



Sherman's March to the Sea

began November 12, 1864 A.D. In May, 1864, with orders from General Grant to "create havoc and destruction of all resources that would be beneficial to the enemy," General Sherman captured Atlanta and led a march to the Atlantic Sea, capturing Savannah and continuing on through the Carolinas, carving a path of destruction through Confederate territory.



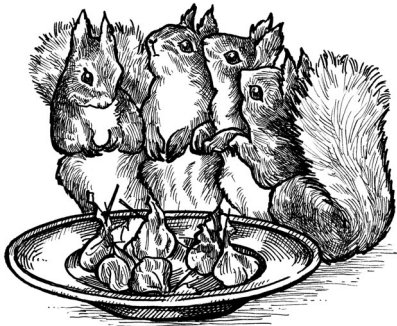
Surrender at Appomattox

April 9, 1865 A.D. The location where Confederate General Robert E. Lee surrendered to Union General Ulysses S. Grant, ending the 4-year-long war between the states.



Reconstruction

1863-1877 A.D. The period following the American Civil War in which the Confederate states were subject to procedures and conditions before their readmission to the Union. This also gave birth to the "Carpetbaggers": Northerners who sought political or financial advantage in the South.



(Helen) Beatrix Potter

1866-1943 A.D. British author and illustrator of children's stories, her animal tales began with *The Tale of Peter Rabbit*, published in 1902. Her stories are still widely read.



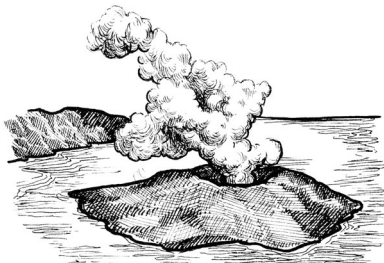
Ku Klux Klan

1866-Present A.D. During the Reconstruction, those opposed to the new policies formed an organization of ex-Confederates bent on maintaining "white supremacy," instilling terror with their secrecy, violent acts, and lynchings.



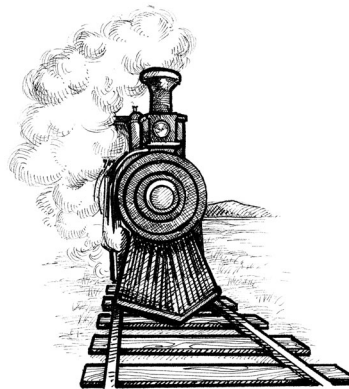
Sir Ernest Henry Shackleton

1874-1922 A.D. Irish-born explorer and author, remembered most for his 1914 trans-Antarctic expedition. Although unsuccessful, his team instead faced several hardships after his ship, *Endurance*, was crushed in the ice. Keeping up morale and making life and death decisions, the men were saved in May of 1916, amazingly with no loss of life.



Krakatoa Erupts

August, 1883 A.D. A small volcanic island located in Indonesia whose eruption in 1883 was recorded as the worst in history, blowing the island apart and creating a tsunami that killed over 36,000 people.



Standardized Railroad Gauge

1886 A.D. With the multiplicity of gauges that existed during the Civil War, the cost of changing wheels and reloading cars became a burden to Southern railroads. The acceptance of standard measurements used by all railroad builders lightened economic pressures and allowed freedom of travel.



Columbian Exposition World's Fair in Chicago

1893 A.D. Celebrating the landing of Christopher Columbus 400 years earlier, the exposition was designed to showcase the marvels of a neo-classical vision of ordered community, as well as artistic and cultural exhibits.