

# Great Events from History: The 19th Century

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Beginning Dec., 1869: Western States Grant Woman Suffrage  
1870: First Vatican Council Promulgates the Dogma of Papal Infallibility  
1870: John D. Rockefeller Founds Standard Oil Company  
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1871-1877: Kulturkampf against Catholic Church in Germany  
1871: Darwin Publishes The Descent of Man  
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Jan. 10, 1871: Barnum's Circus Forms  
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1880's: Aesthetic Movement  
c. 1880-1910: Decadent Movement  
Late 19th century: Symbolist Movement in Literature and the Arts  
1880's-1890's: Rise of Yellow Journalism  
Late 19th century: Brahmin School of American Literature  
1880's: Roux Develops the Theory of Mitosis  
1881: Richard D'Oyly Carte Builds London's Savoy Theatre  
1882: Kilmainham Agreement  
1882-1885: French Indochina Wars  
1882-1884: Korean Insurrections Against Japan  
1882-1884: Koch Isolates Microorganisms That Cause Tuberculosis and Cholera  
1882: First Birth Control Clinic Is Established in Amsterdam  
1882ff.: Gaudí Begins Building Templo Expiatorio de la Sagrada Familia  
Jan. 2, 1882: Standard Oil Trust Is Organized  
Jan. 9, 1882: Chinese Exclusion Act  
Jan. 20, 1882: Triple Alliance  
Sept. 13, 1882: Battle of Tel-el-Kebir  
Nov. 12, 1882: Rise of the Chinese Six Companies  
1883: Stevenson Publishes Treasure Island  
1883: Ilbert Bill  
1883: Metropolitan Opera House Opened in New York  
1883: Bismarck Introduces Social Security in Germany  
1883: Building of the First Skyscraper  
1883: Galton Founds the Field of Eugenics  
Jan. 16, 1883: Pendleton Act  
Jan. 24, 1883: Brooklyn Bridge Opens  
Aug. 27, 1883: Krakatoa Volcano Erupts  
Oct. 15, 1883: Civil Rights Cases  
1884: International Time Zones Are Established  
1884: Gold Is Discovered in the Transvaal  
1897: First Hydroelectric Power Plant Built at Niagara Falls  
1884: Maxim Improves the Machine Gun  
1884ff.: Arts and Crafts Movement  
1884: Mark Twain Publishes Adventures of Huckleberry Finn  
Jan., 1884: Fabian Society Is Founded  
Nov. 4, 1884: U.S. Election of 1884

Nov. 15, 1884ff.: Berlin Conference Partitions Africa Among Colonial Powers  
Dec. 6, 1884: Franchise Act of 1884  
1885: Canadian Pacific Railway Completed  
1885: Benz Develops the First Practical Automobile  
1885: Siege of Khartoum  
1885: Indian National Congress Is Founded  
1885: Pemberton Invents Coca Cola  
Mar. 19, 1885: Second Riel Rebellion  
1886-1893: Irish Home Rule Debate  
1886: Statue of Liberty Is Dedicated  
1886-1889: Boulanger Crisis  
Dec. 8, 1886: American Federation of Labor Is Founded  
1887: Goodwin Develops Celluloid Film  
1887-1896: Italo-Ethiopian Wars  
1887: Foundation of the American Protective Association  
1887: Conan Doyle Publishes His First Sherlock Holmes Story  
Jan. 4, 1887: Interstate Commerce Act  
Jan. 8, 1887: General Allotment Act  
1888: Rhodes Amalgamates Kimberley Diamond Companies  
1888: Dunlop Patents Pneumatic Tire  
1888-1906: Ramón y Cajal Establishes the Neuron as the Functional Unit of the Nervous System  
1888: First Polytonal Piece of Music  
1889: Eiffel Tower Built  
1889-1892: Dahomey-French War  
1889: Great Britain Strengthens the Royal Navy  
1889: Japanese Empire Adapts a New Constitution  
Jan. 31, 1889: Johnstown Flood Kills More than 2,200 People in Pennsylvania  
Sept. 18, 1889: Hull House Opens  
Oct., 1889-Apr., 1890: First Pan-American Congress  
1890: Closing of the Frontier  
1890-1901: Behring Discovers the Diphtheria Antitoxin  
1890's: Rise of Tin Pan Alley  
Jan. 17-18, 1890: Women's Rights Associations Unite  
July 20, 1890: Sherman Antitrust Act  
Aug., 1890: Mississippi Disfranchisement Laws  
Dec. 29, 1890: Battle of Wounded Knee  
1891: Papal Encyclical on Labor  
1891-1905: Strowger Invents the Automatic Dial Telephone  
Jan. 20, 1892: First Basketball Game Is Played  
1892: Keir Hardie Becomes First Labour Member of Parliament  
1892: Toulouse-Lautrec Produces "At the Moulin Rouge"  
1892: Metchnikoff Develops the Cellular Theory of Immunity  
Jan. 1, 1892: Opening of Ellis Island Immigration Depot  
Jan. 1, 1892-1943: "New" Immigration  
Jan. 4, 1892ff.: Yellow Peril Campaign  
July 4-5, 1892: Birth of the People's Party  
1893-1896: Nansen's Attempt at the North Pole  
1893 & 1896-1897: Matabele War and Ndebele and Shona Revolts  
1893: New Zealand Grants Women's Suffrage  
1893: Munch Paints The Scream  
1893: Diesel Patents the Diesel Engine  
1893: National Council of Women of Canada Is Founded  
Jan. 17, 1893: Queen Liliuokalani, Hawaii's Last Monarch, Is Deposed  
Jan. 1-Oct. 30, 1893: World's Columbian Exposition  
Jan. 22, 1893: Montreal Wins Hockey's First Stanley Cup  
Dec. 27, 1893-Jan. 4, 1894: Franco-Russian Alliance

