

1930s Great Depression

Rise of fascism in Germany, Spain, Italy, Japan

1931 Scottsboro Nine trial

1932 Franklin D. Roosevelt elected president

1933 Hitler's rise to power, the Nazi party gains more control

1935 Dust Bowl, the Great Drought

Social Security Act

Spanish Civil War begins

Works Progress Administration

1939 World War II begins with Germany's invasion of Poland

United States comes out of the Great Depression

1942 The National Art Council for Defense and Artists Societies for Defense merge to form Artists for Victory

1943 Artists for Victory organizes the national print exhibition, America in the War

1947 The Secretary of State George C. Marshall cancels the exhibit, Advancing American Art, claiming that the contemporary art is "communistic"

Marshall announces there will be "no more taxpayers' money for modern art"

1874 First impressionist exhibit held

1875 Art Students League founded in New York City

1972 Photographer Nick Ut records US use of Napalm against Vietnamese citizens, his photograph later wins a Pulitzer Prize

1978 Cindy Sherman's black and white Untitled Film Stills series

1960s Rise of Pop art

1965 National Endowment for Arts and Humanities established

Minimalism recognized

1910s Picasso and Braque develop Cubism in Paris

Ashcan influence spreads, introduction of realism (early 1910s)

1911 First publication of *The Masses*

1913 New York Armory Show

1916 Dada movement begins in Switzerland, soon spreads to New York and Europe

1917 *The Masses* goes out of print

1870 15th amendment ratified, ensures the right to vote regardless of “race, color, or previous condition of servitude”

1875 Civil Rights Act passed, no citizen can be denied equal use of public facilities

1877 End of Reconstruction

American History

1860 Abraham Lincoln elected president of the United States

1861 American Civil War begins

1863 Abraham Lincoln delivers Emancipation Proclamation

1865 13th amendment ratified, slavery is outlawed

End of Civil War

Abraham Lincoln assassinated

1866 First Klu Klux Klan established in Tennessee

1867 First Reconstruction Act passed

1868 14th amendment ratified, grants citizenship to all people born in the United States

1869 First railroad connecting east and west completed

1880 States begin passing “Jim Crow” laws

1883 Brooklyn Bridge constructed

1885 First US skyscraper

1920 Société Anonyme founded

1924 *The Surrealist Manifesto* is published

1926 The New Masses is established

1929 John Reed Club founded by CPUSA in New York City
Art History

1890 Sherman Anti-trust Law

1896 Supreme Court rules that “separate but equal” segregation is legal in Plessy v. Ferguson
Rise of “yellow journalism” (sensationalist news reporting)

1898 Spanish-American War

1901 First Trans Atlantic radio

1903 Wright brothers fly

1904 National Child Labor Committee formed

1906 Upton Sinclair publishes The Jungle, leading to the passage of the Pure Food and Drug Act and the Meat Inspection Act

1908 Henry Ford introduces the Ford Model T

1909 W.E.B DuBois founds the NAACP

1920s Height of the KKK in the United States (4 million members, 5000 recorded lynchings)

1920 19th amendment passed, women are allowed to vote

1929 US stock market crashes, beginning of the Great Depression

1910 Beginning of
President Theodore Roosevelt’s progressive movement

1912 The Titanic sinks

1914 World War I begins

1917 United States enters World War I

1918 World War I ends

Influenza epidemic kills 30-40 million people worldwide

1919 18th amendment passed, prohibits the sale or consumption of alcohol

Treaty of Versailles

Communist Party formed in Chicago

Public Works of Art Project

- 1934 The Unemployed Artist Group becomes the Artist's Union with the publication Art Front
Reeves Lewenthal founds Associated American Artists
- 1935 Federal Art Project (FAP) founded
Works Progress Administration (WPA) art project founded
The Farm Security Administration (FSA) hires photographers to record American poverty
Two anti-lynching exhibits open in New York City, one sponsored by the NAACP and the other by the New York City John Reed Club
- 1936 A group of New York artists founds the American Artists' Congress
The Photo League is founded in New York
Dorothea Lange takes the photograph Migrant Mother, Nipomo Valley
- 1937 The Nazi party organizes an exhibition of "degenerate art," composed mainly of avant garde works
Picasso paints Guernica, memorializing the Spanish town bombed by Germans
- 1950s Abstract expressionism and color field painting become dominant art styles
- 1950 Société Anonyme officially closes
- 1951 The Photo League closes
- 1941 Pearl Harbor bombed, US enters World War II
- 1945 Harry S. Truman becomes president following FDR's death
Cold War begins
United States drops atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki
World War II ends
United Nations organized
- 1946 First computer invented in Philadelphia
- 1948 Berlin divided due to Soviet blockades

Truman abolishes segregation in the armed forces

1960 John F. Kennedy elected president

1962 Michael Harrington publishes *The Other America: Poverty in the United*

States

1963 John F. Kennedy assassinated

MLK's March on Washington

1964 The Civil Rights Bill passed

Gulf of Tonkin resolution

Vietnam War begins

President Lyndon B. Johnson announces War on Poverty

1965 Voting Rights Bill passed

1968 MLK assassinated

Democratic Convention in Chicago

US has 543,000 troops in Vietnam

1969 United States astronauts land on moon

1950s US government aggressively investigates suspected Communists

1950 Korean War begins

1953 Korean War ends

Joseph McCarthy is chair of Senate Sub-Committee on Government Operations

1954 Supreme court rules to desegregate schools in *Brown v. Board of Education*

McCarthy hearings

1955 Rosa Parks, Montgomery Bus Boycott

Martin Luther King, Jr. emerges as civil rights leader

1975 Vietnam War ends

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