

BCE

4.5 billion	Earth forms
4 million	Hominids walk on hind legs; Australopithecus
1.5 million	Homo Erectus development
700,000	Homo Erectus walk out of Africa
200,000	Homo Sapiens Sapiens evolution
40,000	Humans leave early behind early art
12,000	Last major Ice Age (the Pleistocene Epoch) ends
10,000	End of Ice Ages
10,000	Neolithic Revolution beginning
10,000	Agricultural societies begin to develop in Fertile Crescent
10,000	The bow and sling are added to weapons arsenal
8,000	the Walls of Jericho come tumbling down
5,000	River Valley Civilizations begin
4000	Egyptians begin ritual burial of dead
3500-1800	Sumerian Civilization rise and fall
3100	Egyptian Kingdom rises under Menes, with capital at Memphis
2400	Babylon has developed into a city
2200	Mesopotamian King of Ur institutes sophisticated legal system
2000	Egypt Conquers Kush culture
1700	Indus River Valley civilization wiped out by earthquakes and floods
1700-1500	Iranian nomads sow seeds of Hindu religion in India
1500	Shang Dynasty in China emerges
1500	Vedic Age begins in India
1470	Volcano on island of Santorini erupts, probably ending a civilization
1400	Kingdom of Mycenae at its height
1352	Egyptian King Tutankhamen dies and is mummified
1250	Greeks attack Troy
1028	Zhou Dynasty in China begins
1000	Hinduism early developments

800	Greek City States rise
753	Romulus (according to legend) builds city of Rome
645	City of Rome established (according to historians)
512	Cyrus, young King of Persia, attacks king of Medes (his grandfather)
509	Romans replace King Tarquinius Superbus with a republic
500	Greeks in Ionia rebel against Persian rule
479	Greek city-state alliance defeats Xerxes' Persian army
479-323	Classical Greek era gives rise to Democracy
470	Athens at its height
449	Athens emerges victorious from Persian Wars
431-404	Peloponnesian Wars; decline of Greek city-states
424	Athens and Sparta clash in the Battle of Delium
423	Aristophanes makes fun of Socrates in his play, The Clouds
409	Athenians defeat King Darius I's invading Persians at Marathon
404	Sparta defeats Athens, ending Peloponnesian war
402-201	China's warring states
399	Socrates, condemned to death, drinks (hemlock) poison
387	Plato founds a school of philosophy in Athens
384	Aristotle born in Macedon
338-323	Macedonia rises; Alexander the Great; Hellenistic Culture begins
323	Alexander the Great dies in Babylon
322-184	Mauryan Empire in India
264-146	Punic Wars
255	Eratosthenes becomes librarian at Alexandria, Egypt
238	Mauryan Dynasty in India begins decline after death of emperor Asoka
230	Shi Huangdi, First Emperor of China, standardizes writing and measures
221-202	Qin Dynasty in China; Great Wall begins
202-220 CE	Han Dynasty in China

140	Mithradates I begins campaign of conquest to enlarge Parthian Empire
71	Spartacus and hundreds of followers defeated by Crassus
49	Julius Caesar crosses the Rubicon, triggering Roman civil war
45	Julius Caesar takes Roman title of Dictator for Life
44	Julius Caesar is assassinated
30-202 CE	Kushan rule in India
27	Augustus becomes first Roman Emperor; Roman Republic ends

CE

33	Jesus Christ crucified
180	Marcus Aurelius dies; Pax Romana ends
220-589	China disorder, nomadic invasions
312-337	Emperor Constantine rules; official toleration of Christianity; Roman Empire divides into East and West
319-540	Gupta Rule in India
324	Byzantium established as new eastern capital city of Roman Empire
325	Christian bishops meet to hammer out basic theological principles
330	Constantinople becomes new name of Byzantium
354	Saint Augustine born in Roman North Africa
387	Augustine becomes a Christian and is baptized on Easter Sunday
445	Attila the Hun forcibly assembles vast horde of warriors in Hungary
450	Hun Invasions of India begin
451	Roman general Aetius defeats Atilla the Hun in Gaul (France)
476	Roman Empire Falls; Last Roman Emperor (Romulus Augustus) Deposed
527-565	Emperor Justinian Rules over Byzantine Empire
538	Japanese adopt Chinese Buddhism
570-632	Muhammad
589-618	Sui Dynasty in China
610	Islam religion begins
618-907	Tang Dynasty in China
630	Muhammad leads Islamic army to defeat Mecca
634-750	Islamic Culture emerges as first global civilization
661-750	Umayyads Rule Islamic Empire, with capital in Damascus, Syria
668	Korea becomes Independent Kingdom (from China)
711	First Islamic Incursions into India
718	Islamic forces Defeated at walls of Constantinople
750	Abbasids Rule Islamic Empire
777	Independent Islamic Kingdoms emerge in North Africa

