

ESSAYS IN TIME

SELECTED EVENTS	<i>Language & Composition: The Art of Voice</i> ESSAYS
300s B.C.	
431–404 B.C. Sparta fights Athens in Peloponnesian War. 323 B.C. Alexander the Great dies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● "Allegory of the Cave" by Plato (c. 380 B.C.) ● <i>The Art of Rhetoric</i> by Aristotle (c. 367–322 B.C.)
A.D. 1500s	
1434 Cosimo de' Medici takes control of Florence. 1534 Henry VIII initiates creation of Church of England. 1588 England defeats the Spanish Armada.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>The Prince</i> by Nicolo Machiavelli (1513)
1600s	
1618 The Thirty Years' War begins. 1661 Louis XIV begins absolute rule of France. 1690 John Locke publishes <i>Two Treatises of Government</i> .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● "The Golden Speech" by Queen Elizabeth I (1601) ● "Leviathan" by Thomas Hobbes (1651)
1700s	
1739 The Great Awakening leads to revivalism. 1762 Jean-Jacques Rousseau writes <i>The Social Contract</i> . 1762 Catherine the Great becomes ruler of Russia. 1776 American colonies declare independence from Britain. 1776 Adam Smith writes <i>The Wealth of Nations</i> . 1782 James Watt invents steam engine. 1789 French Revolution begins. 1793 Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette are executed in Paris. 1793 Eli Whitney invents cotton gin.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● "A Modest Proposal" by Jonathan Swift (1729) ● "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God" by Jonathan Edwards (1741) ● "Common Sense" by Thomas Paine (1776) ● "Declaration of Independence" by Thomas Jefferson (1776) ● <i>Letters from an American Farmer</i> by J. Hector St. John de Crevecoeur (1782) ● "Vindication of the Rights of Woman" by Mary Wollstonecraft (1792)
1800s	
1803 U.S. purchases Louisiana Territory from France. 1815 Napoleon is defeated at the Battle of Waterloo. 1821 Mexico declares independence from Spain. 1831 William Lloyd Garrison begins publishing <i>The Liberator</i> . 1833 The American Anti-Slavery Society is founded. 1833 Parliament passes Factory Act to limit child labor. 1838 The Cherokee are forcibly removed to Oklahoma on the Trail of Tears. 1845 Irish potato famine kills one million. 1846 U.S. declares war on Mexico and expands to the Pacific. 1848 Revolutions erupt in Europe. 1848 Women meet at Seneca Falls to discuss suffrage. 1861 The American Civil War begins. 1865 Confederate forces surrender, ending the Civil War. 1887 The Dawes Act decimates Native American cultures. 1898 Spanish-American War gives U.S. imperialist power.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Democracy in America</i> by Alexis de Tocqueville (1835–40) ● "Nature" by Ralph Waldo Emerson (1836) ● "Self-Reliance" by Ralph Waldo Emerson (1841) ● <i>Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass</i> by Frederick Douglass (1845) ● "The Raven" by Edgar Allen Poe (1845) ● "Philosophy of Composition" by Edgar Allen Poe (1846) ● "On the Duty of Civil Disobedience" by Henry David Thoreau (1849) ● "Address to the Women of Salem" by Elizabeth J. Jones (1850) ● "Nature" by Henry David Thoreau (1854) ● "Letter to President Pierce" by Chief Seattle (1855) ● "Gettysburg Address" by Abraham Lincoln (1863) ● "Education" by Ralph Waldo Emerson (1863–1864) ● "Second Inaugural Address" by Abraham Lincoln (1865) ● "Two Views of the Mississippi" by Mark Twain (1883) ● "The Importance of Being Earnest" by Oscar Wilde (1895)
1900–1920s	
1918 World War I ends. 1920 Nineteenth Amendments gives women the vote. 1927 Charles Lindbergh flies solo over Atlantic Ocean.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● "O Me! O Life!" by Walt Whitman (1900) ● "Janet Waking" by John Crowe Ransom (1924) ● <i>A Room Of One's Own</i> by Virginia Woolf (1929)
1930s–1940s	
1930s Worldwide depression occurs. 1930 Mahatma Gandhi begins civil disobedience in India. 1939 Germany invades Poland. 1940 Duke Ellington is a famous composer and jazz pianist. 1944 Franklin Roosevelt is elected to 4 th term as president. 1945 World War II ends.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● "This Land Is Your Land" by Woody Guthrie (1940) ● "Once More to the Lake" by E.B. White (1941) ● "Politics and the English Language" by George Orwell (1946) ● "Shooting an Elephant" by George Orwell (1946) ● "Theme for English B" by Langston Hughes (1949)

1950s–1960s

1954 Public school segregation becomes illegal in U.S. after Supreme Court ruling in *Brown v. Board of Education*.
 1955 Rosa Parks' actions spark the civil rights movement.
 1957 Ghana is first British colony to gain independence.
 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis heightens Soviet-U.S. tensions.
 1963 The Equal Pay Act is passed in U.S.
 1963 Betty Friedan writes *The Feminine Mystique*.
 1964 Japanese anime program "Atom Boy" debuts in U.S.
 1965 U.S. troops in Vietnam take offensive action.
 1967 Thurgood Marshall is appointed to Supreme Court.
 1968 Martin Luther King, Jr., is assassinated.
 1968 Soviet troops invade Czechoslovakia.
 1969 Americans are first to land on the moon.

