Other Galaxies	On December 30, 1924, Edwin Hubble announced that he discovered galaxies beyond the Milky Way and changed how we view the universe.
	<i>December 31: The First New Year's Eve Ball Dropped in New York City</i>	On December 31, 1907, an annual tradition was born when the first-ever New Year's Eve ball was lowered in New York City's Times Square.
	On This January Day	January 7: Buck Rogers and Tarzan Debuted in Comic Strips
January 14: America's Funniest Home Videos Debuted		On January 14, 1990, the TV series America's Funniest Home Videos made its debut, and people have been laughing ever since.
January 21: All Aboard the Concorde!		On January 21, 1976, the Concorde took its first supersonic commercial flight.
January 28: Elsa the Lioness Was Born		On January 28, 1956, Elsa the Lioness was born in the wild in Kenya, Africa. For years, she was one of the most famous animals in the world.
On This February Day	February 4: Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs Opened across the U.S.	On February 4, 1938, Disney released <i>Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs</i> , the first full-length animated feature movie.
	February 11: Thomas Edison Was Born	On February 11, 1847, inventor Thomas Edison was born. Edison is famous for inventing the electric light bulb and recording sound.

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On This February Day	February 18: The First Cow Milked on an Airplane	On February 18, 1930, Elm Farm Ollie made history when she became the first cow to fly and get milked on an airplane.
	February 25: A New, Young Heavyweight Champion of the World	On February 25, 1964, 22-year-old boxer Cassius Clay—later known as Muhammad Ali—became the world’s new heavyweight champion.
On This March Day	March 4: The U.S.’s Old Inauguration Day	Until 1933, March 4 was the day every newly elected U.S. president was scheduled to take office, but the first Inauguration Day didn’t go as planned.
	March 11: First Public Game of Basketball in the U.S.	On March 11, 1892, basketball became a spectator sport in Springfield, Massachusetts, where the game had been created a few months earlier.
On This March Day	March 18: Paper Dresses Went on Sale	On March 18, 1966, a company that made toilet paper and other paper products began selling dresses made of paper and started a fashion trend.
	March 25: The First Medals of Honor Were Awarded	On March 25, 1863, the first Medals of Honor were awarded.
On This April Day	April 1: Taco Bell’s April Fools’ Day Prank	On April 1, 1996, Taco Bell played an April Fools’ prank on the nation, claiming that the company had bought the Liberty Bell.
	April 8: The Statue of Liberty Magically Disappeared	On April 8, 1983, magician David Copperfield made the Statue of Liberty disappear on national TV.
	April 15: Jackie Robinson Broke Color Barrier in Baseball	On April 15, 1947, Jackie Robinson became the first Black player in Major League Baseball.
	April 22: Earth Gets Its Day	On April 22, 1970, Earth Day was first celebrated, launching the modern environmental movement.
	April 29: Lincoln University: A Pioneer in Education	On April 29, 1854, the Ashmun Institute (now Lincoln University) in Pennsylvania became the first degree-granting Black college in the United States.
On This May Day	May 6: SpaceX Launches a New Era in Space Travel	On May 6, 2002, billionaire Elon Musk started SpaceX to foster commercial space travel.

