

Arizona Entrants: Select ONE year of significance in Arizona History out of the below table and use that year in your Exchange for the entire contest.

YEAR Arizona Event

- 1539 Father Marcos de Niza, looking for cities of gold, explores Arizona and claims it for Spain.
- 1540 Francisco Vasquez de Coronado of Spain came to Arizona in search of the Seven Cities of Cibola. He claims Arizona for New Spain.
- 1692 Father Kino founds Guevavi Mission near present-day Tumacacori.
- 1700 San Xavier del Bac Mission is founded near present-day Tucson.
- 1752 Tubac Presidio becomes the first European community in Arizona.
- 1776 A Spanish presidio (fort) is built in Tucson.
- 1821 At the conclusion of the Mexican Revolution, Mexico gains independence from Spain and assumes military control of Arizona.
- 1848 The US wins the Mexican war and gains Arizona Territory north of the Gila River as part of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo.
- 1853 The rest of Arizona becomes part of the United States as part of the Gadsden purchase.
- 1854 Copper is discovered in Arizona.
- 1858 Butterfield Overland Stage Line crosses Arizona.
- 1863 Territory of Arizona is officially created by US Congress, with Prescott as its capital.
- 1867 Arizona Territory capital moves from Prescott to Tucson.
- 1869 John Wesley Powell explores the Grand Canyon.
- 1877 Arizona Territory capital moves from Tucson back to Prescott.
- 1881 The Earps and Doc Holliday become infamous in the OK Corral gunfight. The City of Phoenix incorporates. Southern Pacific Railroad crosses southern Arizona.
- 1883 Atlantic & Pacific (Santa Fe) Railroad crosses northern Arizona.
- 1886 Apache Chief Geronimo surrenders, ending the Indian wars.
- 1889 Phoenix becomes the capital of Arizona Territory.
- 1910 Arizona Constitutional Convention meets.
- 1911 President Roosevelt dedicates the Theodore Roosevelt dam.
- 1912 On Valentine's Day, Arizona becomes the 48th state of the United States of America.
- 1917 WWI brings about development of cotton farming.
- 1919 Grand Canyon National Park is founded.
- 1930 The planet Pluto is discovered by Clyde Tombaugh at Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff.
- 1942 Navajo Code Talkers use a word code based on the complex Navajo language. The Japanese are unable to break this secret code throughout the duration of WWII.
- 1948 Motorola builds first plant in Phoenix, marking beginning of high tech industry in Arizona.
- 1961 Stewart Udall becomes Secretary of the Interior during the JFK administration.
- 1964 US Senator Barry M Goldwater (K7UGA) from Arizona runs for President, but loses.
- 1968 The London Bridge (which was falling down) was moved to Lake Havasu City.
- 2006 Pluto is declared not to be a planet, but to be a "dwarf planet".
- 2008 US Senator John McCain from Arizona runs for President, but loses.