

A historical timeline

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

1151

Hippocratic Oath adopted by Italian physicians

1155

Genghis Khan born

1170

Thomas à Becket murdered at Canterbury

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 Aquinas's Summa Theologica published

1300-1399

1321

Dante's Divine Comedy published

1349

Black Death kills third of English population

1368

Ming Dynasty established in China

1387

Chaucer's Canterbury Tales published

1400-1499

1414

Publication of Thomas à Kempis's 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

Portugese sail to South America

1492

Columbus discovers America

1497

Vasco da Gama discovers a sea route to India

1500-1599

1503

DaVinci's 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 Tyndale's English Bible printed in Germany

1531

Henry VIII becomes "Supreme Head" of the church in England

1532

Machiavelli's The Prince published

1536

Calvin's Institutes of the Christian Religion published

1541

John Knox leads Calvinist Reformation in Scotland

1542

Portugese traders and Jesuit missionaries arrive in Japan

1546

Mercator states that the earth has a magnetic pole

1558

Elizabeth I crowned Queen of England

1563

General outbreak of the Black Plague in Europe

1564

William Shakespeare born

1572

St. Bartholomew's 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

Cervantes's Don Quixote published

1607

First permanent English settlement in America at Jamestown

1608

Galileo constructs astronomical telescope

1611

Authorized "King James" Bible published

1616

Shakespeare dies

1619

Harvey discovers the circulation of the blood

1620

Pilgrims sail from Holland to New England-establish Plymouth

1623

First patent law enacted in England

1626

Peter Minuit buys Manhattan Island from Indians for the equivalent of \$24

1630

Massachusetts Bay Puritan colony founded

1636

Roger Williams establishes "free" Baptist colony at Providence

1642

English Civil War begins

1646

Westminster Assembly adopts Confession of Faith

1648

Taj Mahal completed in Agra, India

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

1675

Christopher Wren begins reconstruction of St. Paul's Cathedral in London

1678

John Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress published

1685

Chinese ports opened to foreign trade

1688

London underwriters begin meeting at Lloyd's Coffee House

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

1741

Jonathan Edwards preaches "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God"-Great Awakening in New England;
Handel's Messiah composed

1755

Lisbon earthquake kills 30,000

1756

W. A. Mozart born in Salzburg

1759

Voltaire's 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

1783

Britain recognizes U.S. independence at the Peace of Versailles

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 Fulton's steam paddle wheeler Clamont sails the Hudson River; England prohibits the slave trade

1811

Jane Austen's Sense and Sensibility published

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

1818

Napier constructs the flat-bed press

1821

Farraday discovers the fundamentals of electromagnetism

1824

Beethoven's 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

1834

Charles Babbage develops the principal behind modern computers; McCormick patents the reaper

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)

1857

First safety elevator developed and installed by E.G. Otis

1859

Darwin's Origin of Species published; first oil well drilled at Titusville, Pa.

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 Marx's 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

1880

Dostoyevsky's *The Brothers Karamazov* published; Edison devises the first practical electric lights

1884

Mark Twain's *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

1909

Robert Peary reaches the North Pole

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 women's suffrage in the U.S.

1922

Mussolini forms fascist government in Italy; insulin first administered to diabetics; Turkish Republic proclaimed by Ataturk

1923

Sound motion pictures demonstrated by Lee DeForest

1925

Scopes "Monkey Trial" in Dayton, Tenn.

1926

Robert Goddard launches first liquid-fuel rocket

1928

First scheduled TV broadcast in Schenectady, 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 of 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. Lewis's 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"