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**CHRONOLOGICAL TABLE.**  
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IRVING'S LIFE AND WORKS.	AMERICAN HISTORY.	AMERICAN LITERATURE.	BRITISH LITERATURE.	EUROPEAN HISTORY.
1783 Born in New York, Apr. 3.	1783 Revolutionary War is terminated by Treaty of Paris, Sept. 3. Federal Convention meets at Philadel- phia.		1784 Samuel Johnson dies.	George III. King of England (since 1760).
1787	1787 Adoption of the Constitution. Washington elected President.	1788 James Fenimore Cooper born.	1788 Lord Byron born.	1787 Assembly of Notables in France.
1790	1790 Government estab- lished at Phila- delphia for ten years.	1790 Benjamin Franklin dies.		1789 Meeting of the States General. Beginning of the French Revolu- tion.
1792 Whitney's Cotton Gin.	1792 Great increase of negro slavery fol- lows invention of steam spinning and weaving ma- chines.	1794 William Cullen Bry- ant born. 1796 William H. Prescott born. John G. Palfrey born.	1792 Fercy Bynabe Shel- ley born. 1794 Edward Gibbon dies. 1796 Robert Burns dies. John Keats born. 1797 Edmund Burke dies. 1798 Thomas Hood born.	1792 France declared a republic. 1793 Execution of Louis XVI. 1793-94 Reign of Terror in France. 1795-99 Government of the Directory. Napoleon Bonaparte becomes promi- nent.
1799 Death of Washing- ton.	1799 Federal government removed from Philadelphia to Washington.	1800 George Bancroft born.	1800 William Cowper dies. Thomas Babington Macaulay born.	

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IRVING'S LIFE AND WORKS.	AMERICAN HISTORY.	AMERICAN LITERATURE.	BRITISH LITERATURE.	EUROPEAN HISTORY.
1802 Enters law office of Josiah Hoffman. Publishes, in the <i>Morning Chronicle</i> , letters signed "Jonathan Oldstyle." First voyage to Europe.	1801-5 War with Tripoli. 1803 Louisiana Purchase.	1803 Ralph Waldo Emerson born. 1804 Alexander Hamilton dies. Nathaniel Hawthorne born.		1799-1804 Government of the Consulate. 1796-1815 Napoleon First Consul. 1804-14 Napoleonic Wars. 1805 Napoleon I Emperor of the French. 1805 Victory of Nelson at Trafalgar. 1806 End of the old German Empire.
1806 Admitted to the bar.	1807 Fulton's steamboat.	1807 H. W. Longfellow born. John Greenleaf Whittier born.		
1807-8 With his brother and Paulding, publishes <i>Balmisfund</i> .	1809 Abraham Lincoln born.	1809 Oliver Wendell Holmes born. 1811 Edgar Allan Poe born.	1810 Alfred Tennyson born. 1811 William Makepeace Thackeray born.	
1800 Knickerbocker's New York.		1812 Harriet Beecher Stowe born.	1812 Charles Dickens born. Robert Browning born.	
1810 Enters his brother's business.	1812-14 Second War with England.	1814 John Lothrop Motley born.		
1811-15 Edits <i>Analytic Magazine</i> , first called <i>Select Reviews</i> .	1811-40 Great development of the West.	1815 North American Review founded.		
1814 Serves for four months as Governor Tompkins' aid and military secretary.				1813 Battle of Leipzig. "Battle of the Nations." 1814 Napoleon exiled to Elba. 1815 Congress of Vienna.

