

# EUROPEAN HISTORY TIMELINE

A Comprehensive Chronological Overview

## CLASSICAL ANTIQUITY

**753 BCE**

### **Founding of Rome**

Traditional date for the founding of the city by Romulus and Remus.

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**476 CE**

### **Fall of the Western Roman Empire**

Odoacer deposes Romulus Augustulus, marking the start of the Middle Ages.

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## THE MIDDLE AGES

**800 CE**

### **Coronation of Charlemagne**

Pope Leo III crowns Charlemagne as Holy Roman Emperor.

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**1066 CE**

### **Battle of Hastings**

William the Conqueror leads the Norman conquest of England.

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**1347 CE**

### **The Black Death**

Bubonic plague enters Europe, decimating nearly one-third of the population.

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## RENAISSANCE & EARLY MODERN

**1453 CE**

### **Fall of Constantinople**

The Byzantine Empire falls to the Ottomans; end of the Middle Ages.

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**1517 CE**

### **The Protestant Reformation**

Martin Luther posts the 95 Theses in Wittenberg.

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**1789 CE**

**The French Revolution**

The storming of the Bastille triggers the end of absolute monarchy in France.

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**THE 20TH CENTURY**

**1914 CE**

**World War I Begins**

Assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand triggers global conflict.

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**1989 CE**

**Fall of the Berlin Wall**

The symbolic end of the Cold War and the Iron Curtain.

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**1993 CE**

**Formation of the European Union**

The Maastricht Treaty takes effect, creating the modern EU structure.

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