

This day in history: March 11

- 1888** One of the worst blizzards in U.S. history hits the Northeast , killing some 400 people.
- 1918** The first U.S. cases of Spanish flu are reported, and epidemic that kills 600,000 Americans and tens of millions worldwide.
- 1942** President Roosevelt signs the Lend-Lease Bill, which provides war supplies to countries fighting the Axis Powers.
- 1960** NASA launches *Pioneer 5*, one of the first probes to explore the solar system.
- 2002** Two columns of light beam skyward from ground zero in New York City in tribute to victims of the September 11, 2001 attacks.

This day in history: March 12

- 1755** The first know use of a steam engine in the United States takes place at a New Jersey copper mine, where it is used to pump water from the mine.
- 1912** Juliette Gordon Low founds the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. in Savannah Georgia.
- 1923** The first motion picture with sound recorded on film is demonstrated in Los Angeles: it shows people dancing to music but has no dialogue.
- 1933** In the first of his radio “fireside chats,” President Franklin D. Roosevelt urges Depression weary Americans to have faith in U.S. Banks.
- 1947** President Harry Truman establishes the Truman Doctrine. (This was to request \$400 million to help Greece and Turkey resist Communist-led rebels bent on overthrowing their governments. The president laid out a policy that become know as the Truman Doctrine – a pledge that the United States would help nations struggling to resist anti-democratic forces)

This day in history: March 13

- 1639** Harvard College is named for one of its first benefactors, clergyman John Harvard.
- 1868** The Senate begins the impeachment trial of President Andrew Johnson.
- 1928** The St. Francis Dam gives way on a reservoir 40 miles northwest of Los Angeles, killing at least 450 people.
- 1930** Clyde W. Tombaugh and fellow astronomers at Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, AZ, announce the discovery of a ninth planet, later named Pluto.

This day in history: March 14

- 1743** America's first recorded town meeting takes place at Faneuil Hall in Boston.
- 1783** George Washington writes his Newburgh Address, urging the army not to revolt over a lack of pay.
- 1794** Eli Whitney patents the cotton gin.
- 1923** Warren G. Harding becomes the first president to file an income tax report.
- 1950** The FBI's “Ten Most Wanted” list debuts.

1951 United Nations forces, led by U.S. troops, recapture Seoul during the Korean War.

This day in history: March 15

- 1767 Andrew Jackson, the 7th U.S. President, is born in the Waxha area of South Carolina.**
- 1781 British troops wins a Pyrrhic victory at Guilford Courthouse, North Carolina, a battle that helps them push them to Yorktown.**
- 1820 Maine becomes the 23rd state.**
- 1892 In New York State, voting machines are first authorized for use in elections.**
- 1916 U.S. troops under General John. J. Pershing cross the Mexican border in pursuit of Pancho Villa.**
- 1919 The American Legion is founded in Paris.**

This day in history: March 16

- 1751 James Madison, the 4th U.S. president, is born in Port Conway, VA.**
- 1802 Congress authorizes the establishment of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.**
- 1850 *The Scarlet Letter* by Nathaniel Hawthorne is published.**
- 1926 Robert H. Goddard launches the world's first liquid-fuel rocket.**
- 1968 U.S. troops shoot hundreds of unarmed civilians in the village of My Lai during the Vietnam war.**
- 1995 Astronaut Norman Thagard becomes the first American to visit the Russian space station *Mir*.**

This day in history: March 17

- 1737 The Charitable Iris Society of Boston holds the first public celebration of St. Patrick's Day in the American colonies.**
- 1776 Threatened by Patriot cannons on Dorchester Heights, the British evacuate Boston.**
- 1898 The USS *Holland*, the first practical submarine, conducts a trial off Staten Island.**
- 1958 The United States launches its second satellite, *Vanguard I* (still in orbit as of 2008).**
- 1959 The USS *Skate* becomes the first submarine to surface at the North Pole.**