

The Renaissance/Reformation/Age of Exploration/Religious Wars/Scientific Revolution Timeline,
1450-1648

1341 - Petrarch crowned Poet Laureate in Rome

1378 - Black Death Hits Europe

1387 – Chaucer starts *The Canterbury Tales*

1397 - Establishment of the Medici Bank

1403 – Alberti begins work on the doors of the baptistery in Florence (Duomo)

1405 – Christine de Pisan’s *City of Ladies*

1406 – Florence Conquers Pisa

1415 – Burning at the stake of Jan Hus at the Council of Constance

1415 – Prince Henry the Navigator participates in capture of Ceuta in northwestern Africa

1417 – Great Schism comes to an end

1420s – Development of single-point perspective

1440 – Lorenzo Valla’s *On the Donation of Constantine*

1440s – Donatello’s *David*

1452 – Gutenberg prints Bible

1453 – End of the Hundred Years War

1453 – Fall of Constantinople

1454 – Treaty of Lodi

1469 – Marriage of Ferdinand of Aragon to Isabella of Castile

1485 – Henry VII begins Tudor dynasty following Battle of Bosworth (War of the Roses)

1486 – Pico’s *Oration on the Dignity of Man*

1485 – Bartholomew Dias sails around Cape of Good Hope

1492 – Columbus leaves Spain for what he believes will be Asia

1492 – Expulsion of the Jews from Spain/Reconquista of Spain completed

1492 – Lorenzo de Medici dies

1494 – King Charles VIII of France invades Italy

1498 – Vasco de Gama reaches the coast of India

1501 – Michelangelo’s *David*

1503 – Leonardo's *Mona Lisa*

1509 – Raphael's *School of Athens*

1513 – Machiavelli writes *The Prince*

1515 – Erasmus' *In Praise of Folly*

1516 – More's *Utopia*

1517 – Luther's *95 Theses*

1519 – Charles V becomes Holy Roman Emperor

1519 – Ferdinand Magellan sets out to circumnavigate the globe

1519 – Hernan Cortes lands on the coast of Mexico

1521 – Luther called before the Diet of Worms

1522 – Ignatius Loyola begins *The Spiritual Exercises*

1525 – German Peasant Revolt

1528 – Castiglione's *The Courtier*

1529 – Henry VIII summons the "Reformation Parliament"

1531 – Zwingli dies in battle

1531 – Francisco Pizarro sets out for Peru

1534 – Henry VIII's Act of Supremacy

1534 – Anabaptists seize Munster

1535 – Sir Thomas More executed by Henry VIII

1536 – Calvin publishes first edition of his *Institutes*

1540 – Jesuits receive official papal sanction as religious order

1540 – Henry VIII marries Anne Boleyn

1543 – Copernicus publishes his *Concerning the Revolutions of the Celestial Spheres*

1543 – Andreas Vesalius writes *De humani corporis fabrica* with its critique of the anatomical work of Galen

1545 – Council of Trent convenes

1553 – End of reign of Edward VI of England

1555 – Peace of Augsburg

1556 – Philip II becomes King of Spain after Charles V abdicates

1558 – Death of Queen Mary of England

1558 – Beginning of reign of Elizabeth Tudor

1559 – Frederick III of the Palatinate converts to Calvinism

1559 – Death of King Henry II of France

1559 – Elizabethan religious settlement

1562 – Beginning of the French Wars of Religion

1571 – Battle of Lepanto

1572 – St. Bartholomew's Day Massacre during the French Wars of Religion

1587 – Execution of Mary, Queen of Scots

1588 – Failure of the Spanish Armada to invade England

1589 – Henry Bourbon becomes King Henry IV

1593 – Henry IV converts to Catholicism

1598 – Edict of Nantes

1602 – First known performance of Shakespeare's *Hamlet*

1602 – Dutch East India Company established

1603 – James I becomes king following death of Elizabeth

1603 – Michael Romanov begins new dynasty in Russia

1605 – Cervantes publishes first part of *Don Quixote*

1607 – Founding colony at Jamestown

1610 – Assassination of Henry IV (France)

1610 – Galileo begins astronomical observations with his telescope

1613 – Galileo publishes *Letters on Sunspots*

1616 – William Harvey announces his discovery of the circulatory system

1618 – Johannes Kepler reveals his third and final law of planetary motion

1618 – Beginning of the Thirty Years' War

1620 – Founding of Plymouth Colony

1620 – Francis Bacon publishes *Novum Organum*

1624 – Cardinal Richelieu becomes Louis XIII's chief minister

1625 – Charles I becomes king upon death of James I

1628 – Petition of Right

1629 – Edict of Restitution

1629 – Personal Rule of Charles I begins and will last eleven years

1632 – Gustavus Adolphus dies at the Battle of Lutzen

1632 – Galileo's *Dialogue on the Two Chief Systems of the World*

1633 – Trial of Galileo

1637 – Charles introduces the Book of Common Prayer into Scotland

1637 – Renee Descartes publishes *Discourse on the Mind*

1640 – Beginning of the reign of Frederick William (Great Elector)

1640 – Charles forced to summon Parliament to deal with Scottish revolt

1641 – Rebellion in Ireland

1642 – Issuing of Grand Remonstrance

1642 – Beginning of English Revolution

1643 – Five-year-old Louis XIV becomes King of France

1645 – Execution of Archbishop Laud

1648 – Peace of Westphalia