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CHRONOLOGY

- 1890 Battle of Wounded Knee
 Jane Addams founds Hull House
 Sarah Orne Jewett, *Tales of New England*
- 1891 First international copyright law
 Thomas Edison patents the “kinetoscope”
 Ambrose Bierce, *In the Midst of Life*
 Mary E. Wilkins Freeman, *A New England Nun and Other Stories*
- 1892 Homestead (Pennsylvania) steelworkers’ strike
 Death of Whitman (b. 1819)
 Joel Chandler Harris, *Uncle Remus and his Friends*
 William Dean Howells, *The Quality of Mercy*
- 1893 Financial panic of 1893
 World’s Columbian Exhibition opens in Chicago
 Muckraking journal *McClure’s Magazine* founded
 Paul Laurence Dunbar, *Oak and Ivy*
 Stephen Crane, *Maggie: A Girl of the Streets*
 Henry James, *The Real Thing and Other Tales*
- 1894 Coxey’s Army of the unemployed marches on Washington
 George Washington Cable, *John March, Southerner*
 Kate Chopin, *Bayou Folk*
 Samuel Langhorne Clemens (Mark Twain), *The Tragedy of Pudd’nhead Wilson and the Comedy of Those Extraordinary Twins*
- 1895 Invention of the motion picture
 Stephen Crane, *The Red Badge of Courage, The Black Riders and Other Lines*
 Alice Dunbar-Nelson, *Violets and Other Tales*

CHRONOLOGY

- 1896 Klondike Gold Rush begins
 Supreme Court defines “separate but equal doctrine” in *Plessy v. Ferguson*
 Abraham Cahan, *Yekl*
 Paul Laurence Dunbar, *Lyrics of Lowly Life*
 Sarah Orne Jewett, *The Country of the Pointed Firs*
- 1897 Edwin Arlington Robinson, *Children of the Night*
 William James, *The Varieties of Religious Experience*
 Kate Chopin, *A Night in Acadie*
- 1898 Spanish-American War
 Stephen Crane, *The Open Boat and Other Stories*
 Henry James, *The Turn of the Screw*
- 1899 US intervenes in China’s Boxer Rebellion
 Charles W. Chesnutt, *The Conjure Woman*
 Kate Chopin, *The Awakening*
 Charlotte Perkins Gilman, *The Yellow Wallpaper*
 Frank Norris, *McTeague*
- 1900 Founding of International Ladies’ Garment Workers’ Union
 Pauline Elizabeth Hopkins, *Contending Forces: A Romance Illustrative of Negro Life North and South*
 Theodore Dreiser, *Sister Carrie*
- 1901 President William McKinley is shot by Leon Czolgoz and dies on September 14; he is succeeded by Theodore Roosevelt
 Founding of United Textile Workers of America
 Charles W. Chesnutt, *The Marrow of Tradition*
 Frank Norris, *The Octopus*
 Booker T. Washington, *Up from Slavery*
- 1902 United Mine Workers Strike
 Charles Alexander Eastman, *Indian Boyhood*
 Ellen Glasgow, *The Battle-Ground*
 Henry James, *The Wings of the Dove*
- 1903 Wilbur and Orville Wright achieve first sustained heavier-than-air machine flight on December 17
 W. E. B. Du Bois, *The Souls of Black Folk*
 Henry James, *The Ambassadors*
 Jack London, *The Call of the Wild*
 Gertrude Stein, *The Making of Americans*

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- 1904 National Child Labor Committee formed
 Charles Alexander Eastman, *Red Hunters and the Animal People*
 Henry James, *The Golden Bowl*
 Jack London, *The Sea-Wolf*
- 1905 Industrial Workers of the World union organized in Chicago
 W. E. B. Du Bois initiates the “Niagra Movement”
 Willa Cather, *The Troll Garden*
 Edith Wharton, *The House of Mirth*
- 1906 San Francisco earthquake
 Atlanta race riots
 Congress passes the Meat Inspection Act and the Pure Food and Drug Act
 Upton Sinclair, *The Jungle*
- 1907 Financial Panic of 1907
 Presidential restriction of Japanese immigration
 Henry Adams, *The Education of Henry Adams*
 Henry James, *The American Scene*
 Edith Wharton, *The Fruit of the Tree*
- 1908 Henry Ford produces first Model T Ford
 Mary E. Wilkins Freeman, *The Shoulders of Atlas*
 Jack London, *The Iron Heel*
- 1909 W. E. B. Du Bois founds National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)
 W. C. Handy composes “Memphis Blues”
 Gertrude Stein, *Three Lives*
 William Carlos Williams, *Poems*
- 1910 Mann Act (“White Slave Traffic Act”) prohibits the transportation of women across state lines for “immoral purposes”
 Great Migration of Southern African-Americans to urban North begins
 William Dean Howells, *My Mark Twain*
 Ezra Pound, *The Spirit of Romance*
- 1911 Triangle Shirtwaist Company factory fire
 Supreme Court dissolves Standard Oil Company for restraint of trade
 Theodore Dreiser, *Jennie Gerhardt*
 Charlotte Perkins Gilman, *The Man-Made World*
 Edith Wharton, *Ethan Frome*

