

Anton Chekhov's Timeline (Временная линейка Антона Чехова)

(Compared to Significant Events in the United States)

1860 Anton Pavlovich Chekhov (Антон Павлович Чехов) is born, the son of a grocer, in *Taganrog* (Таганрог) [a seaport city in Rostov Oblast (Ростовская область), Russia, located on the north shore of *Taganrog Bay* (Sea of Azov, Азовское море), a few km. west of the mouth of the River Don (Дон).]

In the U.S., Abraham Lincoln is elected president and South Carolina secedes from the Union. The Civil War continues to **1865**.

1875 Chekhov's father flees *Taganrog* due to bankruptcy; Chekhov's family is kicked out of their house.

1876 In the U.S., Lt. Col. George A. Custer's regiment is wiped out by Sioux Indians under Sitting Bull at the Little Big Horn River, Montana (Custer's Last Stand).

1879 Chekhov rejoins his family in Moscow, enrolls in University to study medicine.

1882 Chekhov is a regular contributor to a St. Petersburg humorous journal with short stories and sketches.

1884 Chekhov begins practicing medicine.

1886 In the U.S., *the Statue of Liberty* is dedicated.

1887 Chekhov is a literary success in St. Petersburg with his first play, *Ivanov* (ИВАНОВ).

1888 Chekhov begins publishing his stories.

1889 In the U.S., Oklahoma is opened to settlers.

1890 Chekhov begins to see himself as a serious writer.

1890 – April 21, Chekhov leaves to travel across Siberia to visit and report on the penal colony on the island of Sakhalin where he arrived on June 11. He interviews the entire population of prisoners and exiles.

In the U.S., last major battle of the Indian Wars occurs at *Wounded Knee* in South Dakota

1895 Moscow Art Theatre opens. Chekhov writes *The Seagull* (Чайка).

1896 *The Seagull* (Чайка) opens. It survives only five performances after a disastrous first night.

In the U.S., *Plessy v. Ferguson*: Landmark Supreme Court decision holds that racial segregation is constitutional, paving the way for the repressive *Jim Crow* laws in the South

1897 Chekhov realizes he is suffering from advanced consumption (tuberculosis, туберкулёз).

1898 *The Seagull* (Чайка) is produced successfully by the Moscow Art Theatre.

The U.S. annexes Hawaii.

1899 *Uncle Vanya* (Дядя Ваня) is produced successfully by the Moscow Art Theatre.

1900 In the U.S., Galveston hurricane leaves an estimated 6,000 to 8,000 dead.

1901 *Three Sisters* (Три сестры) is produced to poor reviews. Chekhov marries actress Olga Knipper.

1903 In the U.S., Wright brothers make the first controlled, sustained flight in heavier-than-air aircraft at Kitty Hawk, N.C.

1904 *The Cherry Orchard* (Вишнёвый сад), Chekhov's last play, is produced.

1904 After two heart attacks, Chekhov dies in a hotel bedroom at the age of 44.