

EARLY MODERN EUROPE HISTORY

1450 - 1789 Timeline Reference

THE RENAISSANCE & REFORMATION (15TH - 16TH CENTURY)

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| c. 1450 | Gutenberg Press Invented The start of the printing revolution in Mainz, Germany. |
| 1492 | Columbus Reaches the Americas Beginning of global European expansion and the Columbian Exchange. |
| 1517 | 95 Theses Posted Martin Luther initiates the Protestant Reformation. |
| 1543 | Copernican Revolution Publication of 'On the Revolutions of the Heavenly Spheres'. |

RELIGIOUS WARS & ABSOLUTISM (17TH CENTURY)

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| 1618 - 1648 | Thirty Years' War Concluded with the Peace of Westphalia, shaping modern statehood. |
| 1643 - 1715 | Reign of Louis XIV The height of French Absolutism and the building of Versailles. |
| 1687 | Newton's Principia Establishment of the laws of motion and universal gravitation. |
| 1688 | The Glorious Revolution The establishment of constitutional monarchy in England. |

THE ENLIGHTENMENT & REVOLUTION (18TH CENTURY)

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| c. 1750 | Industrial Revolution Begins Initial transition to new manufacturing processes in Great Britain. |
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1762 The Social Contract Jean-Jacques Rousseau publishes influential political philosophy.

1789 French Revolution Begins The Storming of the Bastille and the end of the Ancien Regime.

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