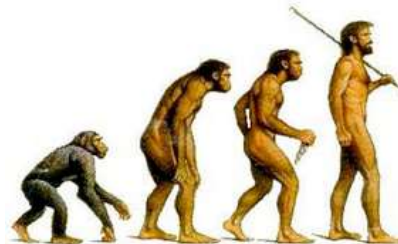


5 Million
BC

- 4-5 million years ago - Early hominids develop in Africa
- 1.6 million years ago - the Ice Age Begins

11,000 BC

- 8000 B.C. - Neolithic Revolution Begins
- 3500 B.C. - Bronze Age Begins



4000 BC

- 4000 B.C. - People settle in Mesopotamia
- 3100 B.C. - Egyptian Kingdom is established



3000 BC

- 2500 B.C. - Civilization develops in Indus Valley
- 2100 B.C. - Minoan civilization develops in Crete



2000 BC

- 1792 B.C. - Hammurabi becomes king of Babylon
- 1766 B.C. - Shang Dynasty forms in China

1000 BC

- 814 B.C. - Phoenicians build the city of Carthage
- 750 B.C. - Roman Empire is established



500 BC

- 500 B.C. - Athens develops the world's first democracy
- 551 B.C. - Confucious is born in China
- 221 B.C. - Shi Huand Di becomes Emperor of China
- 27 BC - AD 180 Pax Romana
- 100 B.C. - Silk Roads connect China and Southwest Asia



AD 1

1000

- 250 - Mayan Empire develops
- 476 - Roman Empire Falls
- 610 - Muhamed established Islam
- 800 - Charlemagne crowned Holy Roman Emperor



- 1096 - Crusades begin
- 1325 - Aztecs form empire at Tenochtitlan
- 1453 - Ottoman Empire established



1200

- 1215 - Magna Carta signed in England
- 1324 - Mansa Musa begins Pilgrimage
- 1347 - Black Death strikes Europe
- 1337-1453 - Hundred Years' War
- 1300s - Renaissance Begins



1400

- 1455 - Printing Press is invented
- 1492 - Christopher Columbus lands in America



1500

- 1517 - The Protestant Reformation Begins
- 1520 - Magellan circumnavigates the world.
- 1526 - Mughal Empire established



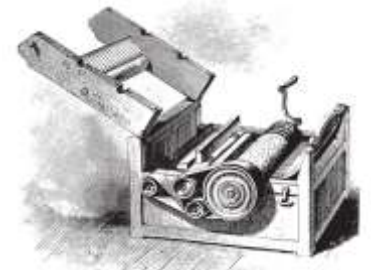
1600

- 1603 - Tokugawas gain power in Japan
- 1602 - Dutch East India company is established
- 1682 - Peter the Great becomes czar of Russia
- 1688 - Glorious Revolution in England.



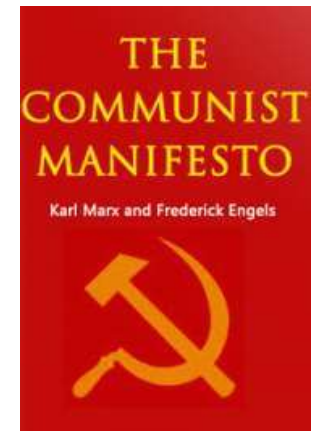
1700

- 1776 - British colonies of North America declare independence.
- 1789 - French Revolution begins.
- 1799 - Napoleon takes control of the French government.
- 1793 - Eli Whitney invents the cotton gin.



1800

- 1815 - Napoleon is defeated at Waterloo.
- 1848 - Karl Marx publishes *The Communist Manifesto*
- 1837 - Samuel Morse invents the telegraph
- 1850 - Taipeng Rebellion begins in China.
- 1879 - Thomas Edison invents the lightbulb
- 1884 - Berlin Conference begins the partition of Africa.
- 1869 - Suez Canal opens in Egypt



1900

- 1914 - World War I Begins in Europe
- 1914 - Panama Canal opens
- 1915 - Germany sinks the Lusitania
- 1917 - Communists take control of Russia in the Bolshevik Revolution.



1920

- 1928 - Penicillin is discovered.
- 1929 - U.S. Stock Market crashes.
- 1933 - Adolf Hitler becomes chancellor of Germany.
- 1938 - Anti-Jewish riots break out in Germany.
- 1939 - Germany invades Poland, beginning WWII.



1940

- 1941 - Japan attacks the United States at Pearl Harbor.
- 1942 - Gandhi is arrested after calling for Britain to leave India.
- 1944 - D-Day invasion.
- 1945 - WWII ends after the dropping of an atomic bomb on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.
- 1945 - United Nations is established.
- 1945 - The Cold War begins.
- 1948 - Israel is established.
- 1949-1976 - Mao Zedong leads China.
- 1959 - Fidel Castro becomes dictator of Cuba.



1960

- 1962 - Nelson Mandela sent to prison in South Africa.
- 1962 - Cuban Missile Crisis
- 1954 - 1975 Vietnam War
- 1978 - Camp David Accords.
- 1979 - Protestors overthrow the Shah of Iran and form an Islamic government.



1980

- 1989 - Tiananmen Square massacre
- 1989 - Berlin Wall falls
- 1991 - Soviet Union collapses
- 1992 - Mexico, the United States, and Canada sign the North American Free Trade (NAFTA).
- 1992 - European Union is established.
- 1993 - Apartheid ends and Nelson Mandela becomes president of South Africa.



2000

- 2001 - Terrorist attack on September 11 in U.S.
- 2003 - U.S. led coalition invades Iraq to remove Saddam Hussein from power.
- 2004 - A tsunami strikes Southeast Asia, killing more than 225,000 people.
- 2005 - Iraq holds democratic elections.
- 2011 - Arab Spring conflicts over democracy in the Middle East.

