

POP Culture: 1810

ICONS: War of 1812, U.S. Flag, "Star Spangled Banner"



- Steam-powered ferry service between New York City and Hoboken, NJ, begins on October 11, 1811.
- A magnitude 8.3 earthquake (the strongest ever recorded in the continental United States) strikes near New Madrid, MO, temporarily reversing the course of the Mississippi River on February 2, 1812.
- British soldiers burn the White House and other government buildings on August 24, 1814.
- Francis Scott Key writes "The Star Spangled Banner" while witnessing the September 13-14, 1814, bombardment of Fort McHenry in Baltimore Harbor.
- The thirteen stars and stripes configuration of the U.S. flag is officially adopted by Congress on April 4, 1818.
- The American steamship "Savannah" crosses the Atlantic Ocean in 29 days.
- Norwich University, the first private military school, is founded in Vermont on August 6, 1819.
- The first installment of Washington Irving's *Rip Van Winkle* appears in the May 1819 edition of *The Sketch Book*.

The 1810 Census	
U.S. Resident Population:	7,239,881
Population per square mile of land area:	4.3
Percent increase of population from 1800 to 1810:	36.4
Official Enumeration Date:	August 6
Number of States:	17
Cost:	\$178,000
Cost per Capita (cents):	2.4
Total Pages in Published Reports:	469
Number of Enumerators:	1,100 (est.)
Number of Office Staff:	
Census Bureau Director:	Robert Smith
Number of Questions Asked:	7

10 Largest Urban Places		
Rank	Place	Population
1	New York City, NY	96,373
2	Philadelphia, PA	53,722
3	Baltimore, MD	46,555
4	Boston town, MA	33,787
5	Charleston, SC	24,711
6	Northern Liberties township, PA	19,874
7	New Orleans, LA	17,242
8	Southwark district, PA	13,707
9	Salem town, MA	12,613
10	Albany, NY	10,762

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