US HISTORY DATES FOR FINAL

1. [General Lee surrenders at Appomattox. The Civil War ends one month later](http://www.eyewitnesstohistory.com/appomatx.htm).
2. [American Revolution](http://www.pbs.org/ktca/liberty/) begins
3. [The 13 colonies sign the Declaration of Independence](http://www.loc.gov/rr/program/bib/ourdocs/DeclarInd.html).
4. [Vikings establish settlements in what is now L'Anse aux Meadows, Newfoundland, Canada](http://www.pitt.edu/~dash/vinland.html).
5. [Christopher Columbus lands in what is now the Bahamas](http://www.britannica.com/ebc/article-9361198?tocId=9361198&query=columbus&ct=).
6. [The French and Indian War](http://www.militaryheritage.com/7yrswar.htm).
7. [The English build a settlement in Jamestown, Virginia](http://www.apva.org/).
8. [Carrying English pilgrims, the Mayflower arrives in what is now Massachusetts](http://www.rootsweb.com/~mosmd/).
9. [The U.S. Constitution is written](http://www.archives.gov/historical-docs/document.html?doc=3&title.raw=Constitution%20of%20the%20United%20States).
10. [George Washington becomes the first president of the United States of America](http://www.ushistory.org/valleyforge/washington/index.html).
11. [French emperor Napoleon Bonaparte agrees to sell 800,000 square miles of land to the United States for $15 million, this is known as the Louisiana Purchase](http://www.gatewayno.com/history/LaPurchase.html).
12. [Mexican-American War leads to annexation of what is now the southwestern United States](http://www.pbs.org/kera/usmexicanwar/mainframe.html).
13. [Civil War breaks out](http://www.civilwar.com/).
14. [Spanish found a colony at St. Augustine, Florida](http://www.ci.st-augustine.fl.us/visitors/history_fullprint.html).