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On This May Day	<i>May 13: Discovery of the Great Comet of 1861</i>	On May 13, 1861, amateur astronomer John Tebbutt discovered the Great Comet of 1861.
	May 20: Charles Lindbergh and Amelia Earhart Make Historic Flights	On May 20, 1927 and 1932 respectively, Charles Lindbergh and Amelia Earhart began their historic transatlantic flights.
	May 27: The Golden Gate Bridge Opened	On May 27, 1937, the Golden Gate Bridge officially opened, and San Franciscans threw an unforgettable party.
On This June Day	June 3: The First Goodyear Blimp Launched	On June 3, 1925, Goodyear launched its first blimp. Soon after, it became the first airship to stay aloft using helium rather than flammable hydrogen.
	June 10: Benjamin Franklin Shocks the World	On June 10, 1752, Benjamin Franklin attached a key to a kite, flew them into a rainstorm, and made electrifying history.
	June 17: The Statue of Liberty Arrives in New York City...in Pieces	On June 17, 1885, the Statue of Liberty sailed into New York Harbor—all 350 pieces of her. It would take a while to put her back together.
	June 24: Mary Pickford's Million-Dollar Contract	On June 24, 1916, Hollywood movie star Mary Pickford became the first woman actor to sign a million-dollar contract.
On This July Day	July 1: Olympic Track Star Carl Lewis Was Born	On July 1, 1961, track star Carl Lewis was born. He would later win 10 Olympic medals, including nine gold.
	July 8: The First Woman Enlists in the U.S. Air Force	On July 8, 1948, Esther Blake made military history by becoming the first woman to enlist in the U.S. Air Force.
	July 15: A Duck-Billed Platypus Arrives in New York	On July 15, 1922, the first duck-billed platypus ever seen in North America was exhibited at the Bronx Zoo. Zoo-goers couldn't believe their eyes.
On This July Day	July 22: Wiley Post Completes First Solo Flight Around the World	On July 22, 1933, U.S. aviator Wiley Post completed the first solo flight around the world.
	July 29: Haben Girma Was Born	Born on July 29, 1988, Haben Girma became the first deaf and blind graduate of Harvard Law School when she graduated in 2013.

This Day in History II

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On This August Day	August 5: Chilean Miners Trapped Underground!	On August 5, 2010, a group of miners became trapped far underground in Chile. They were all rescued 69 days later.
	August 12: Michael Phelps Breaks Own 200-Meter Freestyle World Record	On August 12, 2008, Michael Phelps beat his own 200-meter Freestyle World Record and went on to win the most gold medals in a single Olympic Games.
	August 19: Ohio Children Compete in the First Soap Box Derby	In 1934, children in Dayton, Ohio raced downhill in the first Soap Box Derby. Kids still compete in their homemade creations today.
	August 26: Mathematician Katherine Johnson Is Born	On August 26, 1918, brilliant mathematician Katherine Johnson was born. Her calculations got U.S. astronauts into space and on the Moon.
On This September Day	September 2: Diana Nyad Offers a Lesson in Endurance	On September 2, 2013, 64-year-old swimmer Diana Nyad became the first person to swim from Cuba to the United States without a shark cage.
	September 9: The First Computer "Bug" Is Discovered	On September 9, 1947, the first "bug"--an actual moth--was found in a computer's hardware.
	September 16: Play-Doh Is Introduced	On September 16, 1956, a wallpaper cleaner was reborn as a new toy, Play-Doh, thanks to Kay Zufall's creative imagination.
	September 23: The "Father of Soul" Is Born	On September 23, 1930, blind composer, singer, and musician Ray Charles Robinson is born in Albany, Georgia.
	September 30: The Hoover Dam is Dedicated	On September 30, 1935, President Franklin D. Roosevelt dedicated the Hoover Dam, an architectural and engineering triumph on the Colorado River.
	On This October Day	October 7: Renowned Cellist, Yo-Yo Ma, Was Born
October 14: Cubs Win World Series for Second Year in a Row		On October 14, 1908, the Chicago Cubs won the World Series for the second year in a row. They wouldn't win this championship again until 2016.
October 21: Disney's Secret Plans for		On October 21, 1965, Disney's secret plans to build in Florida made front-page news. The secret

