

## 1. TIMELINE OF KEY EVENTS, 1325-2009

<u>Latin America</u>	<u>World</u>
1325 Construction of Tenochtitlán (Mexico)	
1492 First voyage of Christopher Columbus from Spain	1492 Moors and Jews expelled
	1494 Treaty of Tordesillas
1500 Pedro Cabral voyage to Brazil	1509-47 Reign of Henry VIII in England
1519 Hernán Cortés enters Mexico	1519-56 Reign of Charles V as Holy Roman Emperor
1532 First sugar mills built in Brazil	
1533 Francisco Pizarro enters Peru	
1535 Viceroyalty of New Spain established	
1539 Printing press set up in Mexico City	
1542 Promulgation of “New Laws”	
1544 Viceroyalty of Peru established	
1551 Royal universities founded in New Spain, Peru	1556-98 Reign of Philip II in Spain
1565 Founding of Rio de Janeiro	1558-1603 Reign of Queen Elizabeth I in England
	1588 Defeat of Spanish Armada
	1607 English settlement at Jamestown
1624.54 Dutch occupy Northeastern Brazil	

**Latin America**

- 1759-88 Bourbon reforms of Charles III  
 1759 Jesuits expelled from Portuguese empire

- 1767 Jesuits expelled from Spanish America  
 1780-81 Revolt of Túpac Amaru in Peru  
 1781 Comunero revolt in Colombia

- 1791-1804 Haitian struggle for independence

- 1807-08 House of Bragança moves to Brazil

- 1810-24 Wars for Independence  
 in Spanish America

- 1822 Pedro I declares independence of Brazil

- 1829 Juan Manuel de Rosas rules Argentina;  
 Venezuela leaves “Gran Colombia”

**World**

- 1636 Harvard University founded  
 1643-1715 Reign of Louis XIV in  
 France

**U.S. & World**

- 1776-83 American Revolution

- 1789-85 French Revolution

- 1805 Battle of Trafalgar

- 1807-08 Napoleon occupies  
 Portugal and Spain

- 1812 War of 1812 (U.S.-British)

- 1823 Promulgation of Monroe  
 Doctrine

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1835 Battle of the Alamo in Texas

1840 Pedro II becomes emperor of Brazil

1846-48 Mexican American War (a.k.a.  
War of North American Invasion)

1855 William Walker and mercenaries invade Nicaragua

1858.61 War of the Reform (Mexico)

1864.67 Emperor Maximilian in Mexico

1865-70 War of the Triple Alliance (Paraguayan War)

1876-1911 Porfirio Díaz rules Mexico

1879.83 War of the Pacific

1888 Abolition of slavery in Brazil

1889 Abdication of Pedro II in Brazil

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1845 Annexation of Texas by U.S.

1861-65 U.S. Civil War

1889-90 First Inter-American  
Conference held in Washington,  
D.C.

1895 Richard Olney declares U.S.  
“practically sovereign” in Latin  
America

1898 U.S. enters war for Cuban independence from Spain

1899-1903 War of Thousand Days  
(Colombia)

1899 Founding of United Fruit Co.

1900 Publication of *Ariel* (José Enrique Rodó)

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- 1901 Theodore Roosevelt becomes U.S. president
- 1902 Publication of *Os Sertões* (Euclides da Cunha)
- 1903 “Taking” of Panama by U.S.
- 1903-14 Construction of Panama Canal
- 1909-33 U.S. interventions in Nicaragua, Mexico, Caribbean
- 1910-17 Mexican Revolution
- 1914-18 World War I
- 1915 Publication of *Los de abajo* (Mariano Azuela)
- 1916 Hipólito Yrigoyen wins first democratic election in Argentina
- 1917 Bolshevik Revolution in Russia
- 1920 Women obtain vote in U.S.
- 1927-33 Augusto César Sandino and guerrillas defy U.S. Marines in Nicaragua
- 1929 Women obtain vote in Ecuador; founding of PNR (later PRI) in Mexico
- 1929 Great Depression begins
- 1930 Founding of APRA; Getúlio Vargas takes power in Brazil; military coup in Argentina
- 1932-35 Chaco War (Bolivia-Paraguay)
- 1933 FDR announces “Good Neighbor” policy
- 1936 Carlos Saavedra Lamas wins Nobel Peace Prize

