

# MODERN WESTERN HISTORY TIMELINE

| HISTORICAL ERA                  | TIMELINE       | KEY EVENTS & DEVELOPMENTS                                                                            |
|---------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>The Renaissance</b>          | 1400 - 1600    | Humanism, the printing press, the Protestant Reformation, and the Age of Discovery.                  |
| <b>The Enlightenment</b>        | 1650 - 1800    | The Scientific Revolution, rise of philosophical rationalism, and the American & French Revolutions. |
| <b>Industrial Revolution</b>    | 1760 - 1840    | Transition to new manufacturing processes, urbanization, and the rise of steam power.                |
| <b>Victorian / Imperial Era</b> | 1837 - 1914    | Global colonial expansion, the height of the British Empire, and the Belle Epoque.                   |
| <b>The World Wars</b>           | 1914 - 1945    | WWI, the Great Depression, WWII, and the beginning of the Atomic Age.                                |
| <b>The Cold War</b>             | 1947 - 1991    | Decolonization, the Space Race, Civil Rights movements, and the fall of the Berlin Wall.             |
| <b>The Information Age</b>      | 1991 - Present | Digital revolution, globalization, the rise of the internet, and modern geopolitical shifts.         |

