**1000-1099**

**1054**Final split between Eastern and Western Christianity  
**1066**Norman conquest of England  
**1096**Start of First Crusade (Jerusalem taken 1099)

**1100-1199**  
**1155**Genghis Khan born  
**1187** Muslims under Saladin retake Jerusalem

**1200-1299**

**1204**Fourth Crusade attacks, takes Constantinople  
**1215** Magna Carta sealed by King John  
**1237** Mongols conquer Russia  
**1258** British House of Commons established  
**1271** Marco Polo travels to China  
**1272** Thomas Aquinass Summa Theologica published

**1300-1399**

**1321** Dantes Divine Comedy published  
**1349** Black Death kills third of English population  
**1368** Ming Dynasty established in China  
**1387** Chaucers Canterbury Tales published

**1400-1499**

**1414** Publication of Thomas ` Kempis Imitation of Christ  
**1434** Cosimo de Medici becomes ruler of Florence  
**1441** Portuguese navigators begin slave trade  
**1453** Gutenberg Bible printed using moveable type; Turks conquer Constantinople and end Byzantine Empire  
**1487** Portuguese sail to South America  
**1492** Columbus discovers America  
**1497** Vasco da Gama discovers a sea route to India

**1500-1599**

**1503** DaVincis Mona Lisa painted  
**1508** Michelangelo begins painting Sistine Chapel ceiling  
**1509** Henry VIII becomes King of England  
**1513** Ponce de Leon discovers Florida; Balboa discovers the Pacific Ocean  
**1517** Martin Luther posts 95 Theses in Wittenberg; Spanish conquistadors land in Mexico, begin conquest of the Aztecs and central America  
**1519** Magellan begins circumnavigation of the earth  
**1522** Luther completes translation of the New Testament into German  
**1525** Anabaptist Swiss Brethren organized in Zurich; William Tyndales English Bible printed in Germany  
**1531** Henry VIII becomes Supreme Head of the church in England  
**1532** Machiavellis The Prince published  
**1536** Calvin’s Institutes of the Christian Religion published  
**1541** John Knox leads Calvinist Reformation in Scotland  
**1542** Portuguese traders and Jesuit missionaries arrive in Japan  
**1558** Elizabeth I crowned Queen of England  
**1563** General outbreak of the Black Plague in Europe  
**1564** William Shakespeare born  
**1572** St. Bartholomews Day massacre in Paris-2,000 Protestants killed  
**1577** Sir Francis Drake begins around-the-world cruise  
**1582** Gregorian calendar adopted  
**1588** Spanish Armada destroyed in the English Channel  
**1596** Galileo invents the thermometer

**1600-1699**

**1602** Dutch East India Company founded  
**1605** Cervantess Don Quixote published  
**1607** First permanent English settlement in America at Jamestown  
**1608** Galileo constructs astronomical telescope  
**1611** Authorized King James Bible published   
**1619** Harvey discovers the circulation of the blood  
**1620** Pilgrims sail from Holland to New England-establish Plymouth  
**1626** Peter Minuit buys Manhattan Island from Indians for the equivalent of $24  
**1630** Massachusetts Bay Puritan colony founded  
**1642** English Civil War begins  
**1649** Charles I beheaded  
**1653** Oliver Cromwell becomes Lord Protector of England  
**1663** John Newton develops the binomial theorem  
**1665** Isaac Newton invents differential calculus  
**1685** Chinese ports opened to foreign trade  
**1689** Peter the Great becomes Czar of Russia; first modern trade fair held at Leiden, Holland  
**1695** English government ends press censorship

**1700-1799**

**1702** First daily newspaper, The Courant, begins publication in London  
**1724** Paris Bourse (stock market) established  
**1730** Methodist denomination founded by the Wesleys

**1755** Lisbon earthquake kills 30,000  
**1756** W. A. Mozart born in Salzburg  
**1759** Voltaires Candide published  
**1762** Rousseau writes The Social Contract  
**1770** Beethoven born in Bonn; the Boston Massacre; Captain James Cook discovers Botany Bay, Australia  
**1771** Encyclopedia Britannica published  
**1775** American Revolution begins; James Watt perfects the steam engine  
**1776** U.S. Declaration of Independence signed; Adam Smith publishes The Wealth of Nations  
**1781** British surrender at Yorktown, ending war  
**1788** Wilberforce introduces parliamentary motion to ban the slave trade; U.S. Constitution ratified  
**1789** French Revolution begins with the storming of the Bastille; George Washington becomes first U.S. president; first steam driven cotton mill opens in Manchester, England  
**1791** U.S. Bill of Rights (First 10 Amendments) ratified  
**1793** Eli Whitney invents cotton gin  
**1796** Edward Jenner introduces vaccination against smallpox  
**1799** Rosetta Stone found in Egypt