800	Charlemagne Crowned Holy Roman Emperor
800-1000	the Viking age
800-1100	Feudal System rises in Europe
855	Kiev Principality emerges
864	Christianity Spreads to Slavs of eastern Europe (by Cyril and Methodius)
878	King Alfred of Wessex (Alfred the Great) defeats Viking ruler, Guthrum
911	Viking leader Rollo (or Hrolfr) begins dynasty in Normandy
960-1127	Song Dynasty in China
962	Otto the Great is crowned Holy Roman Emperor in Germany
968	Toltecs rise in MesoAmerica
980-1015	Russia converts to Eastern Orthodox Christianity
1000	Leif Eriksson and party of sailors from Norse Greenland land in Canada
1000	Ghana Empire in India at height of power
1000	Members of Carib tribe sail from Venezuela to islands in the Caribbean
1000-1300	High Middle Ages in Europe; Universities spread
1014	Brian Boru's Irish warriors defeat Vikings near Dublin
1054	Christian Church's official schism between eastern and western
1055	Seljuk Turks conquer Abbasid Caliphate
1066	Norman Conquest of Anglo-Saxon England
1066	William the Conqueror becomes King of England
1071	Teljuk Turks defeat the Byzantine Empire, capturing Romanus IV Diogenes
1087	William Rufus (son of William the Conqueror) becomes King of England
1095-1099	First Crusade
1100	Henry I (William Rufus' brother) becomes King of England
1100	Gunpowder invented in China
1135	Stephen (nephew of Henry I) becomes King of England
1147	Christian Crusaders slaughter Jews in Germany
1150	Toltecs decline
1154	Henry II (grandson of Henry I) becomes King of England
1185-1333	Kamakuru Shogunate rules in Japan
1189	Richard I (third son of Henry II) becomes King of England

1199	John (fifth son of Henry II) becomes King of England
1200	Mali Empire rises in Africa
1206	Delhi Sultanate rules in India
1211	Ghengis Khan invades China
1216	Henry III (son of John) becomes King of England
1231-1392	Mongol Rule in Korea
1236	Mongol Rule begins in Russia
1258	Mongol Rule begins in Middle East; Abbasid Caliphate ends
1265	English Parliament meets for first time
1267	Roger Bacon of England gets Chinese recipe for gunpowder
1272	Edward I (son of Henry III) becomes King of England
1273	Thomas Aquinas shows compatibility between Aristotle and Christianity
1279-1368	Mongol rule in China
1281	Ottoman Empire begins
1300	Islam spreads into Southeast Asia
1307	Edward II (son of Edward I) becomes King of England
1320-1350	Black Death spreads from Asia to Europe
1325	Aztec Empire begins
1327	Edward III (son of Edward II) becomes King of England
1330	Cannon used in warfare by Europeans
1338-1453	Hundred Years War
1343	Bubonic plague begins march across Europe, killing one-third of its inhabitants
1345	Aztecs establish capital city of Tenochtitlan
1347	the Black Death reaches Constantinople, where it is called the Great Dying
1350	Inca Empire begins
1368	Ming Dynasty established in China
1377	Richard II (grandson of Edward III) becomes King of England
1381	the Peasants' Revolt in England ends with beheading of leader Wat Tyler
1390	Ming Dynasty ends Overseas Trade
1392-1910	Yi Dynasty rules in Korea