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	Florida Make Front-Page News	project would become the Walt Disney World Resort.
On This October Day	October 28: The Gateway Arch Is Completed	On October 28, 1965, construction was completed on the Gateway Arch, a monument in St. Louis, Missouri.
On This November Day	November 4: A Day Full of Presidential Firsts	The 1856 U.S. presidential election was the first to fall on November 4. Others followed on this day. Some of the winners had their own “firsts.”
	November 11: Armistice Day Created in the U.S.	On November 11, 1919, Armistice Day was created to honor U.S. veterans of World War I. This is now called Veterans Day and honors all U.S. veterans.
	November 18: Wilma Mankiller, First Female Cherokee Chief, Is Born	On November 18, 1945, Wilma Mankiller, the first female Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, was born. She fought for Indigenous people’s rights.
	November 25: Music to Move People	On November 25, 1984, famous musicians from the United Kingdom and Ireland recorded a song to raise money for people who were suffering from hunger.
On This December Day	December 2: Ford Unveils the Model A Car	On December 2, 1927, Ford’s Model A car was introduced in the U.S. to an eager public.
	December 9: Women Take the Court	On December 9, 1978, the Women’s Professional Basketball League played its first game. It led to the founding of the WNBA.
	December 16: Mount Fuji Erupts	On December 16, 1707, Mount Fuji, Japan’s tallest volcano, erupted. Find out why this eruption was so unusual.
	December 23: Franco Harris Makes the “Immaculate Reception”	On December 23, 1972, Franco Harris made one of the most famous American football plays of all time.
	December 30: Edwin Hubble Discovered Other Galaxies	On December 30, 1924, Edwin Hubble announced that he had discovered galaxies beyond the Milky Way. This changed how we view the universe.
On This January Day	January 6: Indian Composer A.R. Rahman Was Born	On January 6, 1966, Indian composer A.R. Rahman was born. Professionally, he started by writing jingles and then composed music for films.
	January 13: Mickey Mouse Makes His Debut	On January 13, 1930, Walt Disney’s Mickey Mouse comic strip was first published. It was soon featured in newspapers around the world.

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On This January Day	January 20: An Astronaut's Birthday Worth Buzzing About	Born on January 20, 1930, astronaut “Buzz” Aldrin traveled a long way from his birthplace of Montclair, New Jersey, to the surface of the moon.
	January 27: The Day the iPad Changed the Future of Technology	The iPad, introduced on January 27, 2010, changed the way people view and interact with the world.
On This February	February 3: Eileen Collins Becomes First Woman to Fly a Space Shuttle	On February 3, 1995, U.S. astronaut Eileen Collins became the first woman to pilot a space shuttle.
	February 10: Tom and Jerry Make Their Debut	On February 10, 1940, the <i>Tom and Jerry</i> cartoon was shown for the first time in theaters.
	February 17: Basketball Star Michael Jordan Is Born	On February 17, 1963, U.S. basketball legend Michael Jordan was born.
	February 24: Modern Toothbrushes Arrive in the U.S.	On February 24, 1938, the first nylon-bristled toothbrushes went on sale in the U.S., replacing those made with animal bristles.
	On This March Day	March 3: Hockey Goes Indoors
March 10: The First Phone Call Is Made		On March 10, 1876, inventor Alexander Graham Bell made the first telephone call. He called his assistant Thomas Watson.
March 17: Swing Legend Nat King Cole Is Born		On March 17, 1919, musical legend Nat King Cole was born. He would grow up to become a singer and jazz pianist known around the world.
March 24: A Giant Leap!		On March 24, 2010, extreme wheelchair athlete Aaron Fotheringham set a Guinness World Record for the highest ramp jump by wheelchair.
March 31: Farewell, Jesse Owens		On March 31, 1980, Jesse Owens passed away after an incredible career as a track-and-field star, including being an Olympic gold medalist.
On This April Day	April 7: Granville Woods Sends a Message	Granville T. Woods was a well-known inventor during his day. On April 7, 1885, he patented a device for sending messages using electricity.
	April 14: The <i>Titanic</i> Strikes an Iceberg	On April 14, 1912, a ship called the <i>Titanic</i> hit an iceberg and started to sink. The wreckage has continued to fascinate explorers over the years.

