

Timeline

Important Dates & Events

Herbert Hoover lived in a time of rapid modernization in the United States. The following timeline includes the year of Hoover's birth and the years of important inventions and developments that happened during his lifetime. Fill in the year of your birth and find and add the dates of some inventions and developments that are important to you!

- 1870 The railroad came to West Branch, Iowa
- 1874 Herbert Hoover was born in West Branch, Iowa
- 1876 Alexander Graham Bell patented the telephone
- 1884 The first American rollercoaster, "Switchback," was installed in New York
- 1892 Dr. Washington Sheffield invented the toothpaste tube
- 1895 Dr. John Kellogg designed breakfast flakes
- 1908 Henry Ford introduced his Model T automobile
- 1908 The paper cup was introduced by Hugh Moore
- 1910 The first electric toaster was manufactured
- 1912 A new candy called the Life Saver hit the market
- 1940 Bugs Bunny made his first appearance

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Reflect, Connect, and Predict

1. What inventions from Herbert Hoover's time do you use in your everyday life?
2. How do the inventions in your lifetime differ from those in Hoover's?
3. What type of things do you NOT expect to see when you visit the historic buildings at the park?