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- 1912 Titanic collides with an iceberg and sinks on its maiden voyage
 Founding of *Poetry* magazine
 Mary Antin, *The Promised Land*
 Willa Cather, *Alexander's Bridge*
 Sui-Sin Far (Edith Maude Eaton), *Mrs. Spring Fragrance*
 James Weldon Johnson, *The Autobiography of an Ex-Colored Man*
 Edith Wharton, *The Reef*
- 1913 The New York Armory Show
 Willa Cather, *O Pioneers!*
 Robert Frost, *A Boy's Will*
 Ellen Glasgow, *Virginia*
 Edith Wharton, *The Custom of the Country*
- 1914 Archduke Francis Ferdinand is assassinated in Sarajevo triggering
 World War I
 Panama Canal completed
 Ludlow Massacre at the Colorado Fuel and Iron Corporation
 Carl Sandburg, *Chicago*
 Gertrude Stein, *Tender Buttons*
- 1915 German submarine sinks the ocean liner *Lusitania*
 Willa Cather, *The Song of the Lark*
 Albert Einstein, *General Theory of Relativity*
 T. S. Eliot, "The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock"
 Robert Frost, *North of Boston*
 D. W. Griffith films *The Birth of a Nation*
- 1916 Congress enacts Workman's Compensation
 John Dewey, *Democracy and Education*
 Hilda Doolittle, *Sea Garden*
 Ring Lardner, *You Know Me Al*
 Amy Lowell, *Men, Women, and Ghosts*
 Carl Sandburg, *Chicago Poems*
 Mark Twain, *The Mysterious Stranger*
- 1917 Russian Revolution
 United States enters into World War I
 Pulitzer Prize established
 T. S. Eliot, *Prufrock and Other Observations*
 Edna St. Vincent Millay, *Renascence and Other Poems*
 Ezra Pound, *The Cantos*
 Edith Wharton, *Summer*

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- 1918 Influenza epidemic
 Willa Cather, *My Ántonia*
 Theodore Dreiser, *Free and Other Stories*
 Mary E. Wilkins Freeman, *Edgewater People*
 Georgia Douglas Johnson, *The Heart of a Woman and Other Poems*
 Edith Wharton, *The Marne*
- 1919 Congress passes Prohibition Act
 Founding of American Communist Party
 Versailles Treaty
 Sherwood Anderson, *Winesburg, Ohio*
 Amy Lowell, *Pictures of the Floating World*
 John Reed, *Ten Days that Shook the World*
- 1920 Nineteenth Amendment gives women the right to vote
 F. Scott Fitzgerald, *This Side of Paradise*
 Robert Frost, *Mountain Interval*
 Sinclair Lewis, *Main Street*
 Eugene O'Neill, *The Emperor Jones*
 Ezra Pound, *Hugh Selwyn Mauberly*
 Edith Wharton, *The Age of Innocence* and *In Morocco*
- 1921 Alice Paul founds National Woman's Party
 Sherwood Anderson, *The Triumph of the Egg*
 John Dos Passos, *Three Soldiers*
 F. Scott Fitzgerald, *Flappers and Philosophers*
 Edith Wharton receives the Pulitzer Prize for *The Age of Innocence*
 Anzia Yezierska, *Hungry Hearts*
- 1922 Supreme Court upholds 19th Amendment granting women
 the right to vote
 Willa Cather, *One of Ours*
 T. S. Eliot, *The Waste Land*
 Sinclair Lewis, *Babbitt*
 Eugene O'Neill, *The Hairy Ape*
 Edith Wharton, *The Glimpses of the Moon*
 Anzia Yezierska, *Salome of the Tenements*
- 1923 Steelworkers negotiate an eight-hour workday
 Willa Cather, *A Lost Lady*
 Robert Frost, *New Hampshire*
 Wallace Stevens, *Harmonium*
 Jean Toomer, *Cane*
 William Carlos Williams, *Spring and All*

