

1492-10-12: Columbus Discovers Tobacco

1620: SPAIN: The world's first tobacco processing plant is constructed in Seville.

1761: ENGLAND: Physician John Hill publishes "Cautions against the Immoderate Use of Snuff" -- perhaps the first clinical study of tobacco effects. Hill warns snuff users they are vulnerable to cancers of the nose.

1779: Pope Benedict XII opens a tobacco factory

1893: Cigar-smoking President Grover Cleveland is secretly operated on for cancer of the mouth.

1908-01: New York City passes Sullivan Act, forbidding women to smoke in public.

1927: Kansas is the last state to drop its ban on cigarette sales.

1950: FTC complains that cigarette ads touting physical benefits are deceptive.

1998: Under the Master Settlement Agreement, seven tobacco companies agreed to change the way tobacco products are marketed and pay the states an estimated \$206 billion.

2000-02: American Legacy Foundation launches "truth" campaign led by teens.