

# HISTORICAL TIMELINE: 500 - 1600

## **500 - 1000 AD The Early Middle Ages (Dark Ages)**

Characterized by the fall of the Western Roman Empire, de-urbanization, and the rise of feudalism.

- *â€¢ Coronation of Charlemagne (800)*
- *â€¢ Viking Age expansion*

## **1000 - 1300 AD The High Middle Ages**

A period of rapid population growth, the rise of chivalry, and the peak of the Crusades.

- *â€¢ Magna Carta signed (1215)*
- *â€¢ Construction of Gothic Cathedrals*

## **1300 - 1450 AD The Late Middle Ages**

Marked by significant turmoil, including the Black Death and the Hundred Years' War.

- *â€¢ The Black Death (1347)*
- *â€¢ Invention of the Printing Press (1440)*

## **1450 - 1600 AD The Renaissance**

The "rebirth" of classical learning, explosive growth in the arts, and the Age of Discovery.

- *â€¢ Fall of Constantinople (1453)*
- *â€¢ Leonardo da Vinci & Michelangelo peak*