

# CHRONOLOGY: 500 - 1600

## 500 - 1000

### The Early Middle Ages (Dark Ages)

- 476: Fall of the Western Roman Empire
- 732: Battle of Tours (Charles Martel stops Umayyad advance)
- 800: Charlemagne crowned Holy Roman Emperor
- c. 850: Rise of Feudalism in Western Europe

## 1000 - 1300

### The High Middle Ages

- 1066: Norman Conquest of England (William the Conqueror)
- 1096: Launch of the First Crusade
- 1215: Signing of the Magna Carta
- 1270: Construction of Gothic Cathedrals peaks

## 1300 - 1450

### The Late Middle Ages

- 1337: Beginning of the Hundred Years' War
- 1347: The Black Death arrives in Europe
- 1440: Johannes Gutenberg invents the Printing Press
- 1453: Fall of Constantinople to the Ottoman Empire

## 1450 - 1600

### The Renaissance

- 1492: Columbus reaches the Americas
- 1504: Michelangelo completes the David
- 1517: Martin Luther initiates the Protestant Reformation
- 1543: Copernicus publishes Heliocentric Theory