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	April 21: The Game Boy Enters the World	On April 21, 1989, the original Game Boy handheld gaming console went on sale in Japan.
	April 28: Superhero Day Launched	On April 28, 1995, Superhero Day was launched. Created by the employees of Marvel Comics, the holiday celebrates all heroes—real and fictional.
On This May Day	May 5: The History of Cinco de Mayo and How It's Celebrated	On May 5, 1862, the Battle of Puebla took place, ending with Mexico's unexpected victory over France. The day is now a holiday: Cinco de Mayo.
	May 12: Florence Nightingale Is Born	Florence Nightingale, born on May 12, 1820, changed the world of nursing by improving practices and popularizing the career.
	May 19: The Rubik's Cube Takes Shape	Ernő Rubik first created the Rubik's Cube on May 19, 1974. The six-sided puzzle still has a place on toy shelves everywhere.
	May 26: Famous Actor Jay Silverheels Was Born	On May 26, 1919, Jay Silverheels, a Canadian Mohawk, was born. Later, he helped Indigenous people break into the world of Hollywood acting.
On This June Day	June 2: Betty Robinson Sets a Sprinting Record	On June 2, 1928, 16-year-old Betty Robinson set the world record for the 100-meter sprint. She went on to win a gold medal at the 1928 Olympic Games.
	June 9: The Lakers Beat the Celtics...Finally	After eight unsuccessful attempts to defeat the Celtics for the NBA championship, the Lakers finally won on June 9, 1985.
	June 16: The First Roller Coaster Opens in the U.S.	LaMarcus Thompson built the Switchback Railway, the first roller coaster in the United States. It opened at Coney Island on June 16, 1884.
	June 23: Nintendo 64 Went on Sale in Japan	On June 23, 1996, the Nintendo 64 went on sale in Japan after many delays. It had to compete against PlayStation. Which console would sell better?
	June 30: Charles Blondin Crosses Niagara Falls on a Tightrope	On June 30, 1859, Charles Blondin became the first person to cross the Niagara Gorge on a tightrope.
On This July Day	July 7: Cree Canadian Singer Shane Yellowbird Was Born	On July 7, 1979, Cree country singer Shane Yellowbird was born in Canada.
	July 14: Celebrating "Sea Dogs" on Shark Awareness Day	July 14 is Shark Awareness Day. It's a day to celebrate these ancient sea creatures and to raise awareness of their endangerment.

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	July 21: <i>Guardians of the Galaxy</i> Premieres	On July 21, 2014, Marvel Studios surprised superhero fans with the premiere of <i>Guardians of the Galaxy</i> , a movie about a lesser-known team of galactic superheroes.
On This July Day	July 28: Keiko Fukuda Makes the Grade	Keiko Fukuda, also known as “Mrs. Judo,” became the highest-ranking female judoka on this day in history, July 28, in 2011.

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On This Day in August	August 4: The Phoenix Mars Lander Launches	On August 4, 2007, the Phoenix spacecraft launched for Mars. It would make many groundbreaking discoveries about the red planet.
	August 11: Surfer Duke Kahanamoku Breaks Swimming Record	On this day in history, August 11, 1911, Duke Kahanamoku broke the world record in the 100- yard freestyle swim.
	August 18: Baseball Star Roberto Clemente Is Born	Roberto Clemente was named a national hero by Puerto Rico for his achievements in baseball.
	August 25: Alicia Thornton Races into the Record Books	On August 25, 1804, Alicia Thornton became the first female jockey on record. She impressed the crowd despite facing unfair racing conditions.
On This Day in September	September 1: The Liberty Bell Arrives in Philadelphia	The Liberty Bell no longer rings, but its symbolic message is heard by people across the U.S.
	September 8: Star Trek Debuts on U.S. Television	On September 8, 1966, Star Trek aired for the first time in the U.S. The television show was groundbreaking in many ways.
	September 15: The Fernando Valenzuela Show Begins	On September 15, 1980, 19-year-old pitcher Fernando Valenzuela took the mound in his first Major League Baseball game and amazed all in attendance.
	September 22: Hobbit Day Is for Having Fun	J.R.R. Tolkien’s books, including The Hobbit and The Lord of the Rings trilogy, are celebrated on Hobbit Day.
	September 29: Hummingbird Featured on Tallest Sand Sculpture	The world’s tallest sand sculpture was built on this day in history, September 29, in 2010. And it was inspired by a story about a hummingbird.
On This Day in October	October 6: Circling the Globe—Like Never Before	On October 6, 2007, the first successful human- powered circumnavigation of the globe was completed by Jason Lewis. He used no motors or sails.

