

## 15th century

England: England wins the Battle of Agincourt against France in 1415.

England: In 1431, Henry VI is crowned King of England.

England: Between 1455 and 1466, the War of the Roses, the English civil war between the House of Lancaster and the House of York, decimates the country.

England: Henry VI is deposed in 1461 in favor of Edward IV.

Germany: Gutenberg invents the printing press in Germany in 1439.

Germany: The Burgundy Wars envelop the continent between 1474 and 1477.

France: Joan of Arc influences French victory in the Hundred Years' War in 1429.

France: Joan of Arc is burned at the stake in 1431.

France: Louis XI becomes King in 1461, reigning until 1483.

Spain: Spain settles the Canary Islands in 1403, beginning the Spanish Empire.

Spain: In 1469, Spain is unified under Ferdinand II and Isabella I.

Spain: In 1481, the Spanish Inquisition begins.

Spain: Jews are expelled from Spain in 1492.

Italy: The Italian City-State falls apart during the Italian wars of 1497-1559.

Italy: Art flourishes: the Pieta is made in 1499 in Rome.

America: Christopher Columbus lands in the Americas in 1492.

America: Amerigo Vespucci, the namesake of the Americas, arrives in South America in 1499 and 1502.

## 16th century

England: Henry VIII defeats the French in 1513.

England: Edward VI becomes the King of England in 1547.

England: Elizabeth Tudor becomes Queen in 1558.

England: England defeats the Spanish Armada in 1588.

Germany: The Protestant Reformation begins in 1517.

Germany: Germany suffers from the German Peasants' War between 1524 and 1525.

Germany: Germany, allied with Spain, defeats France in 1525.

Germany: The Austrians win against the Ottoman Empire in Vienna in 1529.

France: Riots spread in 1572 due to the St. Bartholomew's Day massacre.

France: French population recovers its pre-Black Death population in the early 16th century.

France: Standardized French, Middle French, introduced in the 16th century.

France: Catherine de Medici, the mother of three kinds of France, is the Queen Regent of France between 1547 and 1559; she is considered the most powerful women in Europe.

Spain: Bartolome de las Casas is a witness to the subjugation of natives by Spanish conquistadors.

Spain: Charles V, Holy Roman Emperor and King of Spain born in 1500.

Spain: Spain suffers from famine in 1504.

Spain: Christopher Columbus dies in 1506.

Spain: Spain begins the Eighty Years' War against the Netherlands in 1566.

Spain: Spain and Portugal unite in 1580.

Italy: Michelangelo creates the David in Florence in 1501.

Italy: Leonardo da Vinci completes the Mona Lisa in 1506.

Italy: Michelangelo paints the Sistine Chapel in 1508 through 1512.

Italy: Machiavelli writes the Prince in 1513.

Italy: Rome is sacked in 1527.

Americas: First African slaves arrive in the Americas in 1502.

Americas: Smallpox breaks out in Hispaniola in 1507.

Americas: Vasco Nunez de Balboa arrives in Panama in 1513.

Americas: Hernan Cortes leads the conquest of Mexico from 1519 to 1521.

Americas: Hernando de Soto explores North America in 1539.

Americas: American Indians massacre missionaries in what will become Jamestown, Virginia in 1571.

Americas: Roanoke, Virginia founded in 1585.

Americas: Francisco Vasquez de Coronado sees the Grand Canyon in 1540.

## 17th century

England: England wins the Battle of Kinsale against Ireland and Spain in 1601.

England: King James VI succeeds Elizabeth I in 1603.

England: William Shakespeare dies in 1616.

England: The Wars of the Three Kingdoms occur between 1639 and 1651.

England: The English Civil War begins in 1642. King Charles I is executed in 1651.

England: In 1660, the English Restoration brings back the monarchy.

England: In 1665, London suffers a plague.

England: Peace comes to England with the Treaty of Westminster in 1674.

England: The Bank of England established in 1694.

Germany: The Peace of Zsitvatorok concludes the Long War between Austria and the Ottoman Empire in 1606.

Germany: George Federic Handel born in Germany in 1685.

Germany: Johannes Kepler born in 1571.

France: Francois Revailac commits regicide with the murder of King Henry IV in 1610.

France: Rene Descartes publishes The Discourse on the Method in 1637.

France: Civil War in France between 1648 and 1652.

France: Famine kills 2 million between 1692 1694.

France: Moliere born in France in 1622.

Spain: Twelve Year's Truce between Spain and the Netherlands during the Eighty Years' War in 1609.

Spain: Plague rocks Seville between 1647 and 1652.

Spain: Spain recognizes Portugal's independence in 1668.

Spain: Felix Lope de Vega born in 1562.

Italy: Pope Urban VIII elected in 1623.

Italy: St. Peter's Basilica completed in 1626.

Italy: Galileo Galilei goes to Rome for the Inquisition in 1633.

Italy: Venice becomes the site of the first opera house in 1637.

America: Jamestown is permanently settled in 1607.

America: Quebec City founded in 1608.

