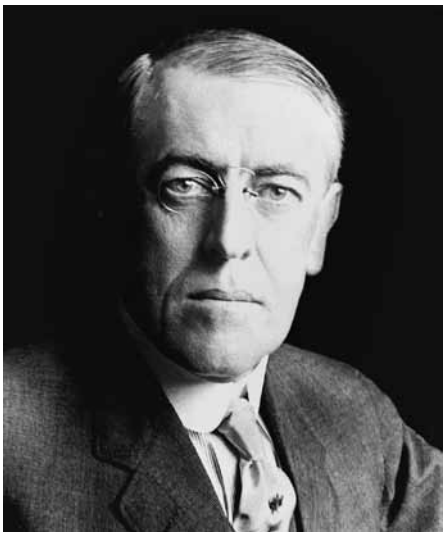
# World War I

*American troops going to the battle line in the Forest of the Argonne, France, September 26, 1918.*
*Courtesy of the Army Historical Foundation, NARA # 111-SC-22334.*



*President Woodrow Wilson.*
*Courtesy of the Library of Congress, LC-USZ62-107577.*

In the 1900s, the United States fought in five wars.

World War I was from 1914 to 1918.

Many countries fought in this war.

The United States entered the war in 1917.

Woodrow Wilson was President during World War I.

The Veterans Day holiday started after this war.

Today, we remember all U.S. military veterans on Veterans Day.

*Tomb of the Unknowns.*
*Courtesy of the Library of Congress, LC-DIG-hec-25203.*

## Franklin D. Roosevelt

In the 1930s, the United States had serious economic problems.

Banks closed and people lost their jobs and money.

This period was called the Great Depression.

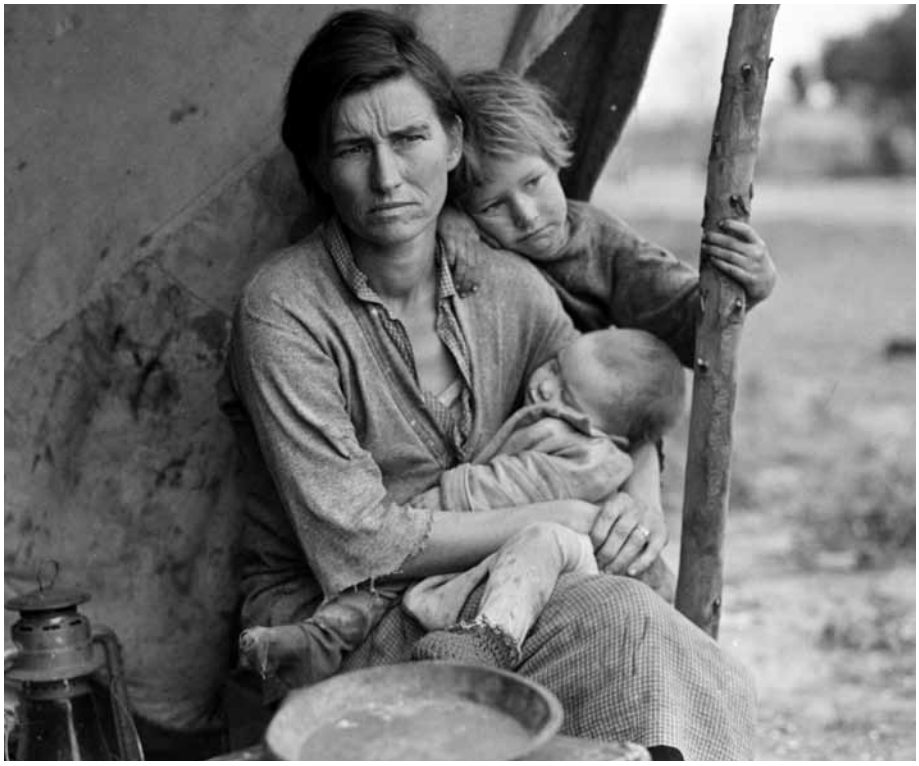
Franklin D. Roosevelt became President in 1933.

He promised a better life for Americans.

He wanted to help the economy.

He started job programs and the Social Security program.

*President Franklin D. Roosevelt.*
*Courtesy of the Library of Congress, LC-USZ62-117121.*



*A migrant agricultural worker's family during the Great Depression, photograph by Dorothea Lange.*
*Courtesy of the Library of Congress, LC-USZ62-107577.*

# World War II

*The USS Shaw exploding during the Japanese raid on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941.*
*Courtesy of the National Archives, 80-G-16871.*

*General Dwight D. Eisenhower, 1945.*
*Courtesy of the National Archives.*

World War II was from 1939 to 1945.

Roosevelt was President at the beginning of the war.

The United States entered the war after Japan bombed Pearl Harbor.

The United States fought Japan, Germany, and Italy.

Dwight D. Eisenhower was a famous general in World War II.

After the war, Eisenhower became President.

## America Fights Communism

After World War II, communism was a main concern for the United States.

There was conflict between the United States and the Soviet Union.

