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Topic Idea's & Anniversary Dates for 2020



“Life is no mystery when you know your history!”

Presentations for Any Month

- **Chicago's Landmarks and the Names Behind Them**
- **1893 Chicago World's Fair**
- **Chicago's Ethnicities**
- **The Berlin Wall**
- **The Life of Dr. Seuss**
- **History Unveiled: The Truth about The Presidents**
- **The Mighty Mississippi River: Ally and Enemy**
- **Adolf Hitler and Propaganda (75 Years)**
- **The Rivalry of the 1920's Chicago Gangsters versus Eliot Ness (100 Years)**
- **Chicago's Yesteryear and the Surrounding Areas**

The Decades Series (presentations)

- **The 1890's: Susan B. Anthony, Cleveland, and "Stars and Stripes Forever"**
- **The 1900's: Wright Brothers, Theodore Roosevelt, and The Model T**
- **The 1910's Ragtime, Wilson, and World War I**
- **The 1920's: Flappers, Speakeasies, and Coolidge (100 Years)**
- **The 1930's: F.D.R., The Great Depression, and *Gone With The Wind***
- **The 1940's: Swing Dancing, World War II, and The Greatest Generation**
- **The 1950's: Elvis, Eisenhower, and Lucy**
- **The 1960's: Flower Power, The Beatles, and J.F.K.**
- **The 1970's: Bell-bottoms, Disco, and Nixon (50 Years)**
- **The 1980's: The Royal Wedding, Reagan, and Pacman**
- **The 1990's: The Macarena, Beanie Babies, and Clinton**
- **The 2000's: Myspace, 9/11, and George W. Bush (20 Years)**

Bus Tours Available

- **Our Lady of the Angels School Fire**
- **Mayor Richard J. Daley**
- **Chicago's Landmarks and the Names Behind Them**

2020 Anniversary Dates

The Our Lady of the Angels School Fire

National Fire Prevention Day

National Fire Prevention

Oct. 9, 2020

Week Oct 4 – 10, 2020

2020 Anniversary Dates

January:

Martin Luther King Jr. Day: January 20, 2020

- **The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. (birthday: January 15, 1929; Martin Luther King Jr. Day: January 20, 2020)**
- **The Life of The Brothers Grimm**
(Jacob Grimm's birthday: January 4, 1785)
- **The Life of Theodore Roosevelt** (date of death: January 6, 1919)
- **The Life of Richard M. Nixon** (birthday: January 9, 1913)
- **The Life of Alexander Hamilton** (birthday: January 11, 1757)
- **The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.** (birthday: January 15, 1929)
- **The Life of Cary Grant** (birthday: January 18, 1904)
- **The Life of Lyndon B. Johnson** (date of death: January 22, 1973)
- **The Life of Winston Churchill** (date of death: January 24, 1965)
- **Battle of the Bulge** (ending date: January 25, 1945)
(75 Year Anniversary)
- **The Life of Franklin D. Roosevelt** (birthday: January 30, 1882)
- **The Life of Mahatma Gandhi** (assassinated: January 30, 1948)

February:

Presidents' Day: February 17, 2020

Black History Month: February 2020

- **The Life of Martin Luther King Jr.**
- **The Life of Nelson Mandela**
- **Eleanor Roosevelt & Civil Rights**

- **War in the South Pacific: The Battle of Iwo Jima (Start Date: February 19, 1945) 75 Years**
- **The Life of Anne Frank (Date of Death: February 1945) 75 Years**
- **The Life of Charles Dickens** (birthday, February 7, 1812)
- **The Life of Charles Lindbergh** (birthday: February 4, 1902; Famous Flight, May 20, 1927)
- **The Life of Dwight D. Eisenhower**
- **The Life of Franklin Delano Roosevelt**
- **The Life of Theodore Roosevelt**
- **The Life of Harry S. Truman**
- **The Life of President John F. Kennedy**
- **The Assassination of President John F. Kennedy**
- **The Life of Ronald Reagan** (birthday: February 6, 1911)
- **The Eerie Similarities between John F. Kennedy and Abraham Lincoln** (Lincoln's birthday: February 12, 1809)
- **The Assassination of Abraham Lincoln** (Lincoln's birthday: February 12, 1809)
- **The Life of President Abraham Lincoln** (Lincoln's birthday: February 12, 1809)
- **The Life of Richard Nixon**
- **The Life of Gerald Ford**
- **The Life of Lyndon B. Johnson**
- **Eleanor Roosevelt and Civil Rights**
- **The Rat Pack** (Joey Bishop's birthday: February 3, 1918)
- **The Life of The Brothers Grimm**
(Wilhelm Grimm's birthday: February 24, 1786)

March:

