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1492

**Christopher Columbus
arrives in the
New World**



1607

**Jamestown, first
English Colony is
established in Virginia**



1620

**Pilgrims arrive aboard
the Mayflower**



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1775

**American Revolutionary
War against the British
(through 1783)**



1776

**Declaration of
Independence is signed
in Philadelphia (July 4)**



1787

**U.S. Constitution is
drafted in Philadelphia**



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1789

**George Washington is
the 1st U.S. President**



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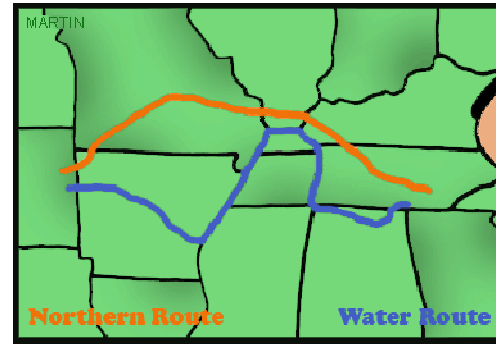
1803

**U.S. nearly doubles
in size with the
Louisiana Purchase**



1804

**Lewis and Clark
explore the West**

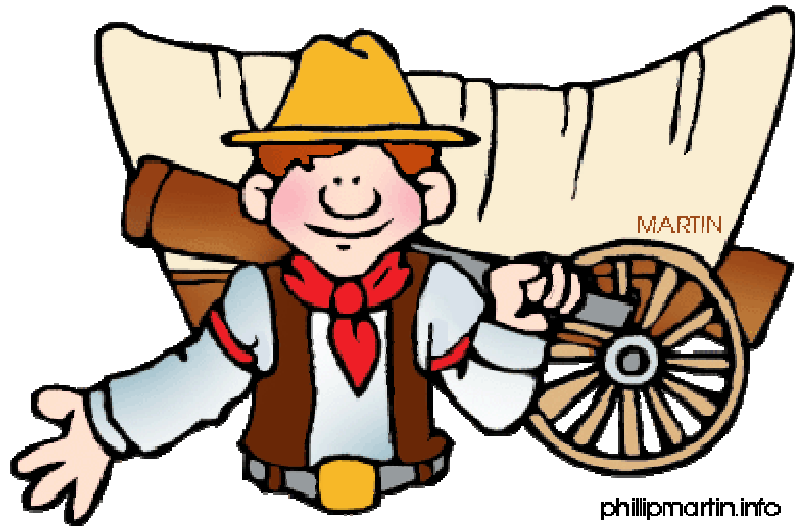


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1838

**Forced removal of Native
Americans to present-day
Oklahoma, known as the
“Trail of Tears”**



1843

**Pioneers traveled the
Oregon Trail
(through 1869)**



1848

**California Gold Rush
begins when gold is
found (through 1855)**



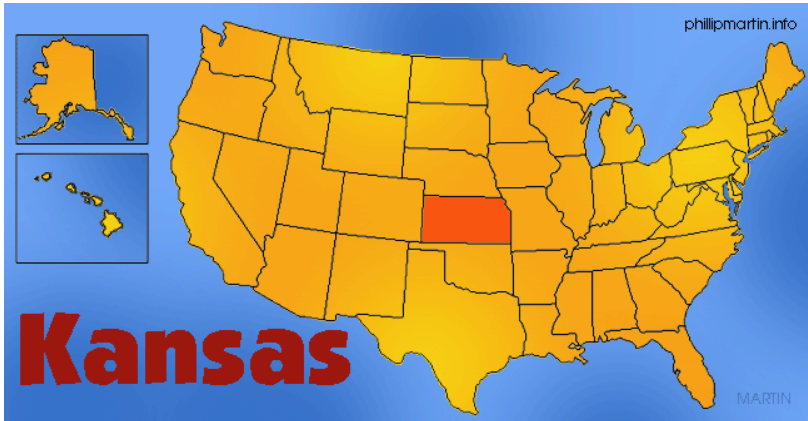
1850

**Underground Railroad
is used to help slaves
escape (through 1860)**



1861

**Abraham Lincoln is the
16th U.S. President
(assassinated in 1865)**



1861

**Kansas becomes a
state (January 29)**



1861

**Civil War between the
states over slavery
(through 1865)**



