

This day in history: September 24

- 1789** Congress passes the Judiciary Act, establishing the U.S. Supreme Court and federal judicial system.
- 1869** Gold prices plummet, causing a financial panic, after financiers Jay Gould and James Fisk try to corner the gold market.
- 1906** President Theodore Roosevelt signs a bill establishing Devils Tower in Wyoming as the first national monument.
- 1957** The Brooklyn Dodgers play their final game at Ebbets Field before moving to Los Angeles.

This day in history: September 25

- 1690** *Publick Occurrences Both Foreign and Domestic*, the first American newspaper, is published in Boston (unhappy authorities quickly close it down).
- 1775** Patriot Ethan Allen is captured by the British during an attack on Montreal.
- 1789** Congress sends twelve amendments to the Constitution to the states for ratification; ten are later ratified and become the Bill of Rights.
- 1918** Eddie Rickenbacker earns the Medal of Honor in the skies near Verdun, France in World War I.
- 1957** Army troops escort nine black students into Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas, to enforce desegregation laws.
- 1981** Sandra Day O'Connor is sworn in as the first female U.S. Supreme Court justice.

This day in history: September 26

- 1774** John Chapman, a.k.a., Johnny Appleseed, is born in Leominster, MA.
- 1777** British troops occupy Philadelphia during the Revolutionary War.
- 1789** George Washington names Thomas Jefferson as the first secretary of state.
- 1950** During the Korean War, American-led UN troops recapture Seoul, South Korea, from the North Koreans.
- 1960** In Chicago, John F. Kennedy and Richard Nixon square off in the first televised presidential election debate.

This day in history: September 27

- 1722** Samuel Adams, a leader in the call for independence from Britain, is born in Boston.
- 1777** Lancaster, Pennsylvania, becomes the national capital for one day as Congress flees from British-held Philadelphia to York, Pennsylvania.
- 1936** The first national Gold Star Mothers Day is observed.
- 1941** In Baltimore, Maryland, the United States launches the *SS Patrick Henry*, the first of more than 2,700 Liberty Ships to carry cargo during World War II.
- 1964** The Warren Commission releases a report concluding that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone in assassinating President John F. Kennedy.

This day in history: September 28

- 1542** Portuguese navigator Juan Rodreiguez Cabrillo sails into San Diego

- Bay, becoming the first know European to explore the California coast.
- 1781 American and French troop begin a siege of the British at Yorktown, Virginia.
- 1787 Congress votes to transmit the new Constitution to the states for ratification. This day in history: September 20
- 1863 Confederates win the Battler of Chickamauga in northwest Georgia.
- 1881 Chester A. Arthur becomes the 21st U.S. president after James Garfield's death.
- 1984 A truck bomb explodes outside of the U.S. Embassy near Beirut, Lebanon, killing two dozen people.
- 1998 Cal Ripken Jr. of the Baltimore Orioles ends his record-breaking streak of playing 2,632 consecutive baseball games spanning sixteen seasons.

This day in history: September 29

- 1780 Patriots under General Francis Marion surprise loyalist forces on Black Mingo Creek, South Carolina.
- 1892 At Mansfield, Pennsylvania, the first nighttime football game is played when Mansfield Teachers College faces Wyoming Seminary beneath twenty electric lights.
- 1915 The first transcontinental demonstration of radiotelephone, speech is transmitted from New York City to Honolulu.
- 1957 Baseball's New York Giants play their final game at the Polo Grounds, losing to the Pittsburgh Pirates 9-1, before moving to San Francisco the next season.
- 1988 The space shuttle *Discovery* lifts off on the first shuttle flight since the 1986 *Challenger* disaster.

This day in history: September 30

- 1777 Forced to flee Philadelphia, the Continental Congress meets in York, Pennsylvania.
- 1868 Louisa May Alcott publishes *Little Women*.
- 1882 The world's first hydroelectric power plant to furnish incandescent lighting begins operation in Appleton, Wisconsin.
- 1889 Wyoming legislators write the first state constitution granting women suffrage.
- 1935 President Franklin D. Roosevelt dedicates Hoover Dam on the Colorado River.
- 1949 The fifteen-month-long Berlin Airlift comes to an end.