Women's History Month

St. Patrick's Day: March 17, 2020

- **Chicago's Ethnicities**
- **Chicago's Landmarks and the Names Behind Them**
- **The Life of Amelia Earhart**
- **The Life of Helen Keller**
- **The Life of Anne Frank**
- **The Life of Eleanor Roosevelt**
- **The Life of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis**
- **Eleanor Roosevelt and Civil Rights**
- **The Life of Dr. Seuss** (Theodor Seuss Geisel's birthday: March 2, 1904)
- **War in the South Pacific: The Battle of Iwo Jima (End Date: March 26, 1945) 75 Years**
- **The Life of Mayor Jane Byrne**
- **The Life of Mother Teresa**
- **The Life of Lady Diana Spencer, Princess of Wales**
- **The Life of Margaret Thatcher**
- **The Life of Queen Elizabeth II**
- **The Life of Katharine Graham**
- **The Life of Judy Garland**
- **The Life of Edith Head**
- **The Life of Dwight D. Eisenhower** (date of death: March 28, 1969)
- **The Romanov Family** (Russian Revolution start date: March 8, 1917)

April:

National Library Week: April 19-25, 2020

National Library Workers Day: April 21, 2020

Holocaust Remembrance Day: April 21, 2020

World Book Day: April 23, 2020

- **The Life of Anne Frank**
- **World War II**
- **Adolph Hitler & Propaganda**
- **The Life of Andrew Carnegie**
- **The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.** (Assassinated: April 4, 1968)
- **A World Gone Mad: WWI** (U.S. enters: April 6, 1917)
- **The Life of Margaret Thatcher** (date of death: April 8, 2013)
- **The Life of President Franklin D. Roosevelt (date of death: April 12, 1945; Major Figure in WWII)**
75 Years
- **War in the South Pacific: The Battle of Okinawa (Start Date: April 1, 1945) 75 Years**
- **The Story of the Titanic** (Hits iceberg: April 14, 1912; sunk: April 15, 1912)
- **The Assassination of President Abraham Lincoln** (date of death: April 15, 1865)
- **The Life of President Abraham Lincoln** (date of death: April 15, 1865)
- **The Eerie Similarities between John F. Kennedy and Abraham Lincoln** (Lincoln's date of death: April 15, 1865)
- **The Life of Queen Elizabeth II** (birthday: April 21, 1926)
- **The Life of Richard M. Nixon** (date of death: April 22, 1994)

- **The Life of Alfred Hitchcock (date of death: April 29, 1980) 40 Years**
- **The Vietnam War (War ended: April 30, 1975) 45 Years**

May:

National Day of Prayer: May 7, 2020

Armed Forces Day: May 16, 2020

Memorial Day: May 25, 2020

- **The Life of Mother Teresa**
- **The Life of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis (date of death: May 19, 1994)**
- **The Life of Charles Lindbergh (Famous flight: May 20, 1927)**
- **The Hindenburg Disaster (Disaster date: May 6, 1937)**
- **1893 Chicago World's Fair (May 1, 1893 – October 30, 1893)**
- **The Life of President Harry S. Truman (birthday: May 8, 1884)**
- **War in the South Pacific: The Battle of Okinawa (April 1, 1945—June 22, 1945) 75 Years**
- **World War II, VE Day (Germany surrendered: May 8, 1945) 75 Years**
- **The Rat Pack (Sammy Davis Jr.'s date of death: May 16, 1990) 30 Years**
- **The Life of Mayor Richard J. Daley (birthday: May 15, 1902)**
- **The Life of James Stewart (birthday: May 20, 1908)**
- **The Life of Mayor Jane Byrne (birthday: May 24, 1933)**
- **The Life of John Wayne (birthday: May 26, 1907)**
- **The Rat Pack (Frank Sinatra's date of death: May 14, 1998)**
- **The Assassination of President John F. Kennedy (birthday: May 29, 1917)**

- **The Life of President John F. Kennedy** (birthday: May 29, 1917)
- **The Eerie Similarities between John F. Kennedy and Abraham Lincoln** (John F. Kennedy's birthday: May 29, 1917)
- **The Johnstown Flood** (Flood date: May 31, 1889)

June:

Anniversary of D-Day: June 6, 2020 (76 years—June 6, 1944)

