

## WILSON TO FDR – KEY EVENTS IN AMERICAN HISTORY, 1912 to 1933

1912 – Wilson (435 electoral votes) defeats Theodore Roosevelt (88 electoral votes) and Taft (8 electoral votes)

1913 – 16<sup>th</sup> Amendment (federal income tax) and 17<sup>th</sup> Amendment (popular election of Senators) adopted; Federal Reserve created

1914 – World War I begins in August; Clayton Antitrust Act enacted

1915 – German U-boat sinking of the Lusitania

1916 – Wilson wins reelection defeating Republican Charles Evans Hughes in close election (277 to 254)

1917 – April, the US declares war on Central Powers (Germany, Austria-Hungary, the Ottoman Empire)

1918 – The war ends at 11/11/11 – 11 o'clock on the 11<sup>th</sup> of November; Wilson's Fourteen Points

1919 – Versailles Peace Conference; League of Nations; 18<sup>th</sup> Amendment adopted (Prohibition)

1920 – 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment adopted (Women's Suffrage)

1920 – The Senate rejects the League by a vote of 49 in favor, 35 opposed, short of the 2/3 majority requirement

1920 – Republican Senator Warren Harding handily defeats Democrat James Cox (404 to 127)

1923 – Teapot Dome scandal; Harding dies in office, succeeded by Vice President Calvin Coolidge

1924 – Coolidge elected overwhelmingly over John Davis (382 to 136)

1920s – The "roaring 20s;" the Jazz era, rising stock prices; immigration restriction; the rise of the Ku Klux Klan

1927 – Charles Lindbergh's first ever solo flight across the Atlantic

1928 – Herbert Hoover, Coolidge's Commerce Secretary, crushes New York Governor Al Smith (444 to 87)

1929 – October, the stock market crash; beginning of the Great Depression

1932 – Franklin Roosevelt, governor of New York scores massive victory over Hoover (472 to 59)

1933 – 20<sup>th</sup> Amendment (moving up Presidential Inauguration date from March 4 to January 20) and 21<sup>st</sup> Amendment (repeal of 18<sup>th</sup> Amendment)