1396	28 years of peace interrupt Hundred Years War with Richard II's marriage
1399	Henry IV (grandson of Edward III) becomes King of England
1413	Henry V (son of Henry IV) becomes King of England
1422	Henry VI (son of Henry V) becomes King of England
1431	Joan of Arc is convicted of sorcery and burned at the stake
1434-1498	Portuguese Exploration; era of Prince Henry the Navigator
1439	Portugal obtains the Azores
1440	European involvement in African Slave Trade begins
1453	Ottoman Turks Conquer Byzantine Empire
1455	Gutenberg Bible published (the first mass-produced book)
1461	Edward IV (youngest son of Edward III) becomes King of England
1469	King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella marry, ruling what became modern Spain
1471-1493	Inca Empire at its height in South America
1482	Portuguese establish first Slaving outpost in Ghana
1483	Richard III (by usurpation) becomes King of England
1485	Henry VII (grandson of Henry V) becomes King of England
1492	Columbus Voyage reaches Caribbean islands
1500	Sikh religion begins
1500-1600	Commercial Revolution in Europe
1501-1510	Safavid Dynasty Conquers Iran
1509	Spanish Colonies established on American mainland
1509	Desiderius Erasmus publishes satire on Church corruption
1509	Henry VIII (son of Henry VII) becomes King of England
1510	Portugal Conquers Goa and Malacca
1517	Martin Luther nails <i>95 Theses</i> to church door in Wittenberg, October 31
1517-1541	Protestant Revolution
1519	Charles I of Spain also becomes Charles V of Holy Roman Empire
1519-1521	Magellan circumnavigates the world
1519-1521	Cortes Conquers Aztec Empire
1520-1566	Suleiman the Magnificent rules Ottoman Empire

1524	the Peasants' War rebellion spreads through Germany and into Austria
1526	Mughal Rule in India begins
1522	Ferdinand Magellan's surviving ship returns to Spain
1533	Pizarro Conquers Inca Empire
1534	Henry VIII declared the Supreme Head of the Church in England
1535	Ottoman Turks Conquer Baghdad
1536	John Calvin publishes a book establishing the tenets of Calvinism
1543	Copernicus publishes theory that the sun is the center of the universe
1543	Andreas Vesalius publishes <i>Seven Books on the Structure of the Human Body</i>
1547	Edward VI (Henry VIII's son by Jane Seymour) becomes King of England
1550-1700	the Scientific Revolution
1552	Russian Colonization of central Asia and Siberia begins
1553	Mary (Henry VIII's daughter by Queen Katherine) becomes Queen of England
1558	Elizabeth I (Henry VIII's daughter by Anne Boleyn) becomes Queen of England
1564	Galileo born in Pisa, Italy
1570	Angola established as a Portuguese colony in Africa
1571	Battle of Lepanto
1571	Venice trade declines after losing island of Cyprus to Ottoman Empire
1572	50,000 Huguenots slaughtered at the Massacre of St Bartholemew
1590	Hideyoshi unites Japan
1591	Songhai in decline in Africa
1600	Dutch and English commerce in India begins
1603	Tokugawa Shogunate rules in Japan
1603	James I (great-great grandson of Henry VII) becomes King of England
1607-1608	English and French Colonial Activity begin in North America
1610	Galileo confirms Copernicus' heliocentric theory
1619	Dutch traders capture Jakarta and rename it Batavia
1620	English Puritans arrive in Massachusetts

1625	Charles I (second son of James I) becomes King of England
1640	Japan begins Isolationist Policies
1641	Dutch develop Colonies in Indonesia
1644	Qing Rule in China begins
1648	the Peace of Westphalia ends the Thirty Years War
1649	Puritans execute King Charles I in England
1649-1659	England is a Commonwealth, governed under the Cromwell rule
1652	South Africa established as a Dutch Colony
1658	Mughal Empire in India begins Decline
1660	Charles II (oldest son of Charles I) becomes King of England
1682-1699	Ottoman Turks Driven from eastern Europe
1685	James II (brother of Charles II) becomes King of England
1687	Isaac Newton publishes <i>Principia</i> , establishing basic laws of physics
1689	William of Orange and Mary become King and Queen of England
1689-1725	Peter the Great Rules in Russia
1694	William III (grandson of Charles I) rules England alone after Mary's death
1702	Anne (sister of Mary) becomes Queen of England
1713	Bourbon Dynasty in Spain established
1714	George I (great-grandson of James I) becomes King of England
1722	Safavid Dynasty in Iran falls
1727	George II (son of George I) becomes King of England
1756-1763	the Seven Years War in Europe; the French & Indian War in North America
1760	George III (grandson of George II) becomes King of England
1763	New France in North America obtained by England
1764	Bengal in India dominated by British East India Company
1768	Thomas Hargreaves invents the <i>spinning jenny</i>
1770	Steam Engine invented; Industrial Revolution begins
1772-1795	Poland is Partitioned
1776	Americans sign the Declaration of Independence
1776	Adam Smith publishes <i>The Wealth of Nations</i>
1776-1783	the American Revolution