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1870

**Fifteenth Amendment
is passed, giving
blacks the right to vote**



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1903

**Wright Brothers make
the first flight**



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1908

**Ford Model T
sold as first affordable
automobile**



World War I
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1917

**U.S. enters World War I
(through 1918, actual
war began in 1914)**



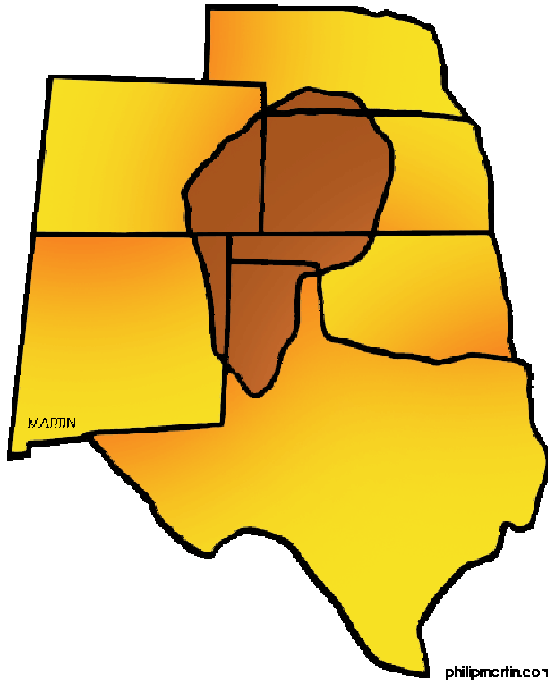
1919

**Nineteenth Amendment
is passed, giving
women right to vote**



1929

**Beginning of the Great
Depression that lasted
through the 1940's**



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1931

**The Dust Bowl begins
(severe drought
ends in 1939)**



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1941

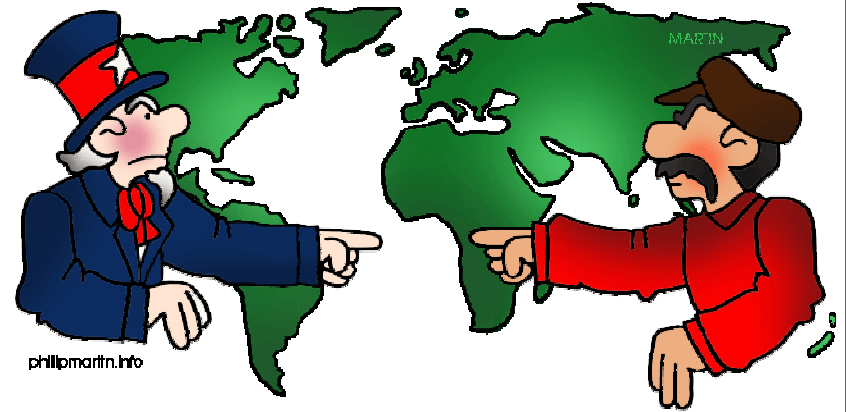
**Japan attacks U.S. at
Pearl Harbor**



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1941

**U.S. enters World War II
(through 1945, actual
war began in 1939)**



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1947

**Cold War begins between
U.S. and Soviet Union
(through 1991)**

KOREA



1950

**Korean War
(through 1953)**



1953

**Dwight D. Eisenhower
is the 34th U.S.
President**



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1954

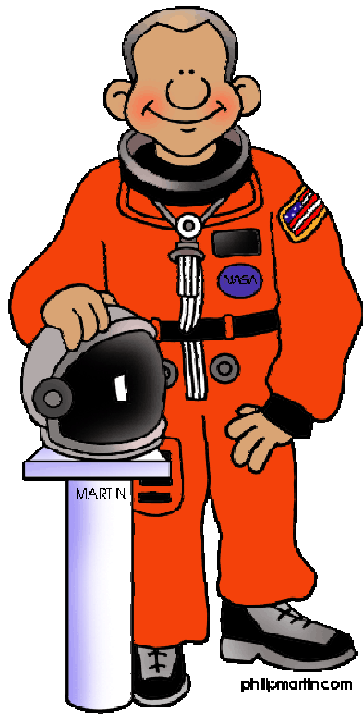
**Brown vs. BOE,
declares school racial
segregation illegal**



