

# Important Dates in European History

1. 1450 Movable printing press
2. 1452-1519 Da Vinci
3. 1453 Ottomans capture Constantinople
4. 1485 Henry VII (Tudors) becomes first Tudor king of England
5. 1492 Expulsion of Jews from Spain
6. 1509 Erasmus, Praise of Folly
7. 1512 Lateran Council; start of Reformation
8. 1513 Machiavelli, The Prince
9. 1516 More, Utopia
10. 1516 Concordat of Bologna
11. 1517 Luther's Ninety-Five theses
12. 1519-1556 Charles V Holy Roman Emperor
13. 1519-1522 Magellan circumnavigates the globe
14. 1524-1525 Peasant's Revolt in Germany
15. 1527 Imperial sack of Rome
16. 1528 Castiglione, Book of the Courtier
17. 1532-1534 Henry VIII breaks with Rome
18. 1534 Act of Supremacy
19. 1535 Thomas More executed
20. 1536 Pilgrimage of Grace
21. 1541 Calvin establishes a theocracy in Geneva
22. 1546 Luther died; start of religious wars
23. 1550-1725 Baroque movement
24. 1555 Peace of Augsburg (cuius regio, eius religio)
25. 1556-1598 Philip II of Spain
26. 1561-1626 Francis Bacon
27. 1563 End of Council of Trent; end of Reformation
28. 1564-1642 Galileo
29. 1566-1609 Revolt in the Netherlands
30. 1572 St Bartholomew's Day Massacre
31. 1588 Defeat of Spanish armada
32. 1598 Edict of Nantes
33. 1598-1613 Time of Troubles in Russia
34. 1603 Death of Elizabeth I; end of the Renaissance
35. 1603-1625 Reign of James I
36. 1618-1648 Thirty Years' War
37. 1625-1649 Reign of Charles I of England
38. 1630 Puritans settle Boston
39. 1642 Death of Richelieu
40. 1642-1649 English Civil War
41. 1643-1715 Louis XIV
42. 1648-1653 The Fronde in France
43. 1651 Navigation Acts
44. 1658 Cromwell died
45. 1660 Restoration of English monarchy
46. 1663-1683 Colbert's commercialism in France
47. 1665 Plague hits London
48. 1666 Great Fire of London
49. 1673 Test Act in England
50. 1685 Revocation of the Edict of Nantes
51. 1685-1688 Reign of James II
52. 1688-1689 Glorious Revolution in England
53. 1687 Newton, Principia
54. 1689 Montesquieu born; start of the Enlightenment
55. 1690 Locke, Second Treaties on Civil Government
56. 1701 Tull invents the seed drill - start of Agricultural Revolution
57. 1701-1713 War of Spanish Succession
58. 1701 Foundation of St. Petersburg
59. 1707 Act of Union with Scotland
60. 1712 Savery and Newcomen steam pump
61. 1713 Peace of Utrecht
62. 1715-1774 Reign of Louis XV of France
63. 1774-1792 Reign of Louis XVI of France
64. 1720 Last appearance of the bubonic plague
65. 1733 Kay's flying shuttle
66. 1740-48 War of Austrian Succession

67. **1748 Treaty of Aix-la-Chapelle ends war of Austrian Succession**
68. **1740-1780 Reign of Maria Theresa of Austria**
69. **1751-1765 Publication of the Encyclopedia by Diderot and d'Alembert**
70. **1756-63 Seven Years War (French and Indian War)**
71. **1762-96 Reign of Catherine the Great of Russia**
72. **1765 Hargreaves invents the spinning jenny**
73. **1765 Richard Arkwright invents the water frame**
74. **1770-1827 Beethoven**
75. **1776 Smith, Wealth of Nations**
76. **1789 Start of the French Revolution**
77. **1790-1850 Romantic movement**
78. **1798 Malthus, Essay on the Principle of Population**
79. **1799-1814 Napoleonic era**
80. **1814-15 Congress of Vienna**
81. **1819 Battle of Peterloo**
82. **1825 First railroad in Britain**
83. **1830s-40s Height of French Utopian socialism**
84. **1830 Revolution in France**
85. **1832 Reform Bill**
86. **1834 Poor Law Reform**
87. **1834 German Zollverein founded**
88. **1848 Marx, Communist Manifesto**
89. **1848 England complete occupation of India**
90. **1852-1870 Second Empire in France**
91. **1853-1856 Crimean War**
92. **1859 Darwin, Origin of Species**
93. **1862-1890 Bismarck in power**
94. **1864-1871 Unification of Germany**
95. **1864 Pope Pius IX, Syllabus of Errors**
96. **1867 Second Reform Bill**
97. **1869 Suez canal opens**
98. **1870-1940 Third Republic in France**
99. **1878 Congress of Berlin**
100. **1885 Berlin Conference**
101. **1880-1900 Scramble for Africa**
102. **1896 Kruger Telegram**
103. **1898 Fashoda crisis**
104. **1894-1899 Dreyfus case**
105. **1899 Kipling, "The White Man's Burden"**
106. **1899-1902 Boer War**
107. **1904 Entente Cordiale (England and France)**
108. **1907 Anglo-Russian Treaty**
109. **1914 World War I**
110. **1916 Easter Rising, Dublin**
111. **1925 Locarno Pact**
112. **1939 Start of World War II in Europe**
113. **1956 Suez Crisis**
114. **1957 Treaty of Rome - created European Economic Community**
115. **1972 "Bloody Sunday" in Northern Ireland**