



WORLD TIMELINE

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| 25 000 BC | The first cave paintings were created in Europe. |
| 10 500 BC | Climate of the Earth abruptly warmed by 20 degrees, ending an ice age. |
| 10 000 BC | The Palaeolithic period comes to a close. First known outbreaks of smallpox in agricultural settlements in Northeastern Africa. |
| 8 000 BC | Mesopotamia developed primitive writing. Agriculture appeared in Africa and Asia. |
| 7 000 BC | The first regular milking of animals was begun in the Shara. |
| 6 200 BC | Development of irrigation in Mesopotamia. |
| 4 000 BC | Evidence of tuberculosis. The last woolly mammoths went extinct on Wrangel Island, north of the Arctic Circle. |
| 2 700 BC | Construction of the Egyptian pyramids started. |
| 1 000 BC | Stonehenge was built on the Salisbury Plain in southern England. |
| 246 BC | Great Wall of China was built. |
| 55 BC | Roman General Julius Caesar landed in Britain. |
| 79 AD | The earliest recorded eruption of Mount Vesuvius buried Pompeii, Herculaneum, and Stabiae. |
| 600 | Beginning of the Late Classic Period of Mayan culture, which dominated the area of present-day Guatemala, Honduras and Yucatan. |
| 1086 | The Domesday Book compiled on orders from England's King William 1 was printed. |
| 1206 | Temu-jin held a great meeting and accepted leadership of the Mongols and assumed the title "Genghis Khan". |
| 1271 | Marco Polo left Venice for the Orient. |
| 1314 | King Edward II invaded Scotland and was defeated in the Battle of Bannockburn. |
| 1334 | The Black Death struck Europe and Asia. |
| 1492 | Columbus landed at San Salvador. (Waiting Island) |
| 1607 | Jamestown – first American colony. |

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| 1608 | Bowling was banned in Jamestown because workers were bowling instead of building. |
| 1610 | Galileo discovered the four great moons of Jupiter. |
| 1615 | Samuel de Champlain discovered Lake Huron on his 7th voyage. |
| 1638 | The Taj Mahal, was built at Agra, India. |
| 1644 | Ming Dynasty Manchus. (China) |
| 1659 | The British Parliament invoked a law that made it a crime, punishable by burning at the stake, to forecast the weather. |
| 1712 | Thomas Newcomen invented the steam engine. |
| 1713 | The Peace of Utrecht was signed – France ceded the Maritime provinces to Britain. The plague in Vienna ended. |
| 1728 | The first diamonds found in Brazil reached Lisbon, Portugal. Vitus Bering discovered the Bering Strait between Asia and North America. |
| 1769 | James Watt patented the steam engine. |
| 1776 | The United States of America Declaration of Independence was signed in Philadelphia. |
| 1786 | John Fitch built the first steamboat in America. |
| 1793 | The Louvre opened in Paris as a museum. |
| 1799 | French troops discover the Rosetta Stone, enabling the first translation of hieroglyphics. |
| 1800 | The first cowpox vaccination was given to prevent smallpox. |
| 1803 | John Dalton put forth the theory of the atom. |
| 1806 | Explorers Lewis and Clark reached the Pacific Coast. |
| 1818 | USA and Britain established the 49th parallel as the boundary between Canada & the USA. |
| 1825 | The first rail passenger service in the world was opened by the Stockton and Darlington Railway in England. |
| 1826-1837 | A cholera pandemic spread, killing millions. |
| 1838 | Samuel Morse gave the first demonstration of the telegraph. |
| 1840 | The word 'tuberculosis' appeared in print for the first time. |
| 1857 | An Earthquake hit Tokyo killing 107,000. |
| 1859 | Charles Darwin published "The Origin of the Species". |
| 1863 | Abraham Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address. |
| 1867 | The British Parliament passed the North America Act. (Canadian Constitution) |

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| 1869 | The Suez Canal was opened to navigation. |
| 1871 | Heinrich Schliemann found the ruins of Troy. Henry Stanley found the great explorer David Livingstone. |
| 1882 | Thomas Edison displayed the first practical electrical lighting system. Alexander Graham Bell made his historic telephone call to the Mayor of Chicago. |
| 1889 | The Eiffel Tower opened. |
| 1896 | The electron was discovered. |
| 1903 | Orville Wright made the world's first successful flight of a heavier than air craft under power. |
| 1905 | Einstein proposed his theory of relativity – that light is the limiting speed of all bodies having mass. |
| 1908 | Henry Ford's first Model T was assembled in Detroit. |
| 1912 | The Titanic struck an iceberg and sank. |
| 1914 | World War I began. The Panama Canal was informally opened for traffic between the Pacific and Atlantic oceans. |
| 1919 | The first transatlantic flight took place. |
| 1922 | Insulin was first used to treat diabetes. The tomb of Pharaoh Tutankhamen was found. |
| 1929 | The stock markets crashed, signalling the start of the Great Depression. |
| 1939 | World War II began. |
| 1945 | United Nations was formed. |
| 1946 | The first digital computer went into service. |
| 1947 | Carbon-14 was first used to develop the first scientific method of determining the age of organic fossils. The main group of the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. |
| 1953 | The double helix structure of DNA was discovered. Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norkay reached the top of Mount Everest |
| 1957 | The Soviet Union launched Sputnik, the first artificial satellite in space |
| 1959 | The microchip was invented |
| 1961 | Soviet cosmonaut was the first human in outer space |
| 1964 | Leakey announced the discovery of fossils of Homo habilis |
| 1969 | USA astronauts land on the moon – Neil Armstrong and Edwin Aldrin were the first to walk on the Moon. Woodstock concert |

1980 Mount St. Helens erupted

1981 Astronauts on the Columbia activated the Canadarm

1995 An earthquake hit Kobe, Japan killing over 4000.
Fossils and stone tools were found indicating that human ancestors were
in Europe earlier than believed

1997 The NASA Pathfinder landed on Mars.

2000 "Dolly" became the first cloned sheep.

2005 World Environment Day sees Mayors from around the world join together to create a plan
for a sustainable urban future.
