



**Robert Edwin Peary**  
1856-1920 A.D. American naval officer and polar explorer who journeyed on eight Arctic voyages and is credited as the first to lead an expedition to the North Pole on April 6, 1909.



**Jane Addams**  
1860-1935 A.D. American pacifist, suffragist, and social worker who founded the Hull House in Chicago, a social welfare settlement. She shared the Nobel Peace Prize in 1931.



**William Howard Taft**  
1857-1930 A.D. The 27th president of the United States (1909-1913), he passed the Payne-Aldrich Tariff Act during his term. He served from 1921-1930 as chief justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.



**Wilhelm II**  
1859-1941 A.D. King of Prussia and emperor of Germany. A dominant force among the Central powers of WWI, he tried to quell the conflict in the Balkans before it would escalate to war. He abdicated after Germany's defeat.



**Theodore Roosevelt**  
1858-1919 A.D. The 26th president of the United States (1901-1909). Legendary for his charge with the Rough Riders during the Spanish-American War, his term was marked by the building of the Panama Canal and the regulation of trusts. Popular for his motto, "Speak softly and carry a big stick," he exercised mediation in the Russo-Japanese War, winning him the Nobel Peace Prize in 1906.



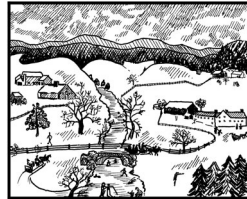
**Katherine Lee Bates**  
1859-1929 A.D. American writer, educator, and poet, best remembered for her poem written in 1893, *America the Beautiful*. It was later revised in 1904 and 1911.



**States to Achieve Statehood in the 1860s A.D.**  
-Kansas: 34th state to join the Union on January 29, 1861  
-West Virginia: 35th state to join the Union on June 20, 1863  
-Nevada: 36th state to join the Union on October 31, 1864  
-Nebraska: 37th state to join the Union on March 1, 1867



**The Pony Express**  
1860-1861 A.D. A system of transporting mail from St. Joseph, Missouri to Sacramento, California, by way of light-weight riders and fresh, agile horses. A highly dangerous mission, it took a relay of riders two weeks to cover the nearly 2,000 miles. William Cody (Buffalo Bill) was a dispatch rider before moving on to do Wild West shows.



**Anna Mary Robertson Moses "Grandma Moses"**  
1860-1961 A.D. American painter who gave up farm life due to arthritis in her hands, and took up painting in her 70s. Her work has been dubbed "authentic primitive," and colorfully reflects American rural life.



**Thomas Woodrow Wilson**  
1856-1924 A.D. The 28th president of the United States (1913-1921). His term saw all of World War I and the beginning of the prohibition. He was an advocate for the League of Nations and a recipient of the 1919 Nobel Peace Prize.