The two countries had different economies and systems of government.

Both countries built stronger and bigger militaries.

This period was called the Cold War. The Cold War ended in 1991.

The United States was also concerned about communism in Korea and Vietnam.

From 1950 to 1953, the United States fought in the Korean War.

After the war, Korea divided into two countries.

From 1959 to 1973, the United States fought in the Vietnam War.

The Vietnam War ended in 1975.

*Germans from East and West stand on the Berlin Wall in front of the Brandenburg Gate in this November 10, 1989 photo, one day after the wall opened. The Berlin Wall was a symbol of the tyranny that restrained freedom throughout the Communist bloc of Eastern Europe during the Cold War.*
*AP Images/STF.*

## Recent Military Conflicts

In the 1990s, there was a conflict in the Middle East.

There were problems between Iraq and Kuwait.

In 1991, the United States fought against Iraq in the Gulf War.

On September 11, 2001, terrorists attacked the United States.

There were attacks in New York City, Pennsylvania, and Arlington, Virginia.

Almost three thousand people died that day.

After that, the United States started a war against terrorism.

*Firefighters unfurl a large American flag over the scarred stone of the Pentagon on September 12, 2001.*
*White House photo by Paul Morse.*

# Review—U.S. History Since 1900

**Read the sentence.**
**Write the correct words in the blank.**

**Word Bank**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Roosevelt | Communism | Wilson |
| Eisenhower | Great Depression | World War II |

1. _____ was the main concern for the United States during the Cold War.

2. _____ was a famous U.S. general during World War II.

3. _____ was President during World War I.

4. The United States had serious economic problems during the _____.

5. _____ was President during the Great Depression and World War II.

6. _____ was one war fought by the United States in the 1900s.

# Timeline of U.S. History Since 1900

**Write the correct events on the timeline.**

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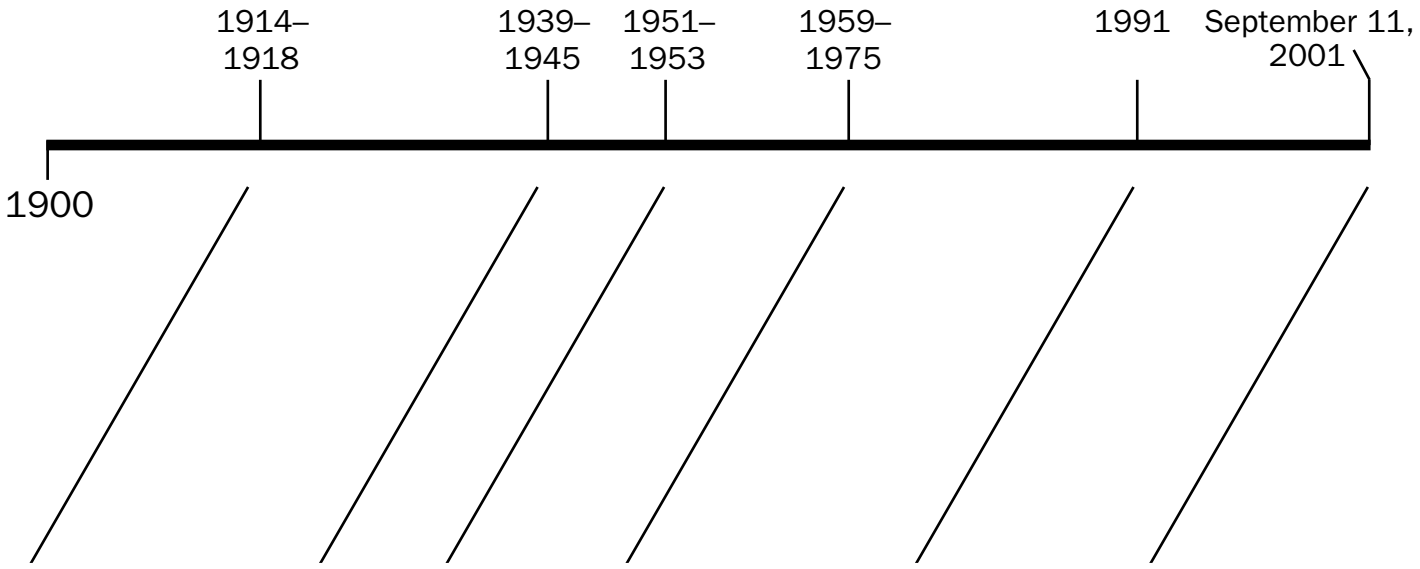
| Gulf War | terrorist attack | Korean War |
| World War I | Vietnam War | World War II |



# Veterans Day

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*Soldiers from Alpha Company 3rd Battalion 141st Infantry Regiment, Texas Army National Guard during an exercise near Bagram, Afghanistan, June 2005. U.S. Army photo by SPC Harold Fields.*

*Courtesy of the National Guard Image Gallery.*

**Copy the sentence.**

Veterans Day is on November 11th.

Vet_____ Day is on Nov_____ 11th.

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