

Major Events in American History



Read Aloud Video

By Megan Duvarney Forbes

Here is a little background information about our First Chapter Friday title and its creator, Feel free to add your own notes and thoughts in the bottom box.

What's It About?

Learning about US history can help us understand why things are the way they are today—and how we can make them better. From the founding of the city of Cahokia and the formation of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy to the modern Black Lives Matter movement, this kid-friendly journey takes young learners through nearly 1000 years of American history, one key event at a time. Go beyond other American history books with: 50 key events—Kids will learn about Indigenous peoples, colonial life, the rise of the United States on the world stage, amazing inventions, and more. History revealed—This book helps young readers gain more perspective on events with direct quotes from people who actually lived through them. Ways to learn more—Each of these defining moments comes with suggestions for other books to read or museums to visit.

Who Wrote It?

Megan DuVarney Forbes is a historian and middle school teacher in Southern California. She received her master's degree in U.S. History from California State University, Fullerton, where she specialized in the history of the U.S. Virgin Islands, Megan is a frequent presenter on empowering students in their own identities through social justice, history and literature. She loves to share ideas with other educators around the world on YouTube, Instagram and through her blog, Too Cool for Middle School. She loves to read, design, and spend time with her family. She is currently enjoying her 13th year of teaching middle school history and English. This is Megan's first book. She



has written one other and has another on the way! Megan was the 2024 California Middle School Social Studies Teacher of the year. Congrats Megan!

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I want to read this book: YES / NO

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