### **Germany:**

Johannes Gutenberg introduces movable type printing in 1439. Germany +

### Germany:

Hans Holbein the Elder transitioned German art from Gothic to Renaissance style. Germany +

### **Germany:**

George von Peuerbach lectures to kings and emperors about Ptolemaic astronomy. Germany +

# Germany:

Albrecht Dürer is one of the greatest woodcut artists of the century.

Germany +

# Italy:

Michelangelo carves the Pietà in Rome. Italy +

# Italy:

Botticelli's paintings represent the Golden Age of Renaissance art. Italy +

### Italy:

The Italian wars lead to the end of Italian city-states.
Italy -

Italy:
The Papacy returns to Rome, but the city is in decay.
Italy -

### Spain:

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

# Spain:

Spain is unified under Ferdinand II and Isabella I. Spain +

# Spain:

The Spanish Inquisition begins in 1481.

Spain -

# Spain:

Jews are expelled from Spain in 1492. Spain -

#### France:

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

France +

England -

#### France:

Paris is established as the hub of France by King Francis I. France +

### France:

King Charles VI frequently suffers insanity.

France -

### France:

France suffers heavy losses to England during the battle of Agrincourt.

France –

England +

# England:

England wins the Battle of Agrincourt against France in 1415.

England +

France -

# England:

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

# England:

The War of the Roses decimates the country.
England -

# England:

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

#### Americas:

Amerigo Vespucci arrives in South America in 1499 and 1502. Americas +

#### Americas:

Christopher Columbus lands in the Americas in 1492. Americas +

#### Americas:

Spanish colonization flourished in present-day Mexico.

Spain +

Americas -

#### Americas:

Aztecs regularly require tributes from conquered city-states.

Americas -

#### **Germany:**

The German Renaissance spreads humanism.

Germany +

### **Germany:**

Martin Luther reforms the Catholic Church, creating Lutherans (and Protestantism). Germany +

### **Germany:**

The Bundschuh movement generates a wave of unsuccessful peasant rebellions.

Germany -

### Germany:

The Emperor of the Holy Roman Empire brings war to Germany.

Germany 
Italy +

# Italy:

Michelangelo creates the David in Florence in 1501.

Italy +

# Italy:

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

# Italy:

Machiavelli writes the Prince in 1513. Italy +

### Italy:

Titian and Raphael continue to lead innovation in not just Italian, but European art.

Italy +

### Spain:

Spanish conquistadores and explorers cross-cross the Americas.

Spain +

### Spain:

St. John of the Cross writes the best mystical poetry of Spanish literature.

Spain +

# Spain:

Bartolome de las Casas is a witness to the brutal subjugation of natives by conquistadors.

Spain -

# Spain:

Spain suffers from famine in 1504.

Spain -

#### France:

Catherine de Medici is the most powerful women in Europe.
France +

#### France:

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

#### France:

The French Wars of Religion rage from 1562-1598.

France -

#### France:

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

# England:

Elizabeth Tudor becomes Queen Elizabeth I in 1558. England +

# England:

England defeats the Spanish Armada in 1588. England + France -

# England:

Mary, Queen of Scots is executed by Queen Elizabeth I.

England -

# England:

King Henry VIII executes Anne Boleyn, Elizabeth I's mother. England -

#### Americas:

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

### Americas:

Jacques Cartier discovers Canada. Americas +

#### Americas:

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

#### Americas:

Hernan Cortes leads the conquest of Mexico from 1519 to 1521. Americas – Spain +

### **Germany:**

The Peace of Zsitvotorok ends the war between Austria and the Ottoman Empire in 1606. Germany +

# Germany:

George Federic Handel is born in 1685. Germany +

### **Germany:**

Danish King Christian IV invades Germany in 1625. Germany -

### Germany:

Frederick V accepts the Bohemian throne, provoking the German states.

Germany -

# Italy:

Pope Urban VIII elected in 1623. Italy +

# Italy:

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

### Italy:

Galileo Galilei is tried by the Inquisition in 1633. Italy -

# Italy:

Giordano Bruno is burned at the stake for advocating cosmic pluralism. Italy -

### Spain:

The Spanish navy holds onto
Anatolian islands
under attacks from the Ottomans.
Spain +

### Spain:

Spain enjoys its Golden Age, the Siglo de Oro, due to its vast empire. Spain +

### Spain:

Spain participates in the Peace of Westphalia. Spain + England + France +

### Spain:

Hapsburg rule continues through the end of the 17th century.

Spain +

#### France:

Molière is born in 1622. France +

#### France:

The Sun King, Louis XIV, establishes an absolute monarchy.

France +

#### France:

Francois Revaillac commits regicide in 1610.
France -

#### France:

Famine kills 2 million between 1692 and 1694. France -

# England:

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

England +

# England:

The Bank of England established in 1694. England +

# England:

The English Civil War begins in 1642, resulting in King Charles I's execution. - England: London suffers a plague in 1665.
England -

#### Americas:

The Mayflower Pilgrims arrive in Cape Cod in 1620.

Americas +

#### Americas:

Harvard University is founded in 1636.

Americas +

#### Americas:

The Salem witchcraft trials result in innocents executed as witches in 1692.

