



History isn't just a collection of dates; it's a series of transformative events that continue to influence us today. Let's revisit the Major Historical Events on April 15.

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Birth of Leonardo da Vinci: Renaissance Polymath Extraordinaire - 1452 AD

Leonardo da Vinci, Italian painter, draftsman, sculptor, architect, and engineer, whose skill and intelligence epitomized the Renaissance humanist ideal. His Last Supper and Mona Lisa are among the most widely popular and influential paintings of the Renaissance. His notebooks reveal a spirit of scientific inquiry and a mechanical inventiveness that were centuries ahead of their time.



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Tragic Assassination: Abraham Lincoln's Final Hours - 1865 AD

Abraham Lincoln dies nine hours after he is shot by John Wilkes Booth while attending the play "Our American Cousin" at Ford's Theatre in Washington.

Titanic's Tragic Voyage: A Fateful Encounter with an Iceberg - 1912 AD

On this day in 1912, the British luxury passenger liner Titanic sank en route to New York City from Southampton, Hampshire, England, after striking an iceberg during its maiden voyage; some 1,500 people died.

The Sacco-Vanzetti Case: A Controversial Conviction - 1920 AD

Two men were murdered in South Braintree, Massachusetts, leading to the Sacco-Vanzetti case and the still-controversial conviction of the two Italian immigrants.

The Birth of Road Navigation: Rand McNally Auto Chum - 1924 AD

The Rand McNally Auto Chum was released; it was the American publishing company's first road atlas.



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Aviation Milestone: Robertson Aircraft's Inaugural Mail Route - 1926 AD

Robertson Aircraft, one of the companies that later developed into American Airlines, flew its first mail route, between Chicago and St. Louis, Missouri, with Charles A. Lindbergh as the pilot.



Breaking Baseball's Racial Barrier: Jackie Robinson's Debut - 1947 AD

Jackie Robinson, who broke baseball's racial barrier, played in his first major league game for the Brooklyn Dodgers at Ebbets Field.

The Birth of a Fast-Food Giant: McDonald's Franchise Opens - 1955 AD

American fast-food pioneer Ray Kroc opened the first McDonald's franchise, launching an enterprise that would eventually become the world's largest fast-food chain, in Des Plaines, Illinois.

The End of an Existentialist Era: Jean-Paul Sartre's Passing - 1980 AD

French novelist and playwright Jean-Paul Sartre, who was a leading exponent of existentialism, died at age 74.



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Sartre's Passing - 1980 AD

Hillsborough Stadium Tragedy: A Fatal Crush - 1989 AD

Tragedy occurred at Hillsborough Stadium in Sheffield, England, when a crush of football (soccer) fans resulted in 96 deaths and hundreds of injuries; police mistakes were later blamed for the incident.

Conservation Efforts: Giant Sequoia National Monument Established - 2000 AD

U.S. President Bill Clinton established the Giant Sequoia National Monument, a preserve near Sequoia National Park covering more than 500 square miles (1,300 square km) of Sequoia National Forest in the Sierra Nevada of California.

Post-War Developments: The Fall of Saddam Hussein's Regime - 2003 AD

U.S. President George W. Bush declared that the government of Saddam Hussein in Iraq had fallen as a result of the Iraq War and the following day asked the United Nations to lift sanctions against Iraq.

Boston Marathon Bombing: A Terrorist Act Claims Lives - 2013 AD

Near the finish line of the Boston Marathon, two homemade bombs were detonated in the crowd of spectators; 3 people were killed and more than 260 were wounded in the terrorist attack.



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Notre-Dame de Paris Fire: An Iconic Cathedral in Flames – 2019 AD

The historic Notre-Dame de Paris caught fire during a restoration campaign, and the blaze destroyed most of the cathedral's roof, the 19th-century spire, and some of the rib vaulting.

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