

World Events during Beethoven's Life

1770

Beethoven born in Bonn

The Boston Massacre

Captain James Cook discovers Botany Bay, Australia

1771

Encyclopedia Britannica published

1775

American Revolution begins

James Watt perfects the steam engine

1776

U.S. Declaration of Independence signed

Adam Smith publishes ... *The Wealth of Nations*

1781

British surrender at Yorktown, ending the American Revolutionary War

1783

Britain recognizes U.S. independence with the Peace of Versailles

1788

Wilberforce introduces British parliamentary motion to ban the slave trade;

U.S. Constitution ratified

1789

French Revolution begins with the storming of the Bastille

George Washington becomes first U.S. president

First steam-driven cotton mill opens in Manchester, England

1791

U.S. Bill of Rights (First 10 Amendments to US Constitution) ratified

1792

Kentucky becomes a state

1793

Eli Whitney invents cotton gin

1796

Edward Jenner introduces vaccination against smallpox

1799

Rosetta Stone found in Egypt

1803

Louisiana Territory purchased by U.S. from France

Ohio becomes a state

1804

Napoleon proclaimed Emperor of the French

Lewis and Clark Expedition begins

1807

Robert Fulton's steam-driven paddle wheeler *Claremont* sails the Hudson River

1808

US prohibits immigration of slaves from Africa

Beethoven composes Symphony No. 5 and No. 6

1811

Jane Austen's *Sense and Sensibility* published

1812

US declares War on Britain

1814

George Stephenson constructs the first practical steam locomotive

War between US and Britain ends with the Treaty of Ghent

1815

Napoleon defeated by Wellington at Waterloo

1816

Indiana becomes a state

1817

Simon Bolivar establishes the independent nation of Venezuela

1821

Farraday discovers the fundamentals of electromagnetism

1824

Beethoven's Symphony No. 9 is performed in Vienna

Simon Bolivar proclaimed Emperor of Peru

1827

Beethoven dies

1828

Noah Webster publishes "American Dictionary of the English Language"