1781	Indians Revolt against Spanish in New Grenada and Peru
1787	the US Constitutional Convention meets in Philadelphia
1788	Australian Colonies established
1789	George Washington is elected US President
1789-1815	the French Revolution; Napoleon
1792	Slave Uprisings against French in Haiti
1796	John Adams is elected US President
1801	Haitian Independence declared by Toussaint L'Ouverture
1801	Thomas Jefferson becomes US President
1804	Sakagawea helps Lewis and Clark find their way up the Missouri River
1805-1849	Muhammad Ali rules in Egypt
1807	Britain bans the slave trade
1808	Joseph Bonaparte placed on Spain's throne by brother, Napoleon
1808	James Madison is elected US President
1808-1825	Latin American Independence movement
1812	Luddites (rioting workers) destroy power looms in England
1815	English gain Territories in southern Africa
1816	James Monroe is elected US President
1820	George IV (son of George III) becomes King of England
1822	Brazil declares Independence from Portugal
1823	Monroe Doctrine established
1824	John Quincy Adams is elected US President
1826	New Zealand colonized
1828	Andrew Jackson is elected US President
1830	Democratic Uprisings in Europe
1830	William IV (brother of George IV) becomes King of England
1835	Roman Catholic Church ends 219-year ban on Copernicus' book
1836	Martin Van Buren is elected US President
1837	Morse Code invented
1837	Victoria (niece of William IV) becomes Queen of England
1838	Ottoman Turks and British establish Trade Treaty

1839-1841	the Opium Wars
1840	William Henry Harrison is elected US President
1841	John Tyler becomes US President after Harrison's death
1842	Hong Kong is ceded to Britain by China
1844	James Polk is elected US President
1846-1848	the Mexican-American War
1848	Zachary Taylor is elected US President
1848-1849	Revolutionary Movements sweep Europe
1850	Karl Marx
1850	Millard Fillmore becomes US President after Taylor's death
1850-1864	the Taiping Rebellion
1852	Franklin Pierce is elected US President
1853	the Perry Expedition to Japan
1854-1856	the Crimean War
1856	James Buchanan is elected US President
1858	India Controlled by English Parliament
1859	Charles Darwin publishes <i>On the Origin of Species</i>
1861	Serfdom Abolished in Russia
1861-1865	the Civil War in America
1864	German Unification begins
1860	Abraham Lincoln is elected US President
1865	Andrew Johnson becomes US President after Lincoln's assassination
1867	Karl Marx publishes <i>Das Kapital</i>
1868	Ulysses Grant is elected US President
1868-1912	Meiji Restoration in Japan
1871	the Franco-Prussian War
1877	Rutherford Hayes becomes US President after disputed 1876 election
1878	the Treaty of San Stefano
1879	Catholic Church adopts Aquinas' writings as official Catholic philosophy
1880	James Garfield is elected US President
1880-1900	the "Scramble for Africa"

1881	Chester Arthur becomes US President after Garfield's assassination
1884	Grover Cleveland is elected US President
1885-1914	Russia Industrializes
1885	Indian National Congress in India begins
1888	Benjamin Harrison is elected US President
1890s	Kaiser Wilhelm II begins aggressive shipbuilding campaign in Germany
1892	Grover Cleveland is elected US President
1893	Worldwide Women's Suffrage movement begins in New Zealand
1893	Mao Tse-Tung (Mao Ze-dong) is born in Hunan Province of China
1894-1895	the Sino-Japanese War
1895	Cubans Revolt against Spanish rule
1896	William McKinley is elected US President
1898	Marxist Party in Russia begins
1898	the Spanish-American War
1898-1901	the Boxer Rebellion
1899	British troops battle Boer rebels in Transvaal, South Africa
1901	Australia established as a commonwealth
1901	Edward VII (son of Victoria and Albert) becomes King of England
1901	Theodore Roosevelt becomes US President after McKinley's assassination
1903	Panama Canal Construction begins
1904-1905	the Russo-Japanese War
1905-1906	the first Russian Revolution
1908	Young Turks Uprising
1908	Howard Taft elected US President
1910	Korea dominated by Japan
1910	George V (second son of Edward VII) becomes King of England
1910-1920	the Mexican Revolution
1911	Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen is first person to reach the South Pole
1911-1912	Qing Dynasty in China ends; revolutionary period begins
1912	African National Congress party in South Africa begins
1912	Woodrow Wilson elected US President

