Timeline of Famous American Artists

July 3, 1738: John Singleton Copley is born in Massachusetts. Copley is known for his portraits of colonial Americans, such as Paul Revere, shown with everyday objects that made them interesting and relatable.

October 10, 1738: Benjamin West is born in Pennsylvania. West is known for his historical paintings, many of which focused on English and Biblical history. He also taught many famous American artists.

April 15, 1741: Charles Willson Peale is born in Maryland. Peale is remembered for his portraits of people from the American Revolution. He painted several famous paintings of Washington as well as figures such as Franklin, Jefferson, and Adams.

December 3, 1755: Gilbert Stuart is born in Rhode Island. Stuart is remembered as one of the greatest American portrait painters. He painted portraits of American Revolution figures, including numerous famous paintings of George Washington.

June 6, 1756: John Trumbull is born in Connecticut. Trumbull served as an aide to General George Washington during the American Revolution and is remembered for numerous Revolutionary-themed paintings including his most famous, *Declaration of Independence*.

February 22, 1778: Rembrandt Peale is born in Pennsylvania. Peale was the son of artist Charles Willson Peale and is remembered for his portraits of famous Americans including Thomas Jefferson and George Washington.

April 4, 1780: Edward Hicks is born in Pennsylvania. Hicks was a folk painter who did not have professional artistic training. He often painted scenes from country life, the Bible, and American history.

April 26, 1785: John James Audubon is born in Haiti. Audubon is known for his artwork showing hundreds of different birds of America, but he could not get them published in the U.S. and went to England and Scotland to find a publisher.

April 27, 1791: Samuel F. B. Morse is born in Massachusetts. Morse is remembered for his work with the electric telegraph, but he also painted portraits of many famous people including William Cullen Bryant, Eli Whitney, and the Marquis de Lafayette.

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