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2018 Historical Anniversary Dates for Programming



The Decades Series (presentations)

The 1900's: Wright Brothers, Theodore Roosevelt, and The Model T (NEW)

The 1910's Ragtime, Wilson, and World War I (NEW)

The 1920's: Flappers, Speakeasies, and Coolidge

The 1930's: F.D.R., The Great Depression, and *Gone With The Wind*

The 1940's: Swing Dancing, World War II, and The Greatest Generation

The 1950's: Elvis, Eisenhower, and Lucy

The 1960's: Flower Power, The Beatles, and J.F.K.

The 1970's: Bell-bottoms, Disco, and Nixon

The 1980's: The Royal Wedding, Reagan, and Pacman

The 1990's: The Macarena, Beanie Babies, and Clinton

The 2000's: Myspace, 9/11, and George W. Bush (NEW)

Presentations For Any Month

Chicago's Landmarks and the Names Behind Them

History Unveiled: The Truth about The Presidents

The Mighty Mississippi River: Ally and Enemy

Bus Tours Available

Our Lady of the Angels School Fire

Mayor Richard J. Daley

Chicago Landmarks and the Names Behind Them

January

The Life of The Brothers Grimm

(Jacob Grimm's birthday, January 4, 1785) (NEW)

The Life of Theodore Roosevelt (death date, January 6, 1919)

The Life of Alexander Hamilton (birthday, January 11, 1757)

The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. (birthday, January 15, 1929) (50th Anniversary of his Assassination, April 4, 1968) (NEW)

The Life of Winston Churchill (death date, January 24, 1965)

The Life of Franklin D. Roosevelt (birthday, January 30, 1882)

The Life of Mahatma Gandhi (70th Anniversary of his Assassination, January 30, 1948) (NEW)

February

Presidents' Day 2018: February 19, 2018

The Life of Charles Lindbergh (birthday February 4, 1902; Famous Flight May 20, 1927)

The Life of Dwight D. Eisenhower

The Life of Franklin Delano Roosevelt

The Life of Theodore Roosevelt

The Life of Harry S. Truman

The Life of President John F. Kennedy

The Assassination of President John F. Kennedy

The Life of Ronald Reagan (birthday, February 6, 1911)

The Eerie Similarities between John F. Kennedy and Abraham Lincoln (Lincoln's birthday, February 12, 1809)

The Assassination of Abraham Lincoln (Lincoln's birthday, February 12, 1809)

The Life of President Abraham Lincoln (Lincoln's birthday, February 12, 1809)

Eleanor Roosevelt and Civil Rights

The Life of The Brothers Grimm
(Wilhelm Grimm birth, February 24, 1786) (NEW)

March

Women's History Month

The Life of Amelia Earhart

The Life of Margaret Thatcher

The Life of Helen Keller
(50th Anniversary of her death, June 1, 1968) (NEW)

The Life of Anne Frank (death date, March 1945)

The Life of Eleanor Roosevelt

Eleanor Roosevelt and Civil Rights

The Life of Dwight D. Eisenhower (death date, March 28, 1969)

April

The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. (50th Anniversary of his Assassination, April 4, 1968) (NEW)

A World Gone Mad: WWI (United States Entered into WWI, April 6, 1917)

The Life of Margaret Thatcher (5 Year Anniversary of her death, April 8, 2013)

The Life of President Franklin D. Roosevelt (death date, April 12, 1945)

The Assassination of President Abraham Lincoln (death date, April 15, 1865)

The Life of President Abraham Lincoln (death date, April 15, 1865)

The Eerie Similarities between John F. Kennedy and Abraham Lincoln (Lincoln's death date, April 15, 1865)

The Life of Queen Elizabeth II (birthday, April 21, 1926)

The Vietnam War (War ended April 30, 1975)

May

Memorial Day: May 28, 2018

The Life of Charles Lindbergh
(Famous flight May 20, 1927)

The Hindenburg Disaster (May 6, 1937)

The Life of President Harry S. Truman (birthday, May 8, 1884)

World War II, VE Day (Germany surrendered on May 8, 1945)

The Life of Mayor Richard J. Daley (birthday, May 15, 1902)

The Assassination of President John F. Kennedy
(birthday, May 29, 1917)

The Life of President John F. Kennedy (birthday, May 29, 1917)

The Eerie Similarities between John F. Kennedy and Abraham Lincoln
(John F. Kennedy's birthday, May 29, 1917)

