

# Important Events In Tennessee History

1898 Trail of Tears	1803 Louisiana Purchase	1796 Tennessee becomes a State	1963 Population of the United States increased the Most	1492 Columbus Explored America
1760 White Settlers Came to Tennessee	1890 Westward Expansion	1801 Jefferson was Elected President	1828 Jackson was Elected President	1803 Lewis & Clark's Expedition
1609 Hudson River was Founded in New York by Henry Hudson	1532 Pizarro Explored Peru & Settled the Incans	1513 Balboa Explored the Eastern Part of the Pacific Ocean	1535 DeSoto Explored & Conquered Florida	1500-1800 Spanish Missions in the United States
1608 Jamestown & Charles River was Founded in Boston, MA by John Smith	1565 St. Augustine, Florida was Founded	1530 Mystic River was Founded by Settlers in Boston, MA	1673 Mississippi River was Found by Settlers from Minnesota to the Gulf of Mexico	900 Mound Builders settled in Mississippi
250 B.C. Mayan Civilization started	1500 Crooks occupied the Southeast U.S.	1521 Aztecs were conquered by the Spanish	1821 Sequoyah created the Cherokee alphabet	1000 First Cherokee came to the Great Smoky Mtns.
1200 B.C. Olmecs were some of the first people	1830 Chickasaw moved to Oklahoma from Mississippi & West TN	1773 Colonists got mad about taxes and organized The Boston Tea Party	1691 Mayflower Compact was created (the first constitution of the New World)	1861 Civil War Begins

**IMPORTANT EVENTS IN TENNESSEE HISTORY** HAVE SHAPED NOT ONLY THE STATE BUT ALSO THE NATION AS A WHOLE. FROM ITS EARLY DAYS AS A FRONTIER TERRITORY TO ITS SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN THE CIVIL WAR, TENNESSEE HAS BEEN AT THE CROSSROADS OF AMERICAN HISTORY. THIS ARTICLE DELVES DEEP INTO SOME OF THE MOST PIVOTAL MOMENTS IN TENNESSEE’S PAST, HIGHLIGHTING HOW THESE EVENTS HAVE INFLUENCED THE CULTURE, ECONOMY, AND POLITICAL LANDSCAPE OF BOTH THE STATE AND THE UNITED STATES.

## The Founding of Tennessee

TENNESSEE’S JOURNEY BEGAN LONG BEFORE IT BECAME A STATE. THE REGION WAS INHABITED BY NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBES, INCLUDING THE CHEROKEE, CHICKASAW, AND SHAWNEE. IN THE LATE 18TH CENTURY, EUROPEAN SETTLERS BEGAN TO ARRIVE.

## The Statehood of Tennessee

- 1796: TENNESSEE BECAME THE 16TH STATE TO JOIN THE UNION. THIS EVENT MARKED A SIGNIFICANT TRANSITION FROM A FRONTIER TERRITORY TO A RECOGNIZED STATE. THE STATE CAPITAL WAS INITIALLY LOCATED IN KNOXVILLE BEFORE IT WAS MOVED TO NASHVILLE IN 1843.

## The Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA)

ONE OF THE MOST CRUCIAL DEVELOPMENTS IN TENNESSEE’S HISTORY WAS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY IN 1933. CREATED DURING THE GREAT DEPRESSION AS PART OF PRESIDENT FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT’S NEW DEAL, THE TVA AIMED TO PROVIDE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ELECTRICITY TO THE IMPOVERISHED TENNESSEE VALLEY REGION.

## KEY IMPACTS OF THE TVA

1. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: THE TVA BROUGHT JOBS TO THE REGION, HELPING TO ALLEVIATE POVERTY.
2. HYDROELECTRIC POWER: IT CONSTRUCTED DAMS AND POWER PLANTS, PROVIDING AFFORDABLE ELECTRICITY TO MILLIONS.
3. FLOOD CONTROL: THE TVA HELPED MANAGE FLOODING IN THE TENNESSEE RIVER VALLEY, THEREBY PROTECTING COMMUNITIES AND FARMLAND.

## CIVIL WAR AND ITS AFTERMATH

TENNESSEE PLAYED A CRITICAL ROLE DURING THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR, BEING THE SITE OF MANY SIGNIFICANT BATTLES AND POLITICAL MANEUVERS.