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	October 13: Paddington Bear First Appears in Print	On October 13, 1958, the first book in a series of children’s books featuring Paddington Bear was published.
	October 20: The Amazing Monterey Bay Aquarium Opens	On October 20, 1984, the Monterey Bay Aquarium opened its doors and gave a home to thousands of ocean plants and animals.
	October 27: The New York City Subway Opens	On October 27, 1904, the New York City Subway began operation.
On This Day in November	November 3: Bob Kane, Creator of Batman, Passes Away	On November 3, 1998, cartoonist Bob Kane died, leaving behind a lifetime of creativity, including one famous masked superhero— Batman.
	November 10: Windshield Wipers Are Patented	Mary Anderson noticed how hard it was for drivers to see through a wet windshield. She went on to invent windshield wipers.
	November 17: Catherine the Great Dies	Catherine the Great, a Russian leader starting in 1744, had a lot of new ideas. She made the first roller coaster and improved education in Europe.
	November 24: Apollo 12 Splashes Down	On November 24, 1969, Apollo 12’s three astronauts splashed down safely in the Pacific Ocean after a successful mission to the moon.
On This Day in December	December 1: Lionel Messi Takes the Trophy	On December 1, 2009, Lionel Messi was awarded the Ballon d’Or, the first of several in his stunning soccer career.
	December 8: Metallica Performs in Antarctica	On December 8, 2013, Metallica held a concert in Antarctica and set a record. It was the first major band to play on the continent.
	December 15: The Leaning Tower of Pisa Reopens	After being closed for a decade due to structural issues, the Leaning Tower of Pisa reopened for visitors on December 15, 2001.
	December 22: Colo the Gorilla Is Born	On December 22, 1956, Colo was born at the Columbus Zoo in Ohio. She was the first gorilla to be successfully bred in captivity.
	December 29: Barbra Streisand Records Her First Song	On December 29, 1955, Barbra Streisand recorded her first song at age 13. She would go on to become a superstar.

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On This Day in January	January 5: Alvin Ailey, Pioneer of Modern Dance, Was Born	On January 5, 1931, Alvin Ailey, choreographer and founder of the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, was born.
On This Day in January	January 12: The Deep Impact Space Probe Launches	On this day in history, an unmanned spacecraft called Deep Impact was launched, leading to a historic comet chase that lasted almost nine years.
	January 19: The First Tour de France Was Announced	On January 19, 1903, a French newspaper announced a new long-distance bicycle race called “Le Tour de France.”
	January 26: Basketball Legend Kobe Bryant Dies	When Kobe Bryant died on January 26, 2020, he left an immense, all-star legacy of accomplishments. He continues to inspire many athletes today.
On This Day in February	February 2: Groundhog Day through the Ages	The first official Groundhog Day in the U.S. was celebrated on February 2, 1887. But the history of this day goes back much further than that.
	February 9: A New Game Is Invented—Volleyball!	On February 9, 1895, the sport of volleyball was invented. The new game, which was first called “mintonette,” was a hit!
	February 16: The First 911 Call in the U.S. Brings Change	The first 911 call in the United States was made on this day in history—February 16—in 1968. Now people in the U.S. rely on this emergency number.
	February 23: Carlos Santana’s Supernatural Night at the Grammys	On February 23, 2000, Mexican artist Carlos Santana won eight U.S. Grammy Awards.
On This Day in March	March 1: Yellowstone Becomes the First National Park in the U.S.	On March 1, 1872, Yellowstone was established as the first U.S. national park.
	March 8: The Hōkūle’a Sets Sail	Since March 8, 1975, the Hōkūle’a, a Hawaiian voyaging canoe, has been carrying on the ancient tradition of Polynesian wayfinding.
	March 15: Manga Artist Naoko Takeuchi Born in Japan	On March 15, 1967, manga artist Naoko Takeuchi was born in Japan. She would create one of the most iconic franchises of all time: Sailor Moon.