**1800-1899**

**1803** Louisiana Territory purchased by U.S. from France  
**1804** Napoleon proclaimed Emperor of the French  
**1805** British win naval battle of Trafalgar  
**1806** Lewis and Clark Expedition begins  
**1807** Robert Fultons steam paddle wheeler Claremont sails the Hudson River; England prohibits the slave trade  
**1812** U.S. declares War on Britain  
**1814** George Stephenson constructs the first practical steam locomotive; U.S.-Britain War ends with the Treaty of Ghent  
**1815** Napoleon defeated by Wellington at Waterloo  
**1817** Simon Bolivar establishes the independent nation of Venezuela  
  
**1821** Farraday discovers the fundamentals of electromagnetism  
**1824** Beethovens 9th symphony performed in Vienna; Simon Bolivar proclaimed Emperor of Peru  
**1830** First sewing machine invented by Thimonnier in Paris  
**1831** Charles Darwin sails in the Beagle to South America, New Zealand, and Australia  
**1837** Victoria becomes Queen of England; Samuel F. B. Morse demonstrates the electric telegraph  
**1839**Charles Goodyear invents vulcanization of rubber  
**1846** U.S. declares war on Mexico-gains California, Arizona, New Mexico  
**1848** Communist Manifesto issued by Marx and Engels  
**1849** Dickens’s David Copperfield published  
**1850** Public libraries established in Britain  
**1854** The Crimean War (Turkey, Britain, France vs. Russia)  
**1859** Darwin’s Origin of Species published; drilled at.  
**1861** Civil War begins in the United States  
**1862** Lincoln issues Emancipation Proclamation  
**1864** Louis Pasteur invents pasteurization process  
**1865** U.S. Civil War ends with defeat of secessionist South; Joseph Lister initiates antiseptic surgery  
**1866** Nobel invents dynamite  
**1867** Karl Marxs Das Kapital published  
**1869** Suez Canal opened  
**1870** Franco-Prussian War brings end to 2nd Empire-France becomes a Republic  
**1876** Stanley finds Livingston in Africa  
**1877** Thomas Edison invents phonograph  
**1884** Mark Twains Huckleberry Finn published  
**1888** Eastman perfects the Kodak box camera  
**1891** Construction of the Trans-Siberian railroad begins  
**1892** Rudolf Diesel patents the internal combustion engine  
**1895** Roentgen invents X-rays; Marconi invents radio telegraphy  
**1896** Theodor Herzl publishes The Jewish State-beginning of modern Zionism  
**1898** United States declares war on Spain, takes Philippines, Puerto Rico, et. al.-becomes world power; Count Zeppelin builds his lighter-than-air ship  
**1899** John Dewey writes School and Society; Boer War begins in South Africa (goes on until 1902)

