

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