America: The Mayflower Pilgrims arrive in Cape Cod in 1620.

America: Harvard University is founded in 1636.

America: Hudson Bay Company founded in 1670.

America: Charleston founded in 1670.

America: Salem is the site of witch trials in 1692.

## 18th century

England: Kingdom of Great Britain in 1707.

England: The first copyright law is created in 1710 in Britain.

England: Edward Jenner administers the smallpox vaccine in 1796.

England: Jane Austen captures small town life in a series of novels.

Germany: The coldest winter of 500 years occurs in 1709.

Germany: Serfdom gradually abolished by the Austrian monarchy between 1781 and 1785.

Germany: Johann Wolfgang von Goethe writes.

Germany: Immanuel Kant writes.

France: Louis XIV dies in 1715.

France: France, Britain, and the Netherlands sign an alliance in 1717.

France: The Treaty of Paris is signed to end the Seven Years' War in 1763.

France: The French Revolution occurs between 1789 and 1799.

France: The Napoleonic Wars follow the French Revolution from 1803 to 1815.

France: The Marquis de Sade gains notoriety in the eighteenth century.

Spain: War of Spanish Succession wages from 1701 to 1714.

Spain: The Anglo Spanish war occurs between 1727 and 1729.

Spain: The Spanish maintain control over St. Augustine, Florida in 1740.

Italy: Venice loses independence after a thousand years with Napoleon's invasion in 1797.

America: James Lenox bought the Gutenberg Bible for the NYPL in 1847.

America: New Orleans founded in 1718.

America: The French and Indian War is fought between 1754 and 1763.

America: French Acadians displaced from Canada in 1755, continuing through 1763.

America: California missions established in 1769.

America: The Declaration of Independence is signed in 1776.

America: Los Angeles founded in 1781.

America: The US Constitution written in 1787.

America: The first American President, George Washington, is elected in 1789.

## 19th century

England: Ireland and Great Britain merge to form the United Kingdom in 1801.

England: The British win the Battle of Trafalgar against the French and Spanish in 1805.

England: Slave trading becomes illegal in Britain in 1807 and abolition bans slavery throughout the Empire in 1833.

England: England enjoys Pax Britannica between 1815 and 1914.

England: Charles Darwin tours from 1831 to 1836.

England: The Victorian Era, the apex of the British Empire, stretches from 1837 to 1901.

Germany: Beethoven astounds audiences with the Moonlight Sonata in 1802.

Germany: The University of Berlin is founded in 1810, inspiring university reform throughout the world.

Germany: The Berlin Conference ushers in European colonialism in Africa, while agreeing to ban the slave trade in 1884.

France: Napoleon crowns himself Emperor in 1804.

France: Napoleon dies in exile in 1821.

France: The Eiffel Tower is built in Paris in 1889.

France: Moulin Rouge opens in Paris in 1889.

Spain: The Spanish Inquisition ends in 1834.

Spain: The Ten Years' War between Cuba and Spain is fought between 1868 and 1878.

Spain: The First Republic in Spain exists for a year after 1874.

Italy: Pope Leo XIII generates the first Catholic document on Social Justice in 1891.

America: The US doubles in size with the Louisiana Purchase in 1803.

America: Mexico and Peru gain independence in 1821.

America: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints established in 1830.

America: Native Americans are forcibly removed through the Trail of Tears in 1838.

America: The first women's rights convention in the US held in Seneca Falls in 1848.

America: The Suez Canal is constructed between 1859 and 1869.

America: The American Civil war is fought between 1861 and 1865.

America: Slavery banned in the US in 1865.

## 20th century

England: The English crush the Easter Rising in Ireland in 1916.

England: The English sustain heavy losses during WWI.

England: Oxford University opens to women in 1920.

England: Queen Elizabeth II becomes the longest-reigning monarch of England.

Germany: Albert Einstein lives in Germany between 1914 and 1933.

Germany: Germany loses WWI in 1918.

Germany: Nazism rises in Germany in 1933.

Germany: Germany loses WWII in 1945.

Germany: The Berlin Wall is built in 1961.

Germany: East and West Germany are reunified in 1990.

France: Paris is the center of modernism in the early decades of the twentieth century.

France: The Channel Tunnel opens between London and Paris in 1994.

Spain: Civil War in France in 1936.

Spain: The Spanish miracle ushers in a period of economic growth between 1959 and 1973.

Spain: The monarchy is restored in 1975.

Spain: In 1976, a transition to democracy begins.

Italy: King Umberto is assassinated in 1900.

Italy: Montessori education begins in 1907.

Italy: Fascism rises in Italy in 1922.

Italy: Italy surrenders to the Allies in 1943.

Italy: Italy joins the UN in 1955.

Italy: A Neolithic hunter's body is found in the Alps in 1991.

Italy: Italy joins the Eurozone in 1999.

America: The United States builds the first atom bomb, detonating its first test on July 16, 1945.

America: The Civil Rights Movement rocks the United States in the 1960s.

America: The first PC is invented in the United States in 1957.