**1900-1999**

**1900** Max Planck formulates quantum theory; Sigmund Freud publishes The Interpretation of Dreams  
**1901** Marconi transmits a radio message across the Atlantic  
**1903** Wright brothers fly at Kitty Hawk, N.C.  
**1904** Russo-Japanese War  
**1905** Einstein formulates the Special Theory of Relativity  
**1907** Boy Scouts founded by Baden-Powell  
**1908** Ford Model T first produced  
**1911** Roald Amundsen reaches the South Pole; Chinese Republic established  
**1913** U.S. Federal income tax established (16th Amendment); Henry Ford starts assembly-line manufacturing  
**1914** First World War begins in Europe  
**1915** Alexander Graham Bell makes first trans-continental phone call; Einstein postulates his General Theory of Relativity  
**1917** U.S. enters world war; Russian Revolution-Czar abdicates, Lenin becomes Chief Commissar  
**1918** World War I ends as Germany surrenders  
**1920** League of Nations established; 19th Amendment establishes womens suffrage in the U.S.  
**1922** Mussolini forms fascist government in Italy; insulin first administered to diabetics; Turkish Republic proclaimed by Atatuk  
**1923** Sound motion pictures demonstrated by Lee DeForest  
**1928** First scheduled TV broadcast in Schnectady, N.Y.  
**1929** Construction of the Empire State Building begins; U.S. stock market crashes  
**1930** J.M. Keynes writes Treatise on Money  
**1933** Adolf Hitler becomes Chancellor Germany  
**1935** British develop radar  
**1937** First jet engine built  
**1939** Germany invades Poland-World War II begins; Winston Churchill becomes prime minister of Britain  
**1941** Japan attacks Pearl Harbor-U.S. enters war  
**1942** Enrico Fermi splits the atom; first automatic computer developed in U.S.; first U.S. jet plane tested by Bell Aircraft; C.S. Lewiss Screwtape Letters published  
**1943** Penicillin used to treat chronic diseases  
**1944** D-Day Landing by allies in Normandy  
**1945** Hitler commits suicide, Germany surrenders; atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan surrenders  
**1946** Churchill delivers Iron Curtain speech; United Nations established  
**1947** British India divided into India and Pakistan and granted independence by Britain; Dead Sea Scrolls found in Palestine  
**1948** Israel established by UN-Arabs attack; Kinsey Report on human sexuality published  
**1949** Communists under Mao Tse-tung gain control of China; NATO alliance formed by U.S. and western European nations to counter USSR aggression  
**1950** North Korea invades South Korea-U.S. comes to the aid of the south; electric power produced by atomic energy; Ludwig Von Mises writes Socialism: An Economic and Sociological Analysis  
**1952** Korean Armistice signed at Panmunjom; Mt. Everest climbed by Sir Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay  
**1953** U.S. Supreme Court outlaws school segregation (Brown vs. Board of Education); World Council of Churches formed; Salk polio vaccine administered; nuclear submarine launched by U.S.  
**1955** Rosa Parks refuses to move to the rear of a bus-Civil Rights movement begins  
**1956** USSR invades Hungary-crushes anti-Communist rebellion; Churchill publishes his History of the English Speaking Peoples; Britain, France, and Israel invade Egypt to protect canal  
**1957** USSR launches Sputnik-first earth satellite; European Common Market established  
**1958** Fidel Castro gains control of Cuba and expropriates U.S. property; Charles DeGaulle becomes president under 5th French Republic  
**1960** USSR sends first man into orbit, U.S. sends first man into space; Belgian Congo gains independence  
**1961** Cuban Missile Crisis  
**1962** Civil Rights March on Washington led by Martin Luther King; Michael DeBakey uses an artificial heart for the first time; nuclear test ban treaty signed by U.S., USSR, and Britain  
**1963** President John F. Kennedy assassinated in Dallas  
**1965** U.S. involvement in Vietnam war escalates; Medicare established in U.S.  
**1966** Martin Luther King shot to death in Memphis, Tenn.  
**1967** Arabs attack Israel and lose West Bank, Sinai in six-day war  
**1968** Czech Spring liberalization crushed by USSR  
**1969** Apollo 11 lands on the moon; Neil Armstrong first man on the moon  
**1972** Dow-Jones Industrial Average passes 1000 for the first time  
**1973** Roe vs. Wade decision by U.S. Supreme Court legalizes abortion; renewed Arab-Israeli War-Israel takes Golan Heights  
**1975** South Vietnam collapses, U.S. evacuates  
**1977** British scientists report complete gene mapping of a living organism  
**1978** Test tube baby born in England; Polish Cardinal Karol Wojtyla becomes Pope John Paul II-first non-Italian to be pope in 456 years  
**1979** Ayatollah Khomeini leads Iranian revolution-over 100 U.S. citizens taken hostage as Muslims raid U.S. Embassy in Tehran; Margaret Thatcher becomes British prime minister; USSR invades Afghanistan  
**1980** Ronald Reagan elected U.S. president; Iraq invades Iran, begins eight-year stalemate war  
**1981** IBM markets first personal computer  
**1982** Falklands War-Britain repulses Argentine invasion  
**1983** Compact discs first sold  
**1984** Apple Macintosh with a mouse is first marketed; AIDS virus discovered  
**1986** Space shuttle Challenger explodes, killing seven  
**1988** Soviet troops begin withdrawal from Afghanistan  
**1989** Berlin Wall demolished; non-Communist government in power in Poland; Romanian Communist government falls; free government established in Hungary; Chinese troops massacre student protesters in Tiananmen Square in Beijing  
**1990** Nelson Mandela freed from 25 years imprisonment; Iraq invades Kuwait; East and West Germany are reunified  
**1991** USSR collapses-Cold War ends; U.S. and allies invade Iraq (Gulf War)  
**1995** NATO troops enter Bosnia as peacekeepers; Nelson Mandela elected president of South Africa  
**1997** Britain returns Hong Kong colony to China  
**1998** Former Soviet-bloc members Czech Republic, Hungary, and Poland join NATO alliance; Clinton is first elected U.S. president to be impeached  
**1999** EURO common currency and multinational central bank established by EEC countries; NATO air forces attack Serbia over Kosovo ethnic cleansing