



Peter Cartwright

1785-1872 A.D. An American Methodist circuit-riding preacher, he spent nearly 70 years on the trails throughout the Midwest. His enthusiasm for education was reflected in his establishment of the Illinois Wesleyan University, and the Illinois Conference Female Academy.



Sacagawea

c. 1787-1812 A.D. Shoshone Native American who was instrumental as an interpreter for the Lewis and Clark expedition. She traveled with her child and is remembered as one of the great heroines of our western history.



Oliver Hazard Perry

1785-1819 A.D. American naval officer who served in the Battle of Lake Erie, defeating the British during the War of 1812. He is remembered for his famous message, "We have met the enemy and they are ours."



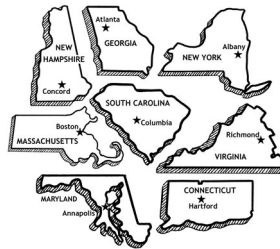
Adoniram Judson

1788-1850 A.D. American Baptist missionary who helped establish the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions in 1810. As missionaries, he and his wife were refused entry into India, so they settled in Burma, where he was imprisoned. He translated the Bible into Burmese, claiming, "I will not leave Burma until the cross is planted here forever."



Constitutional Convention

1787 A.D. After months of fierce debate, the states sought to institute a new form of government in the rewriting of the ailing Articles of Confederation. The Articles were soon abandoned and a new, stronger Constitution took its place, one of the most influential documents of western world history. Signed on September 17, it was ratified between December and June of 1788.



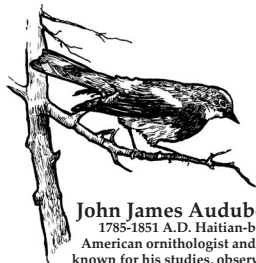
States to Achieve Statehood in 1788 A.D.

- Georgia: 4th state to join the Union on January 2
- Connecticut: 5th state to join the Union on January 9
- Massachusetts: 6th state to join the Union on February 6
- Maryland: 7th state to join the Union on April 28
- S. Carolina: 8th state to join the Union on May 23
- New Hampshire: 9th state to join the Union on June 21
- Virginia: 10th state to join the Union on June 25
- New York: 11th state to join the Union on July 26



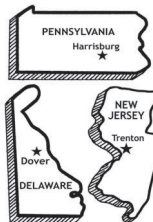
Davy Crockett

1786-1836 A.D. American politician, frontiersman, and crack shot who is legendary for his involvement with the Texas revolutionaries in their struggle for independence from Mexico. He lost his life at the siege of the Alamo.



John James Audubon

1785-1851 A.D. Haitian-born American ornithologist and artist known for his studies, observations, and illustrations of North American birds. He published *The Birds of America* from 1827 through 1838.



States to Achieve Statehood in 1787 A.D.

- Delaware: 1st state to join the Union on December 7
- Pennsylvania: 2nd state to join the Union on December 12
- New Jersey: 3rd state to join the Union on December 18



Northwest Ordinance of 1787

July 13, 1787 A.D. Document founded on the ordinance drafted by Thomas Jefferson in 1784 which authorized dividing the Western region north of the Ohio River into several territories. Each territory would be governed, eventually gaining admission to the Union as a state. Other provisions included that no one born in the Northwest Territory be subject to slavery, and respected rights and religious freedoms.