

## Events

### 15th century: GERMANY

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. -  
Germany: George von Peurbach lectures to kings and emperors about Ptolemaic astronomy. +  
Germany: Albrecht Dürer is one of the greatest woodcut artists of the century. +  
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. -  
France: France suffers heavy losses during the battle of Agincourt. -  
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. +  
Italy: Botticelli's works thrill viewers in Italy. +  
Italy: The Italian wars lead to the end of Italian city-states. -  
Americas: Christopher Columbus lands in the Americas in 1492. +  
Americas: Amerigo Vespucci, the namesake of the Americas, arrives in South America in 1499 and 1502.  
+  
Americas: Spanish colonization flourished in present-day Mexico. -  
Americas: Aztecs regularly require tributes from conquered city-states. -

### 16th century: ITALY

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. -  
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 kings 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: Spain suffers from famine in 1504. -  
Spain: Spain begins the Eighty Years' War against the Netherlands in 1566. -  
Italy: Michelangelo creates the David in Florence in 1501. +

Italy: Leonardo da Vinci completes the Mona Lisa in 1506. +  
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: Hernan Cortes leads the conquest of Mexico from 1519 to 1521. -  
Americas: Francisco Vasquez de Coronado sees the Grand Canyon in 1540. +

### 17th century: SPAIN

England: William Shakespeare dies in 1616. -  
England: The English Civil War begins in 1642. King Charles I is executed in 1651. -  
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 Westphalia concludes the Thirty Years War between Austria and the Ottoman Empire in 1648. +  
Germany: George Frederic Handel born in Germany in 1685. +  
France: Francois Revailac commits regicide with the murder of King Henry IV in 1610. -  
France: Civil War in France between 1648 and 1652. -  
France: Famine kills 2 million between 1692 and 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. +  
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. +  
Americas: The Mayflower Pilgrims arrive in Cape Cod in 1620. +  
Americas: Harvard University is founded in 1636. +

### 18th century: FRANCE

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. +  
Germany: The coldest winter of 500 years occurs in 1709. -  
Germany: Serfdom gradually abolished by the Austrian monarchy between 1781 and 1785. +  
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. -  
Spain: War of Spanish Succession wages from 1701 to 1714. -  
Spain: The Anglo Spanish war occurs between 1727 and 1729. -  
Italy: Venice loses independence after a thousand years with Napoleon's invasion in 1797. -  
Americas: The French and Indian War is fought between 1754 and 1763. -  
Americas: French Acadians displaced from Canada in 1755, continuing through 1763. -  
Americas: The Declaration of Independence is signed in 1776. +  
Americas: The US Constitution written in 1787. +

### 19th century: ENGLAND

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: 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. +  
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. +  
Americas: The US doubles in size with the Louisiana Purchase in 1803. +  
Americas: Native Americans are forcibly removed through the Trail of Tears in 1838. -  
Americas: The first women's rights convention in the US held in Seneca Falls in 1848. +  
Americas: The American Civil war is fought between 1861 and 1865. -

### 20th century: AMERICAS

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: 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: 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 joins the UN in 1955. +  
Americas: The United States builds the first atom bomb, detonating its first test on July 16, 1945. -  
Americas: The Civil Rights Movement rocks the United States in the 1960s. -  
Americas: The first PC is invented in the United States in 1957. +