

USS Constitution is launched



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Dey of Algiers refuses U.S. offer to ransom captives and pay tribute for peace



1787



1791



Barbary corsairs begin to capture American ships



1793

Tripolitan flag



Construction of USS Constitution begins



Constitution of the U.S. is signed



1792



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1794



1785



U.S. Bank is chartered



1797



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Tribute to the Barbary states consumes 1/5 of U.S. budget

Tripolitan flag