1894-1895: Sino-Japanese War  
1894-1897: Armenian Massacres  
1894-1906: Dreyfus Affair  
1894: Debussy Composes Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faun  
1894-1896: Kabo Reforms  
1894: Kellogg's Corn Flakes Launch the Dry Cereal Industry  
June 26-July 11, 1894: Pullman Strike  
1895-1898: Cuban War of Independence  
1895: Opening of the Kiel Canal  
1895: Tchaikovsky's Swan Lake Performed in St. Petersburg  
1895-1898: Hearst-Pulitzer Circulation War  
1895: Röntgen Discovers X-rays  
1895ff.: Lumière Brothers and Edison Develop Motion Pictures  
Jan. 21, 1895: Chinese American Citizens Alliance Is Founded  
Sept. 18, 1895: Booker T. Washington's Atlanta Exposition Address  
Dec. 29, 1895-Jan., 1896: Jameson Raid  
1896-1899: Sudanese War  
1896: Nobel Prizes Are Established  
1896: Herzl Founds the Zionist Movement  
1896: Sifton's Campaign to Attract Immigrant Farmers  
1896: Sultan of Zanzibar Abolishes Slavery  
1896: Laurier Elected as First French Canadian Prime Minister  
1896: Marconi Patents the Telegraph  
1899ff.: Joplin Popularizes the Ragtime Style  
Apr., 1896: Olympic Games Are Revived in Athens, Greece  
Jan. 18, 1896: Plessy v. Ferguson  
Aug. 17, 1896: Klondike Gold Rush  
Nov. 3, 1896: McKinley Is Elected President  
1897: Greco-Turkish War  
1897: Ellis Publishes Studies in the Psychology of Sex  
1897: Ross Discovers Malaria Bacillus  
1897-1898: Scramble for Chinese Concessions  
1897-Sept. 21, 1911: Laurier Era in Canada  
1897-1901: Abel and Takamine Independently Isolate Adrenaline  
1897: Moscow Arts Theatre Is Founded  
1897: Hoffman Invents Aspirin  
July, 1897-July, 1904: Bjerknes Publishes First Weather Forecast Using Computational Hydrodynamics  
July 24, 1897: Dingley Tariff  
Nov. 1, 1897: Library of Congress Building Opens  
1898-1902: Teisserenc de Bort Discovers Stratosphere and Troposphere  
1898: Beijerinck Discovers Viruses  
Mar., 1898: Social-Democratic Workers' Party Is Formed  
Mar. 28, 1898: United States v. Wong Kim Ark  
Jan. 24-Dec. 10, 1898: Spanish-American War  
July, 1898-Mar., 1899: Fashoda Incident  
Sept., 1898-July, 1900: Hilbert Develops Model for Euclidean Geometry  
1899: Lebesgue Develops New Integration Theory  
Jan. 4, 1899-July 4, 1902: Philippine Insurrection  
Jan.-July, 1899: First Hague Peace Conference  
Sept. 6, 1899-Jan. 13, 1905: Hay's "Open Door Notes"  
Oct. 11, 1899-Jan. 31, 1902: Boer War  
Oct. 13, 1899 to Jan. 17, 1900: Siege of Mafeking  
1900: Boxer Rebellion Fails to Remove Foreign Control in China  
1900: Freud Publishes The Interpretation of Dreams  
1900: Wiechert Invents the Inverted Seismograph Pendulum

1900: Rediscovery of Mendel's Hereditary Theory  
1900: Articulation of Quantum Theory  
Jan. 14, 1900: Puccini's Tosca Premieres in Rome  
Feb., 1900: British Labour Party Is Formed  
1900: Brooks Brothers Introduces Button-Down Shirts  
Feb., 1900: Kodak Introduces the Brownie Camera  
Mar. 23, 1900: Evans Discovers the Minoan Civilization of Crete  
June, 1900-1904: Suppression of Yellow Fever  
July 2, 1900: Zeppelin Constructs the First Dirigible That Flies  
Sept. 8, 1900: Galveston Hurricane  
Nov. 8, 1900: Dreiser's Sister Carrie Shatters Literary Taboos  
Dec. 14, 1900: Planck Announces His Quantum Theory  
Dec. 15, 1900: General Electric Opens an Industrial Research Laboratory