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1961

**John F. Kennedy
is 35th U.S. President
(assassinated in 1963)**



1962

**John Glenn becomes
1st U.S. astronaut to
orbit the earth**



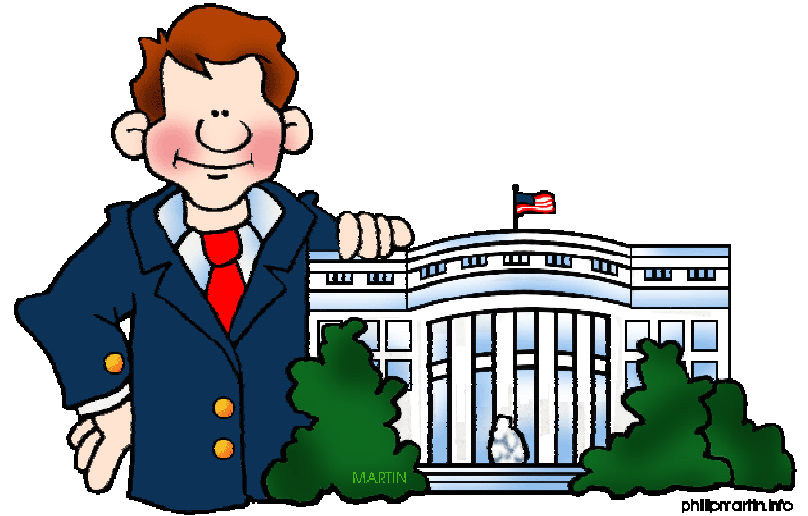
1963

**Martin Luther King, Jr.
delivers "I Have a
Dream" speech
(assassinated in 1968)**



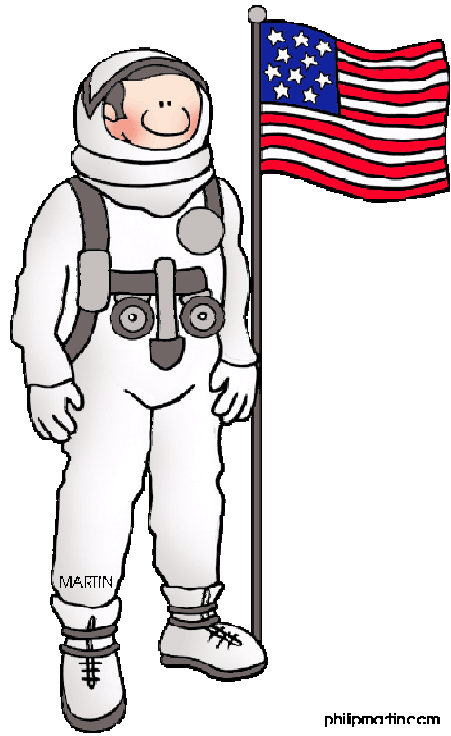
1965

**U.S. enters Vietnam War
(through 1975, actual
war began in 1955)**



