

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

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

600-1450

- 632 - Rise of Islam
- 732 - Battle of Tours (end of Muslim move into France)
- 1054 - 1st Schism in Christian Church
- 1066 - Norman conquest of England
- 1071 - Battle of Manzikert (Seljuk Turks defeat Byz)
- 1095 - 1st Crusade
- 1258 - Mongols sack Baghdad
- 1271-1295 - Marco Polo travels
- 1324 - Mansa Musa’s pilgrimage
- 1325-1349 - travels of Ibn Battuta
- 1347-1348 - Bubonic plague in Europe
- 1433 - end of Zheng He’s voyages/Rise of Ottomans

1450-1750

- 1453 - Ottomans capture Constantinople
- 1488 - Dias rounded Cape of Good Hope
- 1492 - Columbus sailed the ocean blue/ Reconquista of Spain
- 1502 - Slaves to Americas
- 1517 - Martin Luther/95 theses
- 1521- Cortez conquered the Aztecs
- 1533- Pizarro toppled the Inca
- 1571 - Battle of Lepanto, (naval defeat of Ottomans)
- 1588 - defeat of the Spanish Armada by the British
- 1600 - Battle of Sekigahara - beginning of Tokugawa
- 1607 - foundation of Jamestown
- 1618-1648 - 30 years war
- 1683- unsuccessful Ottoman siege of Vienna
- 1689 - Glorious Revolution/English Bill of Rights

1750-1914

- Industrial Revolution
- 1756-1763 -7 years war/French and Indian War
- 1776 - American Revolution/Smith writes Wealth of Nations
- 1789 - French Revolution
- 1804 - Haitian independence
- 1815 - Congress of Vienna
- 1820s- Independence in Latin America
- 1839 - 1st 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
- 1898 - Spanish-American War - US acquires Philippines, Cuba, Guam, & Puerto Rico
- 1899 - Boer War - British in control of South Africa
- 1905 - Russo-Japanese war
- 1910 -1920 - Mexican Revolution
- 1911- Chinese Revolution

1914-present

- 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/nationalization 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 - 1st Palestinian Intifada
- 1989 - Tiananmen Square/fall of Berlin Wall
- 1991 - fall of USSR/1st Gulf war
- 1994 - genocide in Rwanda/1st all race elections in S. Africa
- 2001 - 9/11 Attacks