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	March 22: Tara Lipinski Takes the Lead in Figure Skating	Tara Lipinski was 14 when she became the world's youngest figure skating champion on March 22, 1997.
On This Day in March	March 29: The Day Niagara Falls Ran Dry	Niagara Falls is a powerful set of waterfalls along the border between Canada and the United States. But on March 29, 1848, it stopped flowing.
On This Day in April	April 5: It's National Deep-Dish Pizza Day!	April 5 is U.S. National Deep-Dish Pizza Day! This thick, soupy pizza creation has a surprisingly dramatic, Chicago-based history.
	April 12: D.E.A.R. Day—A Day to Drop Everything and Read	In the U.S., National D.E.A.R. Day—Drop Everything and Read Day—is held on April 12 every year to honor children's book author Beverly Cleary.
	April 19: Simu Liu, Shang-Chi Star, Is Born	Canadian actor Simu Liu was born on this day, April 19, in 1989. He would go on to star in everything from sitcoms to superhero films.
	April 26: Meteorite Shower Leads Scientists to New Insight	On April 26, 1803, a meteorite shower fell over L'Aigle, France, and Jean-Baptiste Biot's research of the event helped us learn about the universe.
On This Day in May	May 3: The First Geocache Is Placed	The first documented placement of a geocache happened on May 3, 2000. Since then, hunting for these hidden treasures has caught on!
	May 10: A Day to Celebrate the Incredible Hulk	May 10 is World Incredible Hulk Day. The Marvel character made his debut in May 1962 and has been entertaining us ever since.
	May 17: The Wonderful Wizard of Oz Is First Published	The Wonderful Wizard of Oz has been a staple of children's literature ever since its publication on May 17, 1900.
	May 24: Eurovision Song Contest Starts in Europe	On May 24, 1956, the Eurovision Song Contest first took place in Switzerland. As of 2022, the competition brings in over a hundred million viewers.
	May 31: Big Ben's Clock Starts Ticking	On May 31, 1859, Big Ben's famous clock in London, England, started ticking.

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On This Day in June	June 7: First Climb to the Top of Denali	On June 7, 1913, four men became the first to reach the top of Denali. The mountain and its surrounding areas are now a U.S. national park.
	June 14: Asafa Powell Becomes the Fastest Man in the World	On June 14, 2005, Jamaican sprinter Asafa Powell broke the 100-meter men’s track record and became the fastest man in the world at the time.
	June 21: Standing Tall on World Giraffe Day	June 21 is World Giraffe Day, an event that celebrates the tallest animal on Earth and raises awareness about its conservation needs.
	June 28: Farewell to Maria Mitchell, an Out-of- This-World Scientist	On June 28, 1889, Maria Mitchell died at age 70. She was the first professional female astronomer in the United States.
On This Day in July	July 5: Hello Spam, Meat in a Can	SPAM was introduced on July 5, 1937, by Hormel Foods. It has become an important part of popular culture and world cuisine.
	July 12: Etch A Sketch Sold for the First Time	The Etch A Sketch drawing toy first hit store shelves on this day in history, July 12, in 1960. By the end of that year, the toy was a hit!

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On This August Day	August 2: Disc Golf Gets Ready to Take Off	Ed Headrick patented the Disc Golf Pole Hole on August 2, 1977. Disc golf is now played all over the world.
	August 9: It's Book Lovers Day!	Every year on August 9, people all over the world celebrate the joy of reading on Book Lovers Day.
	August 16: Gold! The Klondike Gold Rush Begins	On August 16, 1896, gold was found in the Yukon, starting the Klondike Gold Rush, the last great gold rush in the West.
	August 23: First Little League Baseball World Series Champ Crowned	On August 23, 1947, the first Little League Baseball World Series champion was crowned.
	August 30: Astronaut Makes Space Travel History	On August 30, 1983, Guion S. Bluford Jr. became the first Black U.S. astronaut to travel into space.
On This September Day	September 6: A Day to Fight Procrastination	September 6 is Fight Procrastination Day, a day to practice strategies for doing things we've been putting off for later.
	September 13: George de Mestral Patents VELCRO in the U.S.	George de Mestral received a patent for VELCRO on September 13, 1955. This was 14 years after he first came up with the idea.
	September 20: Glass Sculptor Dale Chihuly Was Born	On September 20, 1941, Dale Chihuly was born. He grew up to be an artist who is known for creating dramatic and colorful glass sculptures.