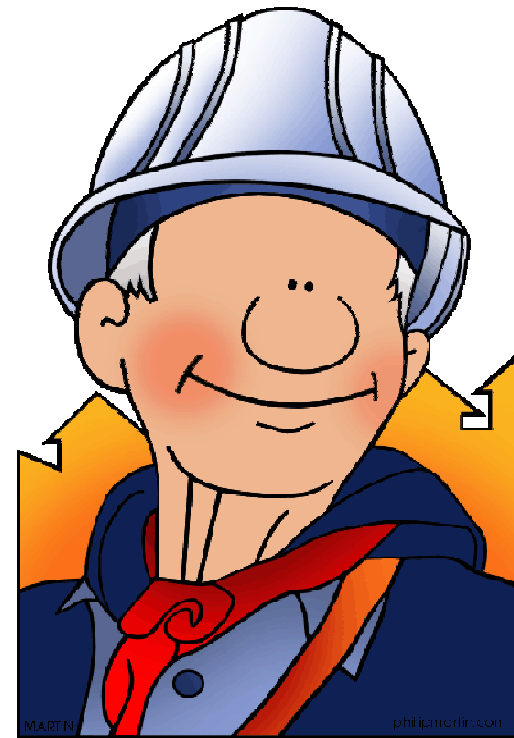
1969

**Richard Nixon is the
37th U.S. President; he
later resigns (1974)**



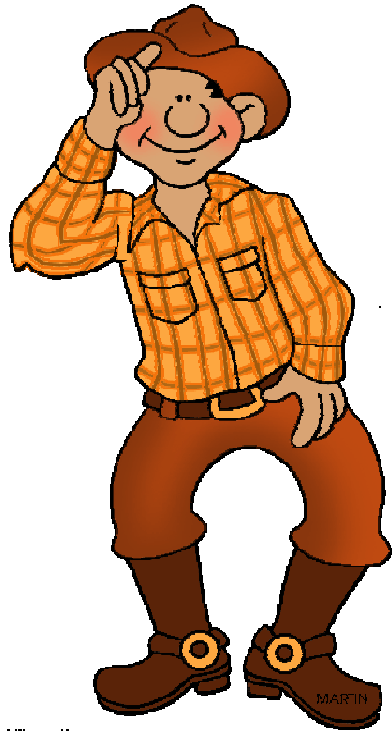
1969

**Neil Armstrong is the
first man to walk
on the moon**



1977

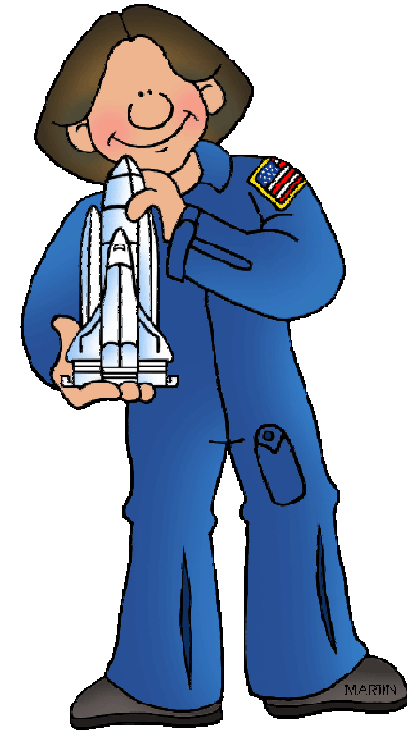
**Jimmy Carter is
the 39th U.S. President**



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1981

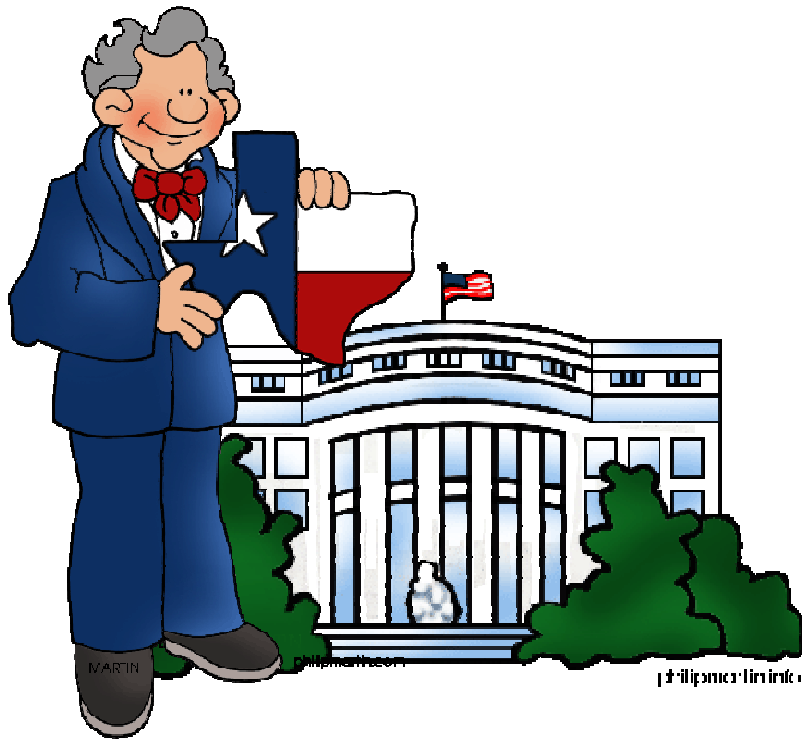
**Ronald Reagan is
the 40th U.S. President**



