

**S7****Activity: Timeline 1880-1920**

**Directions:** Use the following timeline to explore the major events of the period 1880-1920. Classify at least three events in each of the following categories: **industrialization**, **immigration**, **labor conflict**, and the **rise of consumer culture**. Include an explanation for why each event you identified should be classified this way.

Industrialization	Immigration
Labor Conflict	Rise of Consumer Culture

## Timeline, 1880-1920

### 1880 – 1889

- **January 27, 1880** Thomas Edison receives a patent for his incandescent light bulb
- **March 10, 1880** The Salvation Army arrives in the US from England
- **March 31, 1880** Wabash, Illinois becomes the first town completely illuminated by electricity
- **June 18, 1880** John Sutter discovers gold in California
- **October 21, 1881** The Gunfight at the OK Corral occurs; three are killed
- **May 17, 1884** The Alaska Territory is organized.
- **May 24, 1883** The Brooklyn Bridge opens.
- **May 4, 1886** The Haymarket Riot rocks Chicago, followed by bitter labor battles for an eight-hour work day
- **October 28, 1886** The Statue of Liberty is dedicated.
- **December 8, 1886** The American Federation of Labor (AFL) forms, uniting 25 craft unions.
- **November 2, 1889** North Dakota becomes the 39<sup>th</sup> state.
- **November 2, 1889** South Dakota becomes the 40<sup>th</sup> state.
- **November 8, 1889** Montana becomes the 41<sup>st</sup> state.
- **November 11, 1889** Washington enters the US as its 42<sup>nd</sup> state.

### 1890 – 1899

- **May 2, 1890** The Oklahoma Territory is organized.
- **July 3, 1890** Idaho enters the US as the 43<sup>rd</sup> state.
- **July 10, 1890** Wyoming becomes the 44<sup>th</sup> state.
- **December 31, 1890** Ellis Island opens as one of the primary immigration depots in the US.
- **July 6, 1892** A worker's strike against a Carnegie Steel Mill in Homestead, PA turns deadly, with 7 mill guards and 11 strikers and spectators killed.
- **April 14, 1894** Thomas Edison's kinetoscope is first shown in public.
- **April 30, 1894** Coxe's Army (a group of 300 unemployed workers led by Jacob Coxe) enter Washington to protest worsening economic conditions.
- **January 4, 1896** Utah enters the US as the 45<sup>th</sup> state.
- **April 20, 1898** The United States declares war on Spain.
- **July 7, 1898** The United States annexes Hawaii.

- **August 12, 1898** The United States and Spain sign an armistice, ending the Spanish-American War. The Treaty of Paris, signed in December, officially ends the war.
- **February 6, 1899** The United States annexes Guam, the Philippines, and Puerto Rico.

### 1900 – 1909

- **February 22, 1900** The Hawaii Territory is organized.
- **November, 1900** The International Ladies' Garment Workers Union is founded in New York City.
- **January 10, 1901** Texas has its first significant oil strike.
- **December 17, 1903** The Wright Brothers make the first successful flight of a heavier-than-air, mechanically-propelled aircraft in Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina.
- **April 18 – 19, 1906** The San Francisco earthquake and fire cause \$350 million worth of damages to the city.
- **January 16, 1907** Oklahoma becomes the 46<sup>th</sup> state admitted to the Union.
- **October 1, 1908** Henry Ford introduces his Model T, available for \$850.

### 1910 – 1920

- **March 25, 1911** A fire occurs at the Triangle Shirtwaist Company in New York City, killing 146 young immigrant workers, becoming one of the worst industrial accidents since the beginning of the Industrial Revolution.
- **January 6, 1912** New Mexico enters the US as the 47<sup>th</sup> state.
- **February 14, 1912** Arizona becomes the 48<sup>th</sup> state.
- **February 25, 1913** The 16th Amendment is added to the US constitution, allowing the federal government the right to collect income tax.
- **April 8, 1913** The 17th Amendment becomes part of the US Constitution, specifying the composition of the US Senate, terms of office, and voting rights.
- **January 5, 1914** The Ford Motor Company raises its wages from \$2.40 for a nine-hour day to \$5.00 for an eight-hour day.
- **April 21, 1914** American forces occupy Vera Cruz, Mexico.
- **July 28, 1914** World War I begins as the Austro-Hungarian Empire declares war on Bosnia.

- **August 4, 1914** President Wilson proclaims that the US is a neutral nation in the growing European conflict.
- **August 15, 1914** The Panama Canal opens.
- **May 7, 1915** The British liner *Lusitania* is sunk by German submarines. 128 American onboard lose their lives, provoking a public outcry against Germany.
- **August 4, 1916** The United States purchases the US West Indies and the Virgin Islands for \$25 million.
- **August 25, 1916** The United States National Park Service is established.
- **March 2, 1917** Puerto Rico is made a United States territory.
- **April 6, 1917** The United States enters World War I as part of the Allied powers.
- **August 5, 1917** The United States National Guard is established.
- **November 11, 1918** The Allied and Central Powers sign an armistice, ending World War I.
- **January 29, 1919** The 18th Amendment is added to the Constitution, prohibiting the manufacture, sale, or transportation of intoxicating liquors.
- **June 28, 1919** The Treaty of Versailles is signed, ending World War I.
- **August 26, 1920** The 19th Amendment, giving women the right to vote, becomes part of the US Constitution.