

Historical Facts, Circa 1900

- 1884 Mark Twain publishes "Adventures of Huck Finn."
- 1887 Sherlock Holmes appears in "Study in Scarlet"
- 1888 Thayer writes "Casey at the Bat."
- 1893 World Exposition opens in Chicago to celebrate 400th anniversary of the discovery of America.
- 1894 Mark Twain publishes "Tom Sawyer Abroad."
- 1895 H.G. Wells publishes "Time Machine."
Stephen Crane Publishes "Red Badge of Courage"
"Field and Stream" magazine begins publication.
Baltimore & Ohio Railroad begins using electric locomotives.
Sears & Roebuck opens mail-order business.
First professional football game played in Pennsylvania.
- 1896 Utah becomes 45th state; U.S. flag now has 45 stars until 1908.
William McKinley elected 25th President; Garrett Hobart is Vice President.
Book matches become popular.
- 1897 President McKinley vetoes bill requiring literacy test for immigrants.
H. G. Wells publishes "Invisible Man."
Bram Stoker releases "Dracula."
First full length x-ray of a living human body.
John Riley Tanner (1844-1901) is Governor of Illinois (1897-1901).
- 1898 Treaty of Paris ends the Spanish-American War. Spain gives up claim to Cuba and cedes Puerto Rico, Guam, and Philippines to U.S. (paid \$20 million for the Philippines).
H. G. Wells publishes "War of the Worlds."
Argonaut III submarine travels 300 miles from Virginia to New York City.
- 1899 Scott Joplin composes "Maple Street Rag."
John Dewey begins revolution in education with publication of "The School and Society" which states education begins with actual experiences rather than with learning traditional subjects.
President McKinley becomes the first President to ride in an automobile – the Stanley Steamer.
- 1900 U.S. population is 75.9 million; including 3.6 million immigrants arriving since 1890.
New York City is largest city with 3.4 million people.
Chicago is second largest city with 1.6 million.
Life expectancy is 48 for men and 51 for women.
First trial flight of the dirigible *Zepplin* was made in Germany.

1901 Beatrix Potter creates "Tales of Peter Rabbit" in England.
L. Frank Baum publishes "Wonderful Wizard of Oz."
American League Baseball formed in Chicago.
President William McKinley assassinated in September. He is
succeeded by Theodore Roosevelt.
Richard Yates (1860-1936) was Governor of Illinois from 1901-
1905.