



Hawaiian History Timeline

- 300 – 700 – First wave of voyagers to Hawai'i from the Marquesas Islands
- 1100 – 1300 – Second wave of voyagers to Hawai'i from Tahiti
- 1778 – First documented Western contact (Captain Cook)
- 1793 – Arrival of longhorn cattle from California
- 1810 – The Hawaiian Islands are unified and ruled by King Kamehameha I
- 1819 – Death of Kamehameha I. His son Liholiho ascends the throne as Kamehameha II
- 1819 – Fall of the Kapu system
- 1820 – Arrival of Calvinist missionaries from the U.S. East coast
- 1823 – Arrival of Vaqueros from Mexico (became known as Paniolo)
- 1824 – Death of Kamehameha II
- 1825 – Kamehameha III, another son of Kamehameha I, ascends the throne as Kamehameha III
- 1848 – The Great Land Mahele
- 1852 – First migrant workers arrive in Hawai'i from China
- 1854 – Death of Kamehameha III. Alexander Liholiho, grandson of Kamehameha I, ascends the throne as Kamehameha IV
- 1863 – Death of Kamehameha IV. Lot Kapaunui, grandson of Kamehameha I, ascends the throne as Kamehameha V
- 1873 – Lunalilo becomes king, elected by the legislature, dies in 1874
- 1874 – Kalākaua elected King (rather than Queen Emma of Kamehameha dynasty)
- 1876 – Ratification of the Reciprocity Treaty between the U.S. and the Hawaiian kingdom, promoting the sugar industry and sugar business leaders in HI
- 1887 – Kalākaua is forced to sign the "Bayonet Constitution"
- 1891 – Death of Kalākaua. Lydia Kamaka'ehe, his sister, ascends the throne as Queen Lili'uokalani
- 1893 – Hawaiian monarchy is overthrown. Queen Lili'uokalani abdicates her throne
- 1894 – "Republic of Hawai'i" is established under President Sanford Dole
- 1895 – Lili'uokalani is arrested and imprisoned at Iolani Palace, and later charged with misprision of treason
- 1898 – Hawai'i annexed to the United States
- 1900 – Hawai'i becomes a U.S. territory
- 1959 – Hawai'i becomes the 50th state of the U.S.A.
- 1993 - Congress passes the "Apology Resolution" on behalf of the United States

