

World History Events 4000 - 500 BC

Where did the first recorded civilization originate in the 4th century?
Mesopotamia (modern Iraq).

What type of writing was developed by Sumerian scribes?
Pictographs.

What were the temples, multi-level buildings with steps, of the Sumerians called?
Ziggurats..

Which age of weaponry came first: the Bronze Age or the Iron Age?
Bronze Age.

Which of the Seven Wonders of the World was built in Babylon?
Hanging Gardens.

Name the eras of Egyptian history from 2575-1070 BC.
Old, Middle and New Kingdoms.

What was the first paper, made from reeds along the Nile river, on which Egyptians hieroglyphs were written?
Papyrus.

What were the burial structures of Egyptian pharaohs' called?
Pyramids.

What Indian religion featured multiple gods and reincarnation?
Hinduism.

What was the early language of 2nd century BC India?
Sanskrit

What religion sought the state of nirvana (complete freedom from earthly desires)?
Buddhism.

World History Events 400 BC - AD 1400

Wars between Greek states Athens and Sparta ending in Athen's defeat in 404 BC.
Peloponnesian Wars.

What empire gained control of the entire Mediterranean region around 146 BC?
Rome.

The Punic Wars of the first and second centuries BC were between Rome and what city?
Carthage.

What year was Jesus Christ crucified?
AD 30.

What event led Roman Emperor Nero to first persecute Christians in AD 64?
Great fire of Rome.

What 4th century heresy nearly engulfed the Catholic Church by denying the divinity of Christ?
Arian.

What year did the Germanic king Odoacer conquer Rome bringing about the fall of the Western Empire?
AD 476.

What is the term for the 'holy war' that Islam used to rapidly spread their religion?
Jihad.

The date that Pope Leo III crowned Charlemagne the first Holy Roman Emperor.
Christmas Day, AD 800.

The event which weakened the absolute authority of the medieval Catholic Church in the 14th century AD.
Great Schism (rival claimants to the papacy).

The cause of the death of almost 25% of Europe's population in the 14th century.
Black death (bubonic plague).

World History Events AD 1400 - 1760

What city did the Ottoman Turks take on Pentecost Sunday, AD 1453?
Constantinople.

Site of the defeat of the Turkish navy by a smaller Christian fleet under Don Juan of Austria on October 7, 1571.
Lepanto.

Era marked by humanism, interest in classical culture, and new developments in science and the arts.
Renaissance.

Japanese warriors who help the shogun (military leader) isolate and dominate Japan from 1588-1853.
Samurai.

Instead of the God-centered Medieval worldview, what did humanism exalt as the 'measure of all things'?
Man.

Spanish Franciscan outposts that mixed evangelization of the Indians with training in agriculture and other trades.
Missions.

The first French settlement in Canada which fostered trade and friendship, rather than conquest, of the Indians.
Quebec.

The first permanent English settlement in North America (Virginia) in 1607.
Jamestown.

How did the European colonists in the New World address the need for labor to harvest crops?
Slaves from Africa.

Where did a British garrison die in 1756 after being seized by local Indian authorities?
Black Hole of Calcutta.

The other name for the Seven Years War which gave England Canada in 1763 and led to new Colonial taxes.
French and Indian War.

World History Events AD 1760 - 1918

The 18th century movement that taught man's reason alone was enough to solve the world's problems.
Enlightenment.

Who were the first 'colonists' in 18th century British colony of Australia?
Prisoners.

When did the American colonists adopt Thomas Jefferson's Declaration of Independence from Britain?
Declaration of Independence.

What 1789 nationalistic French document ignored God and promoted liberty, equality and fraternity?
Declaration of the Rights of Man.

What is the part of the 1789-1799 French Revolution wherein thousands were executed called?
Reign of Terror.

Where did the 18th century's Industrial Revolution, mixing technological progress and horrific working conditions, begin?
England.

What war resulted in the British burning Washington DC but losing to the Americans in New Orleans?
War of 1812.

The American Civil War (1861-1865) ended with the Southern Confederacy surrendering to the Union in what Virginia town?
Appomattox.

What other deadly weapon first appeared in World War I besides the tank, the submarine (U-boat), the airplane?
Poison gas.

The Treaty of Versailles, which ended World War I, placed devastating penalties and blame on what country?
Germany.

World History Events AD 1918 - 1945

The Catholic rebellion of 1926-1929 that lessened persecution of Catholics by the anti-clerical Mexican government.
Cristeros.

What September, 1929 event in America sparked the Great Depression which spread to the whole world?
Stock Market Crash.

Motion pictures were silent until this movie in October, 1927, became the first full-length 'talkie'.
Jazz Singer.

What country besides Germany and Italy was a member of the Axis powers in World War II?
Japan.

Where was the November 7, 1941 surprise attack that brought America into World War II?
Pearl Harbor.

What is the name for the June 6 landing/battle of Allied forces in German occupied Normandy?
D-Day.

Where is millions perish, including 6 million Jews, in planned extermination by Nazi Germany?
Concentration camps.

What was the cause of Hitler's initial defeat (which also started Napoleon's decline in the 19th century)?
Russian Winter.

What did the United States use to bomb Hiroshima and Nagasaki to force entrenched Japan to surrender in 1945?
Atomic Bomb.

What did Winston Churchill call the boundary between communist Eastern Europe and the West?
Iron Curtain.

World History Events AD 1946 - Present

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The struggle between the Western nations and the Communists from 1946 to 1991.
Cold War.

What city was a particular source of conflict in the Cold War in 1948 and again in 1961?
Berlin.

What country declared independence in May, 1948, and continues to be a center of conflict in the Middle East?
Israel.

What country invaded its neighbor in June, 1950, in a war that remains in an unresolved truce through the current day.
North Korea.

When did the United States and Soviet Union almost engage in nuclear war over missile sites constructed in Castro's communist Cuba?
1962

Where did the United States become directly involved in a bloody Cold War conflict from 1961-1973?
Vietnam.

What 1969 communications invention of the Pentagon revolutionized communication in the 1990's?
Internet.

When did United States astronauts led by Neil Armstrong win the 'space race' by walking on the moon?
1969.

Where was the first theocratic Islamic Republic formed in 1979 when the Ayatollah Khomeini deposed the ruling shah?
Iran.

Soviet President Gorbachev's perestroika led to this country's independence through the election of Solidarity in 1989.

Poland.

What date marks the bloody attack by Islamic terrorists who crashed planes into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon?

September 11, 2001.