- **War in the South Pacific: The Battle of Okinawa (End Date: June 22, 1945) 75 Years**
- **The Life of Helen Keller** (birthday: June 27, 1880; date of death: June 1, 1968)
- **1893 Chicago World's Fair (May 1, 1893 – October 30, 1893)**
- **The Life of Andy Griffith** (birthday: June 1, 1926)
- **The Rat Pack** (Dean Martin's birthday: June 7, 1917)
- **The Life of Charles Dickens** (date of death: June 9, 1870)
- **The Life of Rod Serling (date of death: June 28, 1975) 45 Years**
- **The Life of Queen Elizabeth II** (Coronation: June 2, 1953)
- **The Life of Robert F. Kennedy** (Assassinated: June 6, 1968)
- **The Life of Ronald Reagan** (date of death: June 5, 2004)
- **WWII (D-Day: June 6, 1944)**
- **D-Day: Invasion of Normandy (D-Day: June 6, 1944)**
- **The Life of Judy Garland** (Birthday: June 10, 1922; date of death: June 22, 1969)
- **The Life of John Wayne** (date of death: June 11, 1979)
- **The Life of Anne Frank** (birthday: June 12, 1929)
- **The Life of Katharine Graham** (birthday: June 16, 1917)
- **The Korean War** (beginning date: June 25, 1950)
70 Years

- **WWI** (June 28, 1914; The Assassination date of the Archduke Franz Ferdinand and his wife)

July:

Independence Day: July 4, 2020

Nelson Mandela Day: July 18, 2020

National Moon Day: July 20, 2020

- **The Life of Nelson Mandela**
- **Apollo 11 Moon Landing (July 16, 1969-July 24, 1969)**
- **The Life of Amelia Earhart** (birthday: July 24, 1897; Date of Disappearance: July 2, 1937)
- **1893 Chicago World's Fair (May 1, 1893 – October 30, 1893)**
- **The Life of James Stewart** (date of death: July 2, 1997)
- **The Life of Andy Griffith** (date of death: July 3, 2012)
- **The Life of Alexander Hamilton** (date of death: July 12, 1804)
- **The Life of Gerald R. Ford** (birthday: July 14, 1913)
- **The Life of Katharine Graham** (date of death: June 17, 2001)
- **The Sinking of the SS Andrea Doria** (July 26, 1956)
- **The Romanov Family** (Assassinated: July 16, 1918)
- **The Life of John F. Kennedy Jr.** (date of death: July 16, 1999)
- **The Life of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis** (birthday: July 28, 1929)
- **The Life of Walter Cronkite** (date of death: July 17, 2009)
- **The Life of Nelson Mandela** (birthday: July 18, 1918)
- **The Life of Lady Diana Spencer, Princess of Wales** (birthday: July 1, 1961; Wedding date of Princess Diana and Prince Charles: July 29, 1981)
- **The Life of Helen Keller** (birthday: July 27, 1880)
- **The Korean War** (ending date: July 27, 1953)

- **The USS Indianapolis (Sunk: July 30, 1945, WWII)
75 Years**

August:

National Aviation Day: August 19, 2020

- **The Life of Amelia Earhart**
- **The Life of Charles Lindbergh** (date of death: August 26, 1974)
- **Woodstock Music Festival** (August 15, 1969 – August 18, 1969)
- **The Berlin Wall (Constructed: August 13, 1961)**
- **The Life of Andrew Carnegie** (date of death: August 11, 1919)
- **The Life of Alfred Hitchcock** (birthday: August 13, 1899)
- **1893 Chicago World's Fair (May 1, 1893 – October 30, 1893)**
- **WWII (VJ Day--Japan surrendered on August 14, 1945)
75 Years**
- **War in the South Pacific (ends August 14, 1945)
75 Years**
- **The Life of Mother Teresa** (birthday: August 26, 1910)
110 Years
- **The Life of Lyndon B. Johnson** (birthday: August 27, 1908)
- **The Life of Lady Diana Spencer, Princess of Wales** (date of death:
August 31, 1997)

September:

Labor Day: September 7, 2020

- **WWII (September 2, 1945 marks the official end of WWII per
President Harry S. Truman) 75 Years**
- **The Life of Harry S. Truman (Ended WWII) 75 Years**

- **The Life of Dr. Seuss** (Theodor Seuss Geisel's date of death: September 24, 1991)
- **The Rat Pack** (Peter Lawford's birthday: September 7, 1923)
- **1893 Chicago World's Fair (May 1, 1893 – October 30, 1893)**
- **The Life of Eleanor Roosevelt** (Eleanor Roosevelt was very influential in the Labor Movement)
- **The Life of Franklin Delano Roosevelt** (Franklin Roosevelt was very influential in the Labor Movement)
- **The Life of Theodore Roosevelt** (Theodore Roosevelt was very influential in the Labor Movement)
- **The Life of Mother Teresa** (date of death: September 5, 1997)
- **The Life of The Brothers Grimm** (Jacob Grimm's date of death: September 20, 1863)

October:

