

# MIDDLE AGES TIMELINE

**476 AD**

**Fall of the Western Roman Empire** Traditional starting point of the Middle Ages following the deposition of Romulus Augustulus.

**800 AD**

**Coronation of Charlemagne** Charlemagne is crowned Holy Roman Emperor, unifying much of Western Europe.

**1066 AD**

**Battle of Hastings** William the Conqueror leads the Norman conquest of England.

**1096 AD**

**The First Crusade** The beginning of a series of religious wars between Christians and Muslims over the Holy Land.

**1215 AD**

**Magna Carta Signed** King John of England signs the charter limiting the power of the monarchy.

**1347 AD**

**The Black Death** The bubonic plague reaches Europe, resulting in massive population decline.

**1453 AD**

**Fall of Constantinople** The Byzantine Empire ends as the city falls to the Ottoman Turks.

**1492 AD**

**The Reconquista / Voyage of Columbus** The end of Muslim rule in Spain and the transition into the Age of Discovery.