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- 1924 The Teapot Dome scandal
 Restrictive immigration laws passed by Congress
 Marianne Moore, *Observations*
 Eugene O'Neill, *Desire under the Elms*
 Edith Wharton, *Old New York*
- 1925 Scopes trial
 The *New Yorker* magazine founded by Harold Ross
 Willa Cather, *The Professor's House*
 John Dos Passos, *Manhattan Transfer*
 Theodore Dreiser, *An American Tragedy*
 F. Scott Fitzgerald, *The Great Gatsby*
 Ernest Hemingway, *In Our Time*
 Alain Locke, ed., *The New Negro*
 Anzia Yezierska, *Bread Givers*
- 1926 US Marines invade Nicaragua
 Hart Crane, *White Buildings*
 William Faulkner, *Soldier's Pay*
 Ernest Hemingway, *The Sun Also Rises*
 Langston Hughes, *The Weary Blues*
- 1927 Charles Lindbergh pilots *The Spirit of St. Louis* in a solo flight
 from New York to Paris
 Execution of Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti
 Willa Cather, *Death Comes for the Archbishop*
 Countee Cullen, *Copper Sun*
 Langston Hughes, *Fine Clothes to the Jew*
- 1928 William Mulholland's St. Francis Dam collapses
 Djuna Barnes, *Ryder*
 Nella Larsen, *Quicksand*
 Eugene O'Neill, *Strange Interlude*
- 1929 St. Valentine's Day massacre
 "Black Thursday" 24 October, stock market crash
 Countee Cullen, *Black Christ and Other Poems*
 William Faulkner, *The Sound and the Fury*
 Ernest Hemingway, *A Farewell to Arms*
 Nella Larsen, *Passing*
- 1930 Television broadcasting begins
 Hart Crane, *The Bridge*
 William Faulkner, *As I Lay Dying*
 Mike Gold, *Jews Without Money*
 Katherine Anne Porter, *Flowering Judas and Other Stories*

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- 1931 The “Scottsboro Boys” trial begins
 Pearl S. Buck, *The Good Earth*
 e. e. cummings, *Viva*
 William Faulkner, *Sanctuary*
- 1932 Amelia Earhart becomes first woman to make a solo flight across the Atlantic
 Benjamin Nathan Cardozo becomes first Hispanic judge appointed to the US Supreme Court
 Sterling A. Brown, *Southern Road*
 John Dos Passos, *U. S. A.*
 Ernest Hemingway, *Death in the Afternoon*
 Langston Hughes, *The Dream Keeper*
 Gertrude Stein, *Three Lives*
- 1933 Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Federal Emergency Relief Act, Public Works Administration, and Civilian Conservation Corps are created
 Sherwood Anderson, *Death in the Woods*
 Ernest Hemingway, *Winner Take Nothing*
 James Weldon Johnson, *Along This Way*
 Mourning Dove (Okanogan), *Coyote Stories*
- 1934 Founding of Federal Housing Administration
 Drought and storms result in the Great Plains “Dust Bowl”
 Kenneth Fearing, *1933*
 Lillian Hellman, *The Children’s Hour*
 Zora Neale Hurston, *Jonah’s Gourd Vine*
 Edna St. Vincent Millay, *Wine from These Grapes*
 Ezra Pound, *Make it New*
 Henry Roth, *Call it Sleep*
- 1935 Rural Electrification Administration and Works Progress Administration created
 Harlem riot
 William Faulkner, *Pylon*
 Ellen Glasgow, *Vein of Iron*
 Ernest Hemingway, *Green Hills of Africa*
 Zora Neale Hurston, *Mules and Men*
 Marianne Moore, *Selected Poems*
- 1936 Spanish Civil War begins
 Akron rubber workers strike at the Goodyear tire company
 Djuna Barnes, *Nightwood*

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- John Dos Passos, *The Big Money*
 William Faulkner, *Absalom, Absalom!*
- 1937 William H. Hastie becomes first African-American federal judge
 “Memorial Day Massacre” at Republic Steel in Chicago
 Ernest Hemingway, *To Have and Have Not*
 Zora Neale Hurston, *Their Eyes Were Watching God*
 Younghill Kang, *East Goes West*
 John Steinbeck, *Of Mice and Men*
 Wallace Stevens, *The Man with the Blue Guitar*
- 1938 House Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC) founded
 William Faulkner, *The Unvanquished*
 Zora Neale Hurston, *Tell My Horse*
 Thornton Wilder, *Our Town*
 Richard Wright, *Uncle Tom’s Children*
- 1939 Germany signs non-aggression pact with Russia and invades Poland
 World War II begins
 William Faulkner, *The Wild Palms*
 Lillian Helman, *The Little Foxes*
 Zora Neale Hurston, *Moses: Man of the Mountain*
 Katherine Anne Porter, *Pale Horse, Pale Rider*
 John Steinbeck, *The Grapes of Wrath*