1914-1918	World War I; European dominance ends
1916	Arab Revolt against Ottoman rule
1917	US enters WWI
1917	Russian Red Revolution begins
1917	the Balfour Declaration promises Jewish territory in Palestine
1919	Treaty of Versailles ends WWI; League of Nations established
1919	First Pan-African Nationalist Congress established
1920	Treaty of Sevres
1920	Warren Harding elected US President
1921	Chinese Communist Party begins
1922	Mahatma Gandhi is imprisoned for conspiracy in India by British
1923	Calvin Coolidge becomes US President after Harding's death
1927	Stalin begins rule in Russia
1928	Herbert Hoover is elected US President
1929-1933	the Great Depression
1930-1945	Vargas Regime rules in Brazil
1931	Chinese Manchuria Invaded by Japan
1931-1947	Ghandi leads nonviolent resistance to British rule in India
1932	Kingdom of Iraq wins Independence from Britain
1932	Franklin Roosevelt is elected US President
1933	Hitler and Nazis rise to power in Germany
1933-1939	the New Deal
1935	Germany begins rearmament; Italy conquers Ethiopia
1936	Edward VIII (son of George V) becomes King of England
1936	George VI (second son of George V) becomes King of England
1937	Japan Invades mainland China
1939	Poland Partitioned by Nazi-Soviet Pact
1939-1945	World War II
1941	Pearl Harbor attacked by Japanese; US enters WWII
1944	Erwin Rommel is fired by Hitler and forced to commit suicide by poison
1945	US atomic bombs fall on Hiroshima and Nagasaki in Japan, ending WWII

1945	the United Nations established
1945	Vietnam Independence declared by Ho Chi Minh and Communists
1945	Harry Truman becomes US President after Roosevelt's death
1946-1950	Asia and Africa decolonized
1946-1989	the Cold War
1947	Marshall Plan in Europe established
1947	India and Pakistan gain Independence
1947	the UN partitions (formerly British) Palestine into Jewish and Arab areas
1948	Korea Divided into North and South
1948	Israel established as a nation; first Arab-Israeli conflict
1948	Mahatma Gandhi assassinated
1949	North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) established
1949	China begins Communist rule
1950-1953	the Korean War
1952	Elizabeth II (daughter of George VI) becomes Queen of England
1952	Dwight Eisenhower is elected US President
1955	the Warsaw Pact
1957	European Economic Community begins
1957	Ghana becomes one of the first independent African nations
1959	Castro begins rule in Cuba
1960	John Kennedy is elected US President
1962	Algeria declares Independence from France
1963	Lyndon Johnson becomes US President after Kennedy's assassination
1965-1973	the Vietnam War
1965-1968	the Cultural Revolution in China
1968	Dr Martin Luther King Jr assassinated
1968	Richard Nixon is elected US President
1969	Neil Armstrong is the first man to walk on the moon
1972	Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) established
1975	North and South Viet Nam united under communism
1975-1988	Democracy spreads throughout Latin America

1976	Mao Zedong dies
1976	Jimmy Carter is elected US President
1979	the Iranian Revolution; the Iranian Hostage Crisis begins
1980	Ronald Reagan is elected US President
1980-1988	the Iran-Iraq War
1985-1989	Soviet Union communist system reformed by Gorbachev
1988	George HW Bush is elected US President
1989	South African Apartheid Policy reformed
1989	Democratic Reforms in eastern Europe
1990	East and West Germany united
1990	Nelson Mandella is released from prison in South Africa after 27 years
1990-1991	first Persian Gulf War
1991	USSR (founded upon Marxist principles) collapses
1992	European Union established
1992	Bill Clinton is elected US President
1994	Nelson Mandela elected President in South Africa
1997	Hong Kong returned to China by Britain
1999	Portugal returns Macao to China
2000	George W Bush is elected US President
2001	September 11 terrorist attacks
2001	Taliban government in Afghanistan overthrown by US
2003	second Persian Gulf War in Iraq begins
2008	Americans face financial meltdown
2008	Barack Obama is elected US President
2012	Barack Obama reelected
2016	Donald Trump elected US President