- "Inaugural Address" by John F. Kennedy (1961)
- "The Gangster as Tragic Hero" by Robert Warshow (1962)
- *Silent Spring* by Rachel Carson (1962)
- "Letter from Birmingham Jail" by Martin Luther King, Jr. (1963)
- "I Have a Dream" by Martin Luther King, Jr. (1963)
- "The Arab World" by Edward T. Hall (1966)
- "Marrying Absurd" by Joan Didion (1967)
- "Wrong Ism" by J. B. Priestley (1968)
- *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou (1969)

1970s

1971 Twenty-sixth Amendment lowers voting age to 18.
 1972 The first electronic mail (e-mail) is sent.
 1972 Title IX of the Higher Education Act bans gender discrimination in education.
 1973 American involvement in the Vietnam War ends.
 1974 President Richard Nixon resigns.
 1977 Apple II computer is introduced.
 1978 U.S. and China reestablish diplomatic relations.
 1979 Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi is overthrown, and Iran becomes an Islamic republic.
 1979 Margaret Thatcher becomes prime minister of Britain.
 1979 Nuclear disaster occurs at Three Mile Island.

- "I Want a Wife" by Judy Brady (1970)
- "Wonder Woman" by Gloria Steinem (1972)
- "The Fraud of the Equal Rights Amendment" by Phyllis Schlafly (1972)
- "How to Read a Book" by Mortimer J. Adler and Charles Van Doren (1972)
- "Freewriting" by Peter Elbow (1973)
- "The Maker's Eye: Revising Your Own Manuscripts" by Donald M. Murray (1973)

1980s

1980 Ted Turner begins 24-hour Cable News Network.
 1981 Ronald Reagan is inaugurated; Iran releases American hostages held for 444 days.
 1981 AIDS first appears.
 1982 The word "Internet" is used for the first time.
 1982 Britain and Argentina battle over Falkland Islands.
 1983 Terrorists kill 241 U.S. marines in Beirut, Lebanon.
 1984 Soviet Union boycotts the Los Angeles Olympics.
 1984 Widespread famine begins in western Africa.
 1985 Mikhail Gorbachev becomes president of Soviet Union.
 1986 Nuclear accident occurs at Chernobyl in Ukraine.
 1987 Reagan and Gorbachev sign START 1 treaty to eliminate some nuclear missiles.
 1989 The Berlin Wall is torn down.
 1989 Tiananmen Square massacre occurs in Beijing.

- *Hunger for Memory* by Richard Rodriguez (1982)
- "One Writer's Beginnings" by Eudora Welty (1983)
- "When Bright Girls Decide that Math is 'a Waste of Time'" by Susan Jacoby (1983)
- "Black Men and Public Spaces" by Brent Staples (1986)
- "Am I Blue?" by Alice Walker (1986)
- "On Being a Cripple" by Nancy Mairs (1986)
- "The Things They Carried" by Tim O'Brien (1986)
- "An American Childhood" by Annie Dillard (1987)
- "Dreamwood" by Adrienne Rich (1987)
- "Sex Ed" by Anna Quindlen (1987)
- "America: The Multinational Society" by Ishmael Reed (1988)
- "Children in the Woods" by Barry Lopez (1988)
- "Moving Along" by John Updike (1989)

1990s

1990 Germany is reunited.
 1990 Iraq's Saddam Hussein invades Kuwait.
 1990 The World Wide Web is created.
 1991 U.S. leads coalition of forces in Persian Gulf War.
 1991 Soviet Union breaks up; Cold War ends.
 1992 Bill Clinton is elected president.
 1994 Nelson Mandela is elected president of South Africa.
 1994 NAFTA ties the U.S., Canada, and Mexico in trade.
 1995 Terrorists release deadly chemicals in Tokyo subway.
 1995 World Trade Organization is created.
 1996 Dolly is the first mammal cloned from an adult cell.