National Fire Prevention Month: October

National Fire Prevention Day: October 4, 2020

National Fire Prevention Week: October 4-10, 2020

World Sight Day: October 8, 2020

Halloween: October 31, 2020

- **Our Lady of the Angels School Fire** (62nd Anniversary, December 1, 2020)
- **The Life of Helen Keller**
- **The Life of Alfred Hitchcock**
- **The Life of Rod Serling**
- **The Brothers Grimm**
- **The Life of Mahatma Gandhi** (birthday: October 2, 1869)
- **The Rat Pack** (Joey Bishop's date of death: October 17, 2007)
- **The Life of Eleanor Roosevelt** (birthday: October 11, 1884)
- **1893 Chicago World's Fair (May 1, 1893 – October 30, 1893)**

- **The Life of Margaret Thatcher (birthday: October 13, 1925) 95 Years**
- **The Life of Dwight D. Eisenhower (birthday: October 14, 1890; major figure in WWII) 130 Years**
- **The Life of Theodore Roosevelt** (birthday: October 27, 1858)
- **The Life of Edith Head** (birthday: October 28, 1897, date of death: October 24, 1981)

November:

Veteran's Day: November 11, 2020

- **The Vietnam War (Start date, November 1, 1955) 65 Years**
- **The Battle of the Bulge**
- **War in the South Pacific**
- **The Battle of Okinawa**
- **The Battle of Iwo Jima**
- **The Life of Franklin Roosevelt**
- **The Life of Walter Cronkite** (birthday, November 4, 1916)
- **The Life of Eleanor Roosevelt** (date of death: November 7, 1962)
- **The Romanov Family** (Russian Revolution end date, November 7, 1917)
- **The Berlin Wall (Destructed in: November 1991)**
- **World War I** (War ended, November 11, 1918)
- **1909 Cherry Mine Disaster** (November 13, 1909)
- **The Life of Mayor Jane Byrne** (date of death: May 24, 1933)
- **The Life of Robert F. Kennedy (Birthday: November 20, 1925) 95 Years**
- **The Assassination of President John F. Kennedy** (date of death: November 22, 1963)

- **The Life of President John F. Kennedy** (date of death: November 22, 1963)
- **The Eerie Similarities between John F. Kennedy and Abraham Lincoln** (John F. Kennedy's date of death: November 22, 1963)
- **The Life of Andrew Carnegie (birthday: November 25, 1835) 185 Years**
- **The Life of John F. Kennedy Jr. (birthday: November 25, 1960) 60 Years**
- **The Life of James Stewart**
- **The Life of Dwight D. Eisenhower**
- **The Life of Harry Truman**
- **The Korean War**
- **The USS Indianapolis**
- **Pearl Harbor**
- **The 1940's: Swing Dancing, World War II, and The Greatest Generation**
- **The Life of Cary Grant** (date of death: November 29, 1986)
- **The Life of Winston Churchill** (birthday: November 30, 1874)

December:

December 2020: National Human Rights Month

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day: December 24 & 25, 2020

- **Our Lady of the Angels School Fire (62nd Anniversary--December 1, 2020)**
- **The Life of Charles Dickens**
- **The Life of Dr. Seuss (*The Grinch*)**
- **The Life of James Stewart (*It's A Wonderful Life*)**
- **The Life of Rod Serling** (birthday: December 25, 1924)

- **The Rat Pack (Frank Sinatra's birthday: December 12, 1915) 105 Years**
- **The Rat Pack (Sammy Davis Jr.'s birthday: December 8, 1925) 95 Years**
- **The Rat Pack (Dean Martin's date of death: December 25, 1995) 25 Years**
- **The Rat Pack** (Peter Lawford's date of death: December 24, 1984)
- **The Life of Nelson Mandela** (date of death: December 5, 2013)
- **The Life of Eleanor Roosevelt** (Eleanor Roosevelt was very influential in the Labor Movement)
- **The Life of Franklin Delano Roosevelt** (Franklin Roosevelt was very influential in the Labor Movement)
- **The Life of Theodore Roosevelt** (Theodore Roosevelt was very influential in the Labor Movement)
- **Pearl Harbor** (December 7, 1941)
- **WWII** (December 7, 1941, attack on Pearl Harbor)
- **War in the South Pacific** (began: December 7, 1941)
- **The Life of Dwight D. Eisenhower** (December 7, 1941; attack on Pearl Harbor; Battle of the Bulge: December 16, 1944)
- **The Life of Franklin Delano Roosevelt** (December 7, 1941; attack on Pearl Harbor; Battle of the Bulge: December 16, 1944)
- **The Life of The Brothers Grimm** (Wilhelm Grimm's date of death: December 16, 1859)
- **Battle of the Bulge** (beginning date: December 16, 1944)
- **The Life of Richard J. Daley** (date of death: December 20, 1976)
- **The Life of Harry S. Truman** (date of death: December 26, 1972)
- **The Life of Gerald R. Ford** (date of death: December 26, 2006)



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