Eras in American History

Determine the events that signaled the beginning and ending of each era. Then place each era on the timeline.

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| **Era** | **Dates** | **Beginning… Ending** |
| **Early European (Spanish & French) Colonization** | 1492-1620 |  |
| **Planting of English North America** | 1607-1754 |  |
| **French & Indian War** | 1754-1763 |  |
| **Colonial Discontent & Eve of the Revolution** | 1763-1775 |  |
| **American Revolution** | 1775-1783 |  |
| **Articles of Confederation government** | 1777-1787 |  |
| **Constitutional Convention & Ratification Debate** | 1787-1789 |  |
| **Federalist Era** | 1789-1800 |  |
| **Democratic-Republicanism & the War of 1812** | 1800-1815 |  |
| **Era of Good Feelings & Nationalism** | 1815-1824 |  |
| **Jacksonian Era** | 1824-1844 |  |
| **Manifest Destiny** | 1836-1850 |  |
| **National Economy, Market Revolution & Transportation Revolution** | 1820-1860 |  |
| **Sectionalism Splits the Nation** | 1850-1860 |  |
| **The Civil War** | 1861-1865 |  |
| **Reconstruction** | 1865-1877 |  |
| **Gilded Age & Industrialization** | 1877-1901 |  |
| **Age of Imperialism** | 1854-1914 |  |
| **Populism & Progressivism** | 1890-1920 |  |
| **World War I** | 1914-1919 |  |
| **Roaring Twenties** | 1920-1929 |  |
| **Great Depression** | 1929-1941 |  |
| **The New Deal** | 1933-1941 |  |
| **World War II** | 1939-1945 |  |
| **Early Cold War** | 1945-1962 |  |
| **Mass Movements & Social Turmoil** | 1954-1974 |  |
| **Vietnam War** | 1965-1975 |  |
| **Cold War Détente** | 1969-1979 |  |
| **Reagan Revolution & End of Cold War** | 1980-1991 |  |
| **“New Democrat” & New Millennium** | 1992-2000 |  |
| **Terrorism & the Great Recession** | 2001- |  |

Answer Bank: Beginning & Ending Events

Election of “centrist” Bill Clinton… Election of conservative G.W. Bush

End of the Civil War… Compromise of 1877

Missouri Compromise… Election of Lincoln

Columbus’ voyage… founding of Plymouth

Brown v. Board decision… Nixon resignation

Founding of Jamestown… French & Indian War begins

Invasion of Poland… Atomic bombs on Hiroshima & Nagasaki

Stock Market Crash… Pearl Harbor attack

9-11 attacks… Obama administration

Tonkin Gulf Resolution… Fall of Saigon

Election of FDR… Pearl Harbor attack

Election of George Washington… Defeat of John Adams after one term

Nixon takes office… Soviet Invasion of Afghanistan

Assassination of Franz Ferdinand… Treaty of Versailles

Compromise of 1850… Lincoln’s election & secession of the south

Victory in War of 1812… “Corrupt Bargain”

Constitutional Convention… Ratification of Constitution + Bill of Rights

Clash in the Ohio River Valley… Treaty of Paris

End of Reconstruction… Teddy Roosevelt becomes president

Harding’s “Return to Normalcy”… Stock market crash

Revolution of 1800… Battle of New Orleans

Texas War for Independence… Compromise of 1850

Treaty of Kanagawa… World War I begins

Proclamation of 1763… Battles of Lexington & Concord

Battles of Lexington & Concord… Treaty of Paris

Attack on Ft. Sumter… Surrender at Appomattox

“Iron Curtain” divides Europe… Cuban Missile Crisis

Sherman Antitrust Act… Harding’s “Return to Normalcy”

Drafting of Articles of Confederation… Shay’s Rebellion

Corrupt Bargain… Polk leaves office

Election of Ronald Reagan… Collapse of Soviet Union

Timeline of Eras

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| 1783 | 1787 | 1789 | 1800 | 1815 | 1820 | 1824 | 1836 |

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| 1836 | 1848 | 1850 | 1854 | 1860 | 1865 | 1877 | 1890 |

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| 1890 | 1898 | 1900 | 1914 | 1920 | 1929 | 1933 | 1941 |

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| 1941 | 1945 | 1954 | 1962 | 1965 | 1969 | 1975 | 1979 |

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| 1979 | 1980 | 1991 | 2001 |  |  |  |  |