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1986

**Space Shuttle
Challenger explodes
after liftoff**



1989

**George H. Bush is
the 41st U.S. President**



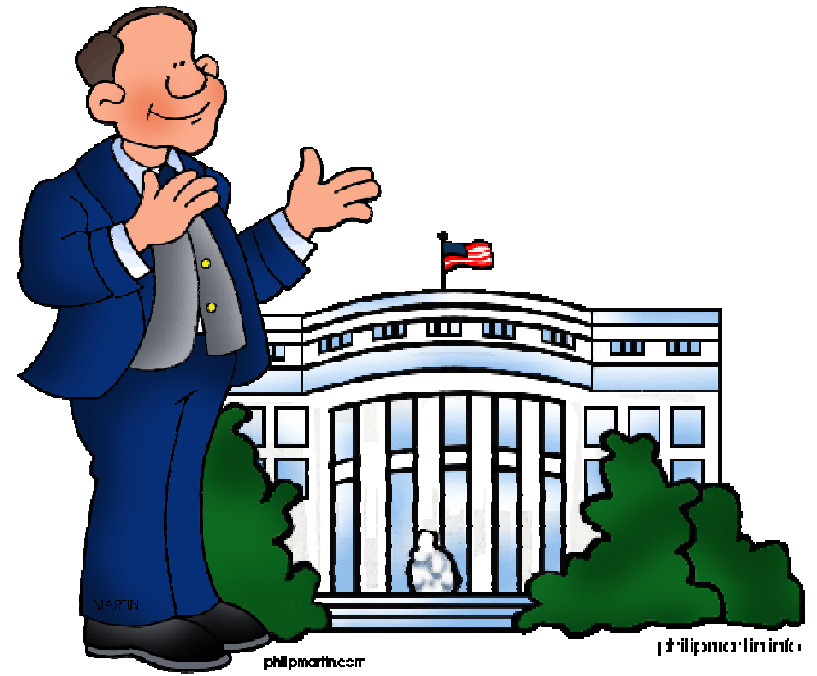
1991

**Persian Gulf War
in Iraq**



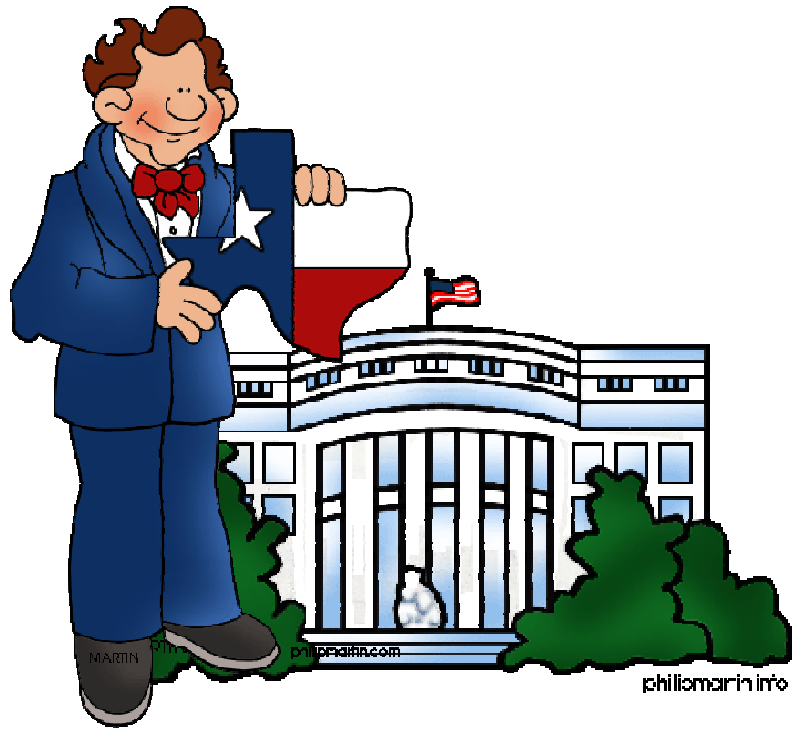
1991

**The World Wide Web
makes its debut**



1993

**Bill Clinton is
the 42nd U.S. President**



2001

**George W. Bush is the
43rd U.S. President**

September 11, 2001



2001

**Terrorist attack on
World Trade Center**



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2003

**Space Shuttle Columbia
explodes upon re-entry**



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2008

**Barack Obama is the
45th U.S. President**