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- 1938 Nationalization of oil in Mexico
- 1945-54 Reformist democracy in Guatemala
- 1945-48 Democratic *trienio* in Venezuela
- 1946-55 Juan Perón rules Argentina
- 1948 Assassination of Gaitán (Colombia)
- 1952 Bolivian Revolution; Marcos Pérez Jiménez takes power in Venezuela
- 1954 CIA intervention in Guatemala;
- 1957 François Duvalier takes power in Haiti
- 1958 Initiation of National Front (Colombia); Pact of Punto Fijo (Venezuela)
- 1959 Cuban Revolution
- 1961 Assassination of Rafael Trujillo (Dominican Republic); failure of invasion at Bay of Pigs (Cuba)

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- 1936-39 Spanish Civil War
- 1939-45 World War II
- 1945 Gabriela Mistral wins Nobel Prize for Literature
- 1946 Cold War begins
- 1948 Founding of CEPAL by UN
- 1949 Communist victory in China
- 1950 Outbreak of Korean War
- 1952 Dwight Eisenhower elected U.S. president
- 1953 CIA intervention in Iran
- 1960 OPEC founded; John F. Kennedy elected U.S. president
- 1961 JFK launches Alliance for Progress

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- 1964 Military coup in Brazil
- 1965 U.S. intervention in Dominican Republic
- 1968-75 Reformist military rule in Peru
- 1970 Salvador Allende elected president of Chile
- 1972-79 Reformist military rule in Ecuador
- 1973 Military coups in Chile and Uruguay
- 1976 Military coup in Argentina
- 1979 Sandinista revolution overthrows Somoza dynasty (Nicaragua)
- 1980 Assassination of Archbishop Romero (El Salvador)
- Peace
- 1982 Debt crisis begins in Mexico
- 1983 Raúl Alfonsín elected president of Argentina
- 1985 End of Brazilian military dictatorship
- 1989 U.S. invasion of Panama
- 1990 Restoration of democracy in Chile; Violeta Barrios de Chamorro elected president of Nicaragua

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- 1962 Cuban missile crisis
- 1970-73 U.S. plots overthrow of Allende
- 1971 Pablo Neruda wins Nobel Prize for Literature
- 1976 Jimmy Carter elected U.S. president
- 1980 Ronald Reagan elected U.S. president; Adolfo Pérez Esquivel wins Nobel Prize
- 1982 Gabriel García Márquez wins Nobel Prize for Literature; Alfonso García Robles wins Nobel Peace Prize
- 1990 Collapse of Soviet Union, end of Cold War

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- 1991 Military coup in Haiti
- 1992 NAFTA treaty negotiated  
wins
- 1993 Killing of Pablo Escobar (Colombia)
- 1994 EZLN (Zapatista) uprising in Mexico;  
U.S. occupation of Haiti
- 1998 Plebiscite supports commonwealth status  
for Puerto Rico; Hugo Chávez elected president of Venezuela
- 1999 Panama takes control of Canal
- 2000 Vicente Fox elected president of Mexico
- 2002 Lula elected president of Brazil; Álvaro  
Uribe elected president of Colombia
- 2004 U.S. helps oust Jean-Bertrand Aristide in Haiti
- 2005 Evo Morales elected president of Bolivia
- 2006-07 Presidential elections: Michelle Bachelet in Chile,  
Daniel Ortega in Nicaragua, Felipe Calderón in Mexico,  
Rafael Correa in Ecuador, Cristina Fernández de Kirchner  
in Argentina
- 2009 *Coup d'état* in Honduras
- 2010 Presidential elections: Dilma Rousseff in Brazil,  
Sebatian Piñera in Chile, Manuel Santos in Columbia,  
Laura Chinchilla in Costa Rica, José Mujica in Uruguay
- 1992 Bill Clinton elected U.S.  
president; Rigoberta Menchú  
Nobel Peace Prize
- 1993 Ratification of NAFTA by  
U.S. Congress
- 2000 George W. Bush elected U.S.  
president
- 2001 Terrorist attacks in New York  
and Washington (9/11)
- 2002 U.S. forces invade  
Afghanistan
- 2003 U.S. forces invade Iraq
- 2008 Barack Obama elected U.S.  
president

- 2011 Presidential elections: Cristina Fernández de Kircher (second term) in Argentina, Ollanta Humala in Peru
- 2012 Presidential elections: Enrique Peña Nieto in Mexico      2008 Barack Obama reelected U.S. president
- 2013 Presidential elections: Rafael Correa in Ecuador (third term), Nicola Maduro in Venezuela