The Johnstown Flood (May 31, 1889)

June

The Life of Helen Keller (birthday, June 27, 1880;
50th Anniversary of her death, June 1, 1968) (NEW)

The Life of Queen Elizabeth II (60th Anniversary of her Coronation, June 2, 1953)

The Life of Robert F. Kennedy (50th Anniversary of his Assassination, June 6, 1968) (NEW)

The Life of Ronald Reagan (death date, June 5, 2004)

WWII (D-Day, June 6, 1944)

The Life of Anne Frank (birthday, June 12, 1929)

WWI (June 28, 1914, The Assassination date of the Archduke Franz Ferdinand and his wife)

July

The Life of Amelia Earhart (birthday, July 24, 1897;
Date of Disappearance, July 2, 1937)

The Life of Alexander Hamilton (death date, July 12, 1804)

The Sinking of the SS Andrea Doria (July 26, 1956)

**The Romanov Family (100 Year Anniversary of their
Assassination, July 16, 1918) (NEW)**

The Life of Walter Cronkite (death date, July 17, 2009)

**The Life of Nelson Mandela (100 Year Anniversary of his
birthday, July 18, 1918) (NEW)**

The Life of Lady Diana Spencer, Princess of Wales
(birthday, July 1, 1961; Wedding date of Princess Diana and
Prince Charles, July 29, 1981)

August

National Aviation Day: August 19, 2018

The Life of Amelia Earhart

The Life of Charles Lindbergh
(Death date, August 26, 1974)

WWII (VJ Day--Japan surrendered on August 14, 1945)

The Life of Lady Diana Spencer, Princess of Wales
(Death date, August 31, 1997)

September

Labor Day: September 3, 2018

WWII (September 2, 1945 marks the official end of WWII per
President Harry S. Truman)

The Life of Harry S. Truman (Ended WWII)

The Life of Eleanor Roosevelt (Eleanor Roosevelt was very influential in the Labor Movement)

The Life of Franklin Delano Roosevelt (Franklin Roosevelt was very influential in the Labor Movement)

The Life of Theodore Roosevelt (Theodore Roosevelt was very influential in the Labor Movement)

The Life of The Brothers Grimm

(Jacob Grimm's death date, September 20, 1863) (NEW)

October

National Fire Prevention Month: October

National Fire Prevention Day: October 9, 2018

National Fire Prevention Week: October 7-13, 2018

The Life of Mahatma Gandhi (birthday October 2, 1869)
(NEW)

Our Lady of the Angels School Fire (60th Anniversary, December 1, 2018)

The Life of Eleanor Roosevelt (birthday, October 11, 1884)

The Life of Margaret Thatcher (birthday, October 13, 1925)

The Life of Dwight D. Eisenhower (birthday, October 14, 1890)

The Life of Theodore Roosevelt (160th Anniversary of his birthday, October 27, 1858)

November

The Vietnam War (Start date, November 1, 1955)

The Life of Walter Cronkite (birthday, November 4, 1916)

The Life of Eleanor Roosevelt (death date, November 7, 1962)

1909 Cherry Mine Disaster (November 13, 1909)

The Life of Robert F. Kennedy (Birthday November 20, 1925; **50th Anniversary of his Assassination, June 6, 1968**)
(NEW)

The Assassination of President John F. Kennedy (date of death, November 22, 1963)

The Life of President John F. Kennedy (date of death, November 22, 1963)

The Eerie Similarities between John F. Kennedy and Abraham Lincoln (John F. Kennedy's date of death, November 22, 1963)

The Life of Andrew Carnegie (birthday, November 25, 1835)
(NEW)

The Life of Winston Churchill (birthday, November 30, 1874)

December

Our Lady of the Angels School Fire (60th Anniversary-- December 1, 2018)

The Life of Nelson Mandela (5 Year Anniversary Date of his Death, December 5, 2013) (NEW)

Pearl Harbor (Anniversary December 7, 1941)

WWII (December 7, 1941, attack on Pearl Harbor)

The Life of Dwight D. Eisenhower (December 7, 1941, attack on Pearl Harbor)

The Life of Franklin Delano Roosevelt (December 7, 1941, attack on Pearl Harbor)

The Life of The Brothers Grimm
(Wilhelm Grimm's death date, December 16, 1859) (NEW)

The Life of Richard J. Daley (death date, December 20, 1976)

