

# EUROPEAN HISTORY OVERVIEW

<b>ERA</b>	<b>TIMELINE</b>	<b>KEY DEVELOPMENTS</b>	<b><i>HISTORICAL LEGACY</i></b>
<b>Classical Antiquity</b>	800 BCE - 476 CE	Greco-Roman philosophy, democracy in Athens, expansion of the Roman Empire, Rise of Christianity.	Foundations of Western law, art, and governance.
<b>The Middle Ages</b>	476 CE - 1450 CE	Feudalism, the Crusades, Gothic architecture, the Black Death, rise of Catholic Church power.	Formation of modern nation-state boundaries.
<b>Renaissance &amp; Reform</b>	1450 CE - 1648 CE	Humanism, printing press, Protestant Reformation, Age of Discovery, Scientific Revolution.	Shift toward individualism and secular inquiry.
<b>The Enlightenment</b>	1648 CE - 1789 CE	Absolutism vs. Constitutionalism, reason-based philosophy, American & French Revolutions.	Establishment of human rights and civil liberties.
<b>Industrial &amp; Modern</b>	1789 CE - 1914 CE	Industrial Revolution, Napoleonic Wars, Imperialism, Unification of Italy and Germany.	Global economic dominance and urbanization.

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<b>The Contemporary Era</b>	1914 CE - Present	World Wars, Cold War, formation of the EU, Decolonization, Information Age.	Global integration and technological revolution.