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	September 27: Google Celebrates Its Birthday	Google recognizes September 27, 1998, as its official birthday. Its search engine was well received then and has become even more popular over time.
On This October Day	October 4: Get a Taste of National Taco Day in the U.S.	October 4 is National Taco Day in the U.S. This delicious handheld food has a history in Mexico that stretches back thousands of years.
	October 11: A Huge Hunt for the Loch Ness Monster Ends	On October 11, 1987, a search ended with no proof that the Loch Ness Monster actually exists. Yet many people still believe the creature is real.
	October 18: Poet Phillis Wheatley Freed from Slavery	On October 18, 1773, Phillis Wheatley was freed from slavery. By this point, she had become an accomplished, published poet.
	October 25: Time to Celebrate International Artist Day	October 25 is International Artist Day, a day to celebrate artists and to <i>be</i> an artist.
On This November Day	November 1: Hockey Player Jacques Plante Puts Safety First	Jacques Plante changed hockey forever by being the first National Hockey League goaltender to wear a protective face mask.
	November 8: It's National STEM/STEAM Day	In 2015, the first STEM/STEAM Day was celebrated on November 8. This special day helps spark interest in important careers.
	November 15: Microsoft Shakes Up the Gaming World	On November 15, 2001, Microsoft released the Xbox, competing against major Japanese video game companies and fueling the rise of online gaming.

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	November 22: Toy Story Hits Theaters in the U.S.	Released in theaters on November 22, 1995, Toy Story was the first full-length computer-generated film.
	November 29: Spanish Football Club FC Barcelona Kicks Off!	Football club (FC) Barcelona was founded on November 29, 1899. It went on to become one of the most popular football teams in the world.
On This December Day	December 6: Everglades National Park Is Dedicated	Dedicated on December 6, 1947, Everglades National Park is an incredible place for wildlife and human visitors alike.
	December 13: Welcome to the World, Taylor Swift	Taylor Swift is a star in the music industry who was born on this day in history, December 13, in 1989.
	December 20: Celebrating Fun and Connection on Games Day	Learn about the history of Games Day, which is celebrated on December 20, and find out about fun ways to celebrate.
On This January Day	January 3: Alaska Became a U.S. State	Alaska, which became a U.S. state on January 3, 1959, is now recognized as a national treasure.
	January 10: U.S. Released Quarters Honoring Maya Angelou	Writer and activist Maya Angelou was the first woman honored by the American Women Quarters Program.
	January 17: Actor James Earl Jones Was Born	James Earl Jones, born on January 17, 1931, overcame a childhood stutter to become one of the most well-known voices in entertainment.
	January 24: January 24: Prima Ballerina Maria Tallchief Was Born	Maria Tallchief, born on January 24, 1925, became the first lead ballerina in the U.S. She was also the first Native American prima ballerina.

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On This January Day	January 31: Golfer Lydia Ko Ranks Number One at Age 17	On January 31, 2015, New Zealand golfer Lydia Ko became the youngest player to rank number one in the world. She was 17.
On This February Day	February 7: Celebrating Rose Day	Rose Day, celebrated on February 7, is a modern tradition where people express love, friendship, and appreciation by exchanging roses.
	February 14: Music Star Karol G Is Born	Karol G, born Carolina Giraldo Navarro in Colombia on February 14, 1991, overcame challenges in the music industry to become a superstar.
	February 21: Steve Fossett Completes a Record-Setting Journey	On February 21, 1995, adventurer and aviator Steve Fossett became the first person to fly solo in a hot air balloon across the Pacific Ocean.