

APWH Must Know Dates:
In Bold - know by date, not in bold - know chronologically

600-1450

622 - Rise of Islam

730 Printing invented in China

732 - Battle of Tours (end of Muslim move to France)

900- Decline of classical Maya

1054 - Schism of Greek and Latin Christian Churches divides Christianity permanently into two geographical and denominational halves.

1066 - Norman Conquest of England

1071 - Seljuk defeat of Byzantines (Battle of Manzikert)

1095 - 1st Crusade

1206 Genghis Khan begins his conquest of Asia.

1215 Magna Carta signed by King John at Runnymede: beginning of constitutional rule.

1258 - Mongols sack Baghdad

1271-1295 - Marco Polo travels

1300s - Rise of Ottomans

1324 - Mansa Musa's pilgrimage

1325-1349 - travels of Ibn Battuta

1347-1348 - Bubonic plague in Europe

1433 - end of Zheng He's voyages

1438 - Rise of the Inca

1450-1750

1453 - Ottomans capture Constantinople

1486 - Aztec Empire at its height

1488 - Dias rounded Cape of Good Hope

1492 - Columbus sailed to Hispaniola/Reconquista of Spain

1502 - first African slaves transported to Caribbean

1517 - Martin Luther/*95 theses* - Protestant Reformation

1521- Cortez conquered the Aztecs

1533- Pizarro toppled the Inca

1545 - discovery of silver at Potosi

1571 - Battle of Lepanto - naval defeat of Ottomans

1588 - defeat of the Spanish Armada

1600 - Battle of Sekigahara - beginning of Tokugawa Shogunate

1607 - founding of Jamestown (first slaves there in 1619)

1618-1648 - 30 years war in Europe

1644 - End of Ming Dynasty - rise of the Qing

1652 - Establishment of Cape Town Colony

1683- unsuccessful Ottoman siege of Vienna

1689 - Glorious Revolution/English Bill of Rights

1750-1900

1756-1763 -7 years war/French and Indian War

Industrial Revolution begins – steam locomotive, textiles, etc.

1767 - Invention of the Spinning Jenny: man-using machines

1775 - The American Declaration of Independence

1776 - American Revolution/Smith writes *Wealth of Nations*

1789 - French Revolution - The French Declaration of the Rights of Man and Citizen

- Olympe de Gouges's "Declaration of the Rights of Women and the Female Citizen"(1791)
- Mary Wollstonecraft's *A Vindication of the Rights of Woman* (1792)

1796 - Edward Jenner's smallpox vaccination: the first real breakthrough in combating infectious diseases

1804 - Haitian independence

1807 - British Abolition of the slave trade

1810-1825 - Latin American independence (first Mexican Revolution)

1815 - Metternich hosts Congress of Vienna (after Battle of Waterloo: the Napoleonic Empire ends)

1839 - 1st opium war between China and England

1848 - European revolutions/Marx & Engels write *Communist Manifesto* / [The resolutions passed at the Seneca Falls Conference in 1848](#)

1853- Commodore Perry opens Japan

1857- Sepoy Mutiny in India

1861- end of Russian serfdom/Italian unification

1863 - *Emancipation Proclamation* issued in US

1871- German unification

1885 - Berlin Conference and Benz develops first petrol-driven car

1893 - New Zealand is the first to award women suffrage; other nations in the Commonwealth soon follow

1896 - Battle of Adwa - Ethiopians fend off Italians.

1898 - Spanish-American War - Spain loses colonies (Cuba, Puerto Rico and the Philippines)

1899 - Boer War - Dutch under British rule in South Africa

1900-present

1905 - Russo-Japanese war and Einstein's theory of special relativity published

1910 -1920 - Mexican Revolution / 1911- Chinese Revolution

1914 -1919 - WWI/ Treaty of Versailles / 1917 - Russian Revolution

1929 - stock market crash/Great Depression

1931 - Japanese invasion of Manchuria

1935 - Italian invasion of Ethiopia / 1939 - German blitzkrieg in Poland

1941 - Pearl Harbor / 1943 - Soviets defeat Germans at Stalingrad

1945 - end of WWII - and dropping of atomic bombs on Japan

1947 - freedom & partition of India

1948 - birth of Israel / [The U.N. Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#)

1949 - Chinese Communist Revolution

1950-1953 - Korean War / 1954 - Vietnamese defeat French at Dien Bien Phu

1956 - de-Stalinization/Nationalization of Suez Canal

1957 - Ghana is first African nation to gain independence

1959 - Cuban Revolution and Invention of the silicon chip (beginning of computer age).

1967 - 6 day war/Chinese Cultural Revolution

1973 - Yom Kippur War

1979 - Iranian Revolution

1987 - 1st Palestinian Intifada

1989 - Tiananmen Square/fall of Berlin Wall - Collapse of Communist regimes in Europe;

1990 - Namibia is the last country to gain independence in Africa

1991 - Fall of USSR/1st Gulf war

1994 - Genocide in Rwanda/1st all race elections in S. Africa

2001 - 9/11 attacks / War in Afghanistan

2007 - Great Global Recession begins

2011- Wikileaks - Tunisian, Egyptian, Libyan, Yemenese, Syrian, mmBahraini etc. democracy movement