Foundations (Eras #1-2)
8000 B.C.E.-600 C.E.)

- 8000 B.C.E. Beginnings of agriculture
- 3000 B.C.E. Beginnings of Bronze Age-early civ’s
- 1300 B.C.E. Iron Age
- 6th C B.C.E. life of Buddha, Confucius, Laozi (beginnings of Confucianism, Buddhism, Daoism)
- 5th C B.C.E. Greek Golden Age-philosophers
- 403-221 B.C.E. (China’s) Era of Warring States
- 323 B.C.E. Alexander the Great dies
- 221 B.C.E. Qin Dynasty unified China
- 184 B.C.E. Fall of Mauryan Dynasty
- 32 C.E. Beginnings of Christianity
- 180 end of Pax Romana
- 220 end of Han Dynasty
- 312 Emperor Constantine converts to Christianity
- 333 Roman capital moved to Constantinople
- 4th C Beginning of Trans-Saharan Trade Routes
- 476 “Fall” of Rome
- 527 Justinian rule of Byzantine Empire
- 550 Fall of Gupta Dynasty/Empire
- 600-1450 (Era #3)

- 622 Founding of Islam
- c. 730 Printing invented in China
- 732 Battle of Tours (end of Muslim move into France)
- c. 900 Decline of classical Maya
- 1054 Great Schism in Christian Church (Roman Catholic & Eastern Orthodox)
- 1066 Norman conquest of England
- 1071 Battle of Manzikert (Seljuk Turks defeat Byzantine army)
- 1095 1st Crusade

1206 Chinggis Khan begins Mongol conquests
1258 September 19, 2013 Mongols sack Baghdad, end of Abbasid caliphate
1271-1295 Marco Polo’s travels
1279-1368 Yuan (Mongol) Dynasty in China
1324 Mansa Musa’s pilgrimage/hajj
1325-1349 travels of Ibn Battuta
1347-1348 Bubonic plague in Europe
1368-1644 Ming Dynasty
1405-1433 Zheng He’s voyages
1438 Rise of Inca Empire
1450-1750 (Era #4)

- Ottomans capture Constantinople
- Printing Press in Europe (Gutenberg)
- ca 1480s Height of Aztec Empire
- 1488 Dias rounds Cape of Good Hope
- 1492 Columbus/Reconquista of Spain
- 1st African Slaves to Americas
- Martin Luther/Prot Reformation
- Cortez conquered the Aztecs
- 1st unsuccessful Ottoman siege of Vienna (under Suleiman)
- Pizarro toppled the Inca
- 1502 Discovery of silver at Potosi
- 1557 Battle of Lepanto (Ottoman naval defeat)
- 1st Manila Galleon (global trade)
- 1588 Spanish Armada
- 1600 Battle of Sekigahara (beg of Tokugawa Shogunate)
- foundation of Jamestown
- 1607 30 Years War
- 1644 end of Ming/beg of Qing Dynasty
- Cape Town colony founded (Dutch)
- 2nd unsuccessful Ottoman siege of Vienna (Mehmet IV)
- Glorious Revolution/English Bill of Rights
1750-1900 (Era #5)

Industrial Revolution

1756-1763 7 Years War (French and Indian War)
1767 Invention of the Spinning Jenny (using machines to manufacture)
1776 Decl. of Independence (American Rev)
1776 Smith writes *Wealth of Nations*
1789 French Revolution begins
1796 Jenner’s smallpox vaccine
1804 Haitian independence
1807 British abolish Trans-Atlantic slave trade
1807-08 Janissary Revolt
1815 Congress of Vienna
1820s Independence in Latin America
1839 1st Opium War in China
1839-1878 Tanzimat Reforms
1848 Marx & Engles’ *The Communist Manifesto*
1848-1849 European revolutions
1853 Commodore Perry opens Japan
1857 Sepoy Mutiny
1861 end of Russian serfdom
1861-1865 U.S. Civil War
1861-1870 Italian unification
1863 U.S. Emancipation Proclamation
1871 German unification
1885 Berlin Conference division of Africa (begins “Scramble for Africa”)
1893 New Zealand grants women suffrage
1896 Battle of Adowa (Ethiopians defeat Italians)
1898 Spanish-American War (US acquires Philippines, Cuba, Guam, & Puerto Rico)
1899-1902 Boer War (British in control of S Africa)

1900-1950 (Era #6)

1905 Russo-Japanese war
1910-1920 Mexican Revolution (Diaz overthrown)
1911 Chinese Revolution (end of Qing)
1914-1918 World War I
1917 March Russian Revolution (Czar Abdicates)
1917 Oct/Nov Russian Revolution (Communist/Bolshevik)
1918 Nov Armistice (end of WWI fighting)
1919 Treaty of Versailles
1928 Kellogg-Briand Pact (outlawing war)
1929 stock market crash
1931 Japanese invasion of Manchuria

1935 Italian invasion of Ethiopia
1937 Japanese invasion of (rest of) China (rape of Nanking)
1939 German blitzkrieg in Poland
1941 Pearl Harbor, entry of US into WWII
1945 Feb Yalta Conference (beg of Cold War?)
1945 Aug Hiroshima/Nagasaki
1945 Sept end of WWII (Japan surrenders)
1947 June Truman Doctrine (“official” decl of Cold War)
1947 Aug independence & partition of India
1948 birth of Israel
1948-49 Berlin Blockade/Airlift
1949 Apr NATO founded
1949 Oct Chinese Communist Revolution

1950-present (Era #6)

1950-1953 Korean War
1954 Vietnam expels France (Dien Bien Phu)
1955 Bandung Conf (Non-Aligned Nations)
1956 Feb Khrushchev begins de-Stalinization
1956 Fall Nationalization of Suez Canal
1957 Sputnik
1959 Cuban Revolution (Fidel Castro)
1961-1989 Nov Berlin Wall
1962 Cuban Missile Crisis
1966-1976 Chinese Cultural Revolution
1967 6-Day War
1973 Yom Kippur war (OPEC Oil Embargo)
1979 Iranian Revolution
1979 China begins “Socialist Market Economy” reforms (Deng Xiaoping)
1987 1st Palestinian Intifada
1989 June Tiananmen Square
1990 Namibia gains independence (last African colony)
1991 Jan 1st Persian Gulf war
1991 Dec USSR disbands
1994 Apr-July genocide in Rwanda
1994 Apr 1st all race elections in S. Africa
2001 9/11 Attacks
2003 US invades Iraq (“Enduring Freedom”)
2004 Facebook founded
2007 Global “Great Recession” begins
2011 Wikileaks, “Arab Spring” democracy