

Seven Miracles that saved America

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1. Columbus discovery the new world
2. Jamestown surviving starvation
3. Fog saved Washington's troop
4. Writing the constitution
5. Lincoln & the battle of Gettysburg
6. Battle of Midway
7. President Reagan

1423 China had the largest fleet on Earth with 3500 ships [250 were 400'x160']. But when the emperor died, his son put a stop to sea voyage & turned inward. For 6 yrs Columbus tried to get ships to be the 1st to cross the Atlantic. After a final rejection, Queen Isabella [of Spain] changed her mind & gave him 3 small ships [about 65'x23']. He was the 1st to realize he needed to sail south before he could get the trade winds west. In 1492 he picked up supplies in the Canary Islands [controlled by Spain] & followed birds. His crew was on the brink of mutiny & gave him 3 days before they would turn back. On the last day they found land [Caribbean Islands].

75% of the English died trying to establish a foothold in America in the early 1600s. 1609 a supply ship arrived the day before the Spanish came to destroy Jamestown. 1610 a ship arrived to find only 60 [out of 500] alive. As they all abandoned the settlement 2 supply ships arrived just as they were leaving, so they stayed.

1776 Gen. Howe [England] took 45 ships to NY Harbor to put an end of this rebellion. They had Washington's troops trapped, but a fog came in & allowed colonial troops to escape. The fog lifted 15 minutes after the last man left.

Colonial leaders realized they needed a central military & to unify the colonies, but spent 12 yrs trying to write a constitution that most of the states could agree on. Finally, in 1787 they did it by creating the 3 branches of government & retaining states rights. Two yrs later [French Revolution] would cause enough division they would not have been able to agree on it. And Ely Whitney's cotton gin invented in 1793 would have made it impossible [more demand for slaves].

The Dred Scott case motivated Abe Lincoln into action with his famous Lincoln- Douglas debates. In 1860 census slaves were valued more than railroads & manufacturing. Lincoln announced Emancipation Proclamation when advised against it. The north was taking a beating from the south, but Gettysburg was the turning point.

1942 Japan was sinking 1 merchant [supply] ship every day. FDR knew they must defeat Germany before they could defeat Japan since German technology was advancing too quickly & there was a race to see who would split the atom 1st [nuclear bomb]. But FDR also knew revenge is a powerful emotion. He tapped into it & had to fight 2 fronts. When Japan attacked Pearl Harbor, they didn't destroy the aircraft carriers [which proved vital in WWII]. Japan

wanted control of Midway [between Japan & HI] & launched the largest armada in the war with 129 ships [incl 4 carriers] & 325 planes, but we just cracked their code & knew they were coming. US only had 27 ships & 348 planes & it was near impossible to find them in the vast ocean. A US scout plane just happen to find them hrs after he should have turned around. 4jun42 the Japanese scout assigned to the sector the US navy was hiding was late. A series of events led to their vulnerability when our dive bombers came in & destroyed all 4 of their carriers.

Public sentiment was so against the Vietnam War, US pulled out. Unfortunately, the vacuum created allowed communism to move in there, Cambodia, Laos & North Africa. President Reagan took office when our country had 13% inflation, prime rate at 20% & public morale at an all-time low. USSR misled the world to think all was well when their people were starving. The arms race was out of control in 1985 when Gorbachev came into office & found out they were spending 40% of their economy on military. Reagan talked our allies into only building 1 natural gas pipeline from Russia & got Saudi Arabia to increase oil production [dropping the price of oil from \$30 to \$10/barrel]. This devastated an already fragile Russian economy. The day Reagan was shot the bullet was only 1" from his heart & the entire medical staff was at the nearest hospital for a meeting. What if?

Quotes:

Abe Lincoln quotes: "I do not expect the house to fall...but I do expect it will cease to be divided." "If the end brings me out all right, what said against me won't amount to anything. If the end brings me out all wrong, ten angels swearing I was right would make no difference." "I have felt His hand upon me in great trials and submitted to His guidance." "and that a government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from this earth."