Americas -

#### Americas:

European settlers firmly establish slavery in the colonies.

Americas -

### Germany:

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

# Germany:

King Frederick William I rules a newly-centralized Prussia. Germany +

### **Germany:**

Austria and Prussia invade France, losing at the Battle of Valmy in 1792. Germany – France +

# **Germany:**

The coldest winter of 500 years occurs in 1709.

Germany -

### Italy:

The Trevi Fountain is completed in Rome.

Italy +

# Italy:

The Enlightenment comes to Italy under Holy Roman Emperor Joseph II. Italy +

### Italy:

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

Italy – France +

# Italy:

The Spanish rule Naples and Sicily after the Battle of Bitono in 1738. Italy -

### Spain:

Philip V rules over the first unified Spanish state. Spain +

### Spain:

Felipe de Neve founds Los Angeles during his time as governor of the Californias. Spain +

# Spain:

War of Spanish Succession wages from 1701 to 1714.

Spain -

# Spain:

The Anglo-Spanish War begins in 1796. Spain – England +

France, Britain, and the Netherlands sign the Triple Alliance in 1717.

France +

England +

#### France:

The Treaty of Paris is signed in 1783, ending the American Revolutionary War.

France +

Americas +

England -

French court etiquette becomes a symbol of refinement internationally.

France +

### France:

The French Revolution triggers the rise of democracy.
France +

The French Rococo style transforms
European taste.
France +

# England:

The Kingdom of Great Britain is created in 1707.

England +

# England:

Britain establishes the world's first copyright law.
England +

# England:

Scotland rises in a failed rebellion in 1714.
England -

# England:

The South Sea company loses its share price, resulting in the nation's economic decline.

England -

### Americas:

The Declaration of Independence is signed in 1776.

Americas +

England -

### Americas:

The US Constitution written in 1787.

Americas +

#### Americas:

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

Americas -

### Americas:

French Acadians are displaced from Canada and move south to Louisiana.

Americas -

# **Germany:**

Beethoven astounds audiences with the Moonlight Sonata in 1802.

Germany +

### **Germany:**

The University of Berlin is founded in 1810.

Germany +

# Germany:

The Berlin Conference brings European colonialism to Africa. Germany -

### **Germany:**

Napoleon's army crushes the Prussians at the Battle of Jena.

Germany –

France +

# Italy:

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

### Italy:

The Italian unification movement, or *Risorgimento*, centralizes Italy into one nation.

Italy +

Italy:
The Carbonari,
secret revolutionaries, terrify
authorities.
Italy -

# Italy:

Southern Italy suffers unequal social and economic status.

Italy -

# Spain:

The Spanish Inquisition ends in 1834.

Spain +

### Spain:

King Alfonso XII finally brings peace to Spain in 1874. Spain +

### Spain:

The Ten Years' War between Cuba and Spain is fought, ends in a draw between 1868 and 1878.

Spain –

Americas –

# Spain:

The First Republic in Spain exists for only a year: 1875.

Spain -

### France:

Napoleon dies in exile in 1821. France +

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

#### France:

Alfred Dreyfus is wrongfully convicted of treason due to anti-Semitism.

France -

Napoleon crowns himself Emperor in 1804. France -

# England:

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

# England:

Slavery is banned throughout the empire in 1833.

England +

# England:

England enjoys Pax Britannica between 1815 and 1914. England +

# England:

The British Empire reaches its apex between 1837 and 1901.
England +

### Americas:

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

Americas +

### Americas:

The first women's rights convention in the US held in Seneca Falls in 1848. Americas +

#### Americas:

The American Civil War is fought between 1861 and 1865.

Americas -

#### Americas:

Native Americans are forcibly removed through the Trail of Tears in 1838. Americas -

### Germany:

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

### Germany:

East and West Germany are reunified in 1990.

Germany +

# Germany:

Germany loses WWI in 1918.

Germany -

Americas +

France +

England +

### Germany:

Nazism rises in Germany in 1933. Germany -

Italy:

Montessori education begins in 1907. Italy +

**Italy:**Italy joins the UN in 1955.
Italy +

**Italy:**Fascism rises in Italy in 1922.
Italy -

# Italy:

King Umberto is assassinated in 1900. Italy -

### Spain:

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

Spain +

# Spain:

In 1976, a transition to democracy begins. Spain +

# Spain:

Miguel Primo de Rivero rules as dictator between 1923 and 1930. Spain -

### Spain:

Civil War wracks Spain between 1936 and 1939. Spain -

#### 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. France + England +

#### France:

Tensions between regional and national culture persist throughout the century.

France –

France is occupied by Germany during World War II.

France –

Germany +

# England:

Oxford University opens to women in 1920.
England +

# England:

Queen Elizabeth II
will become the longest-reigning
monarch of England.
England +

# **England:**

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

# England:

The English sustain heavy losses during WWI.

England -

### Americas:

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

Americas +

#### Americas:

The United States begins to address concerns regarding
Civil Rights and Women's Rights.

Americas +

### Americas:

American popular culture dominates the world through radio, television, and film. Americas +

### Americas:

The United States becomes the strongest economy in the world following WWII.

Americas +