- "Sex, Lies and Conversation: Why Is It So Hard for Men and Women to Talk to Each Other?" by Deborah Tannen (1990)
- "The Cult of Ethnicity, Good and Bad" by Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr. (1991)
- "The Myth of the Latin Woman: I Just Met a Girl Named Maria" by Judith Ortiz Cofer (1993)
- "Cyberspace: If You Don't Love It, Leave It" by Esther Dyson (1995)
- "Stone Soup" by Barbara Kingsolver (1995)
- "Picnic, Lightning" by Billy Collins (1998)
- "Superman and Me" by Sherman Alexie (1998)

2000s

2000 Supreme Court case *Bush v. Gore* results in George W. Bush elected president.

2000 Vladimir Putin is elected president of Russia.

2001 Anthrax-filled letters kill U.S. citizens.

2001 Al Qaeda attacks the U.S. on September 11 and kills 3,000 people in New York, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania.

2002 The euro is established as currency in EU nations.

2002 Al Qaeda kills 200 in Bali, Indonesia.

2003 American and British military forces invade Iraq; Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein is captured.

2004 Al Qaeda kills 200 in Madrid, Spain.

2004 Tsunami in Indian Ocean kills over 230,000.

2005 Hurricane Katrina destroys much of New Orleans.

2005 Al Qaeda kills 52 in London, England.

2006 North Korea performs its first nuclear test.

2006 World population passes 6.5 billion.

2007 Nancy Pelosi is elected the first female Speaker of the House.

2007 Steve Jobs announces the iPhone by Apple.

2007 Barry Bonds breaks Hank Aaron's record by hitting his 756th home run.

2008 Barack Obama is elected the first U.S. African American president.

2008 Fidel Castro retires as president of Cuba.

2008 The Dow-Jones has its largest single-day point loss; many of world's stock markets decline drastically.

2009 India's Tata Motors launches the Nano, priced at \$2000.

2009 General Motors files for bankruptcy.

2009 Microsoft launches Windows 7.

- "Me Talk Pretty One Day" by David Sedaris (2000)
- "Supersaturation, or, The Media Torrent and Disposable Feeling" by Todd Gitlin (2001)
- "The Environmental Issue from Hell" by Bill McKibben (2001)
- *Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting By In America* by Barbara Ehrenreich (2001)
- "Why I Hunt" by Rick Bass (2001)
- "A World Not Neatly Divided" by Amarta Sen (2001)
- "Prologue: The Super Story" by Thomas L. Friedman (2002)
- *Why Do People Hate America?* by Ziauddin Sardar and Merryl Wyn Davies (2002)
- "Is Texas America?" by Molly Ivins (2003)
- "The Last Americans: Environmental Collapse and the End of Civilization" by Jared M. Diamond (2003)
- "Love, Internet Style" by David Brooks (2003)
- "The Veil" by Marjane Satrapi (2003)
- "Escape from Wonderland: Disney and the Female Imagination" by Deborah Ross (2004)
- "From Ancient Greece to Iraq, the Power of Words in Wartime" by Robin Tolmach Lakoff (2004)
- "The Globalization of Eating Disorders" by Susan Bordo (2004)
- "America, Still on Top" by Vartan Gregorian (2007)
- "The Graduates" by Louis Menand (2007)
- "Once Upon a Quinceañera" by Julia Alvarez (2007)
- "Does Texting Hurt Writing Skills?" by Lisa Singleman-Rickman (2009)
- "Finding Neverland" by David Gates (2009)
- "For Some, Helicopter Parenting Delivers Benefits" by Don Aucoin (2009)
- "Helicopter Parenting Earns Its Wings" by Fred Lee (2009)

2010s

2010 Earthquake in Haiti results in over 230,000 deaths.

2010 Deepwater Horizon explodes, resulting in massive oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

2010 All 33 miners in Chile mining accident are rescued after surviving 69 days underground.

2011 Egyptian revolution causes Hosni Mubarak to resign.

2011 Earthquake and tsunami kill 16,000 in Japan.

2011 Osama bin Laden, head of al Qaeda, is killed by U.S. special forces in Pakistan.

2012 Queen Elizabeth II becomes second British monarch to celebrate 60 years of reigning.

2012 Civil war rages in Syria.

2012 Curiosity rover sends images of the surface of Mars.

- "Professional Baseball Players Live Life by 'The Codes'" by George Will (2010)
- "What Do Athletes Salaries Say About American Values?" by Ashley Walker (2011)
- "Gas-Price Savings with Keystone Pipeline Are Illusionary, but Risk of Oil Spills Are Real" by Rita Chapman (2012)
- "Keystone XL Pipeline: A Job-Creating Win for America" by J.C. Watts, Jr. (2012)
- "Robo-Teacher: Computer That Can Sense Boredom" by Susan Guibert (2012)
- "Today's Leading Man" by Daniel Barna (2012)
- "Why Johnny Can't Add Without a Calculator" by Konstantin Kakaes (2012)