

Foundations (8000 B.C.E - 600 C.E)

8000 B.C.E	Beginnings of agriculture
3000 B.C.E	Beginnings of Bronze Age - early civ's
1300 B.C.E	Iron Age
6 th C B.C.E	life of Buddha, Confucius, Laozi (beginnings of Confucianism, Buddhism, Taosim)
5 th C B.C.E	Greek Golden Age - philosophers.
323 B.C.E	Alexander the Great
221 B.C.E	Qin unified China
184 B.C.E	Fall of Mauryan Dynasty
32 C.E.	Beginnings of Christianity
180	end of Pax Romana
220	end of Han Dynasty
312	Emperor Constantine converts to Christianity
333	Roman capital moved to Constantinople
4 th C	Beginning of Trans-Saharan Trade Routes
476	Fall of Rome
527	Justinian rule of Byzantine Empire
550	Fall of Gupta Dynasty/Empire

600-1450

622	Founding of Islam
ca 730	Printing invented in China
732	Battle of Tours (end of Muslim move into France)
ca 900	Decline of classical Maya
1054	Great Schism in Christian Church (Roman Catholic & Eastern Orthodox)
1066	Norman conquest of England
1071	Battle of Manzikert (Seljuk Turks defeat Byzantin)
1095	1 st Crusade

1206	Chinggis Khan begins Mongol conquests
1258	Mongols sack Baghdad
1271-1295	Marco Polo's travels
1279-1368	Yuan (Mongol) Dynasty in China
1324	Mansa Musa's pilgrimage
1325-1349	travels of Ibn Battuta
1347-1348	Bubonic plague in Europe
1368-1644	Ming Dynasty
1405-1433	Zheng He's voyages
1438	Rise of Inca Empire

1450 - 1750

1453	Ottomans capture Constantinople
ca 1480s	Height of Aztec Empire
1488	Dias rounded Cape of Good Hope
1492	Columbus / Reconquista of Spain
1502	1 st African Slaves to Americas
1517	Martin Luther / 95 theses
1521	Cortez conquered the Aztecs
1529	1 st unsuccessful Ottoman siege of Vienna - (Suleiman)
1533	Pizarro toppled the Inca
1545	Discovery of silver at Potosí
1571	Battle of Lepanto (naval defeat of Ottomans)
1588	defeat of the Spanish Armada by the British
1600	Battle of Sekigahara (beginning of Tokugawa Shogunate)
1607	foundation of Jamestown
1618-1648	30 Years War
1644	end of Ming/Beginning of Qing Dynasty
1653	Cape Town colony founded (Dutch)
1683	2 nd unsuccessful Ottoman siege of Vienna (Mehmet IV)
1689	Glorious Revolution / English Bill of Rights

1750 - 1900

Industrial Revolution	
1756-1763	7 Years War / French and Indian War
1767	Invention of the Spinning Jenny (using machines to manufacture)
1776	American Revolution / Smith writes Wealth of Nations
1789	French Revolution begins
1796	Jenner’s smallpox vaccine
1804	Haitian independence
1807	British abolition of Trans-Atlantic slave trade
1815	Congress of Vienna
1820s	Independence in Latin America
1839	1 st Opium War in China
1848	European revolutions / Marx & Engles write Communist Manifesto
1853	Commodore Perry opens Japan
1857	Sepoy Mutiny
1861	end of Russian serfdom / Italian unification
1863	Emancipation Proclamation in US
1871	German unification
1885	Berlin Conference division of Africa
1893	New Zealand grants women suffrage
1896	Battle of Adowa (Ethiopians defeat Italians)
1898	Spanish-American War (US acquires Philippines, Cuba, Guam, & Puerto Rico)
1899-1902	Boer War, British in control of S Africa

1900 - present

1905	Russo-Japanese war
1910-1920	Mexican Revolution
1911	Chinese Revolution
1914	WWI
1917	Russian Revolution
1919	Treaty of Versailles end of WWI
1929	stock market crash
1931	Japanese invasion of Manchuria
1935	Italian invasion of Ethiopia
1939	German blitzkrieg in Poland
1941	Pearl Harbor, entry of US into WWII
1945	end of WWII
1947	independence & partition of India
1948	birth of Israel
1949	Chinese Communist Revolution
1950-1953	Korean War
1954	Vietnamese defeat French at Dien Bien Phu
1956	de-Stalinization / Nat’lization of Suez Canal
1959	Cuban Revolution
1962	Cuban missile crisis
1967	6-Day War / Chinese Cultural Revolution
1973	Yom Kippur war
1979	Iranian Revolution
1987	1 st Palestinian Intifada
1989	Tiananmen Square / fall of Berlin Wall
1990	Namibia gains independence (last African colony to do so)
1991	fall of USSR / 1 st Gulf war
1994	genocide in Rwanda / 1 st all race elections in S. Africa
2001	9 / 11 Attacks
2007	Global “Great Recession” begins
2011	Wikileaks, “Arab Spring” democracy movement