

Oct. 25, 1760 – King George III comes into power  
Mar. 1765 – Riots erupt in American colonies after parliament levies ‘stamp’ taxes  
Jun. 1767 – American colonists are taxed on imports  
Dec. 16, 1773 – ‘Boston Tea Party’ heightens tensions in North American colonies  
Apr. 18, 1775 – American War of Independence begins  
July 4, 1776 – Declaration of Independence  
Aug. 2, 1776 – Declaration Signed by Congress  
Mar. 1, 1781 to March 4, 1789 – Articles of Confederation in Force  
Oct. 18, 1781 – Americans defeat the British army at Yorktown, VA  
1783 – Britain begins to evacuate loyalists from American colonies  
Mar. 4, 1789 – Constitution came into force  
Sept. 25, 1789 – Bill of Rights ratified