

A CONCISE CULTURAL HISTORY OF THE WORLD

	PRE-HISTORY	GREEKS	ROMANS	DARK AGES	MEDIEVAL	RENAISSANCE	NEO-CLASSICAL	ROMANTIC	LATER C19TH	MODERNIST	RECENT
INFLUENTIAL EVENTS	Egyptian culture	Fall of Athens. <i>Alexander the Great</i>	Murder of <i>Caesar</i> . Fall of Rome	<i>Charlemagne</i> . Byzantine Empire	<i>Ghenghis Khan</i>	<i>Columbus, Cortez, Magellan</i> . Reformation. English Civil War.	American Independence. British Empire	French Revolution. <i>Napoleon</i>	German and Italian unity. End of slavery. Spread of democracy.	Two World Wars. Spanish Civil War. Genocide of Jews.	Founding of Israel. Collapse of communism
RELIGION	<i>Buddha</i> <i>Moses</i> Hinduism		<i>Jesus Christ</i>	<i>Mohammed</i>	Church of Rome. <i>St. Francis of Assisi</i>	Protestants. <i>Martin Luther</i>	Beginning of scepticism	Beginning of atheism			
PHILOSOPHY	<i>Thales of Miletus</i>	<i>Socrates, Plato, Aristotle</i>	Stoics, Epicureans		<i>Thomas Aquinas</i>	<i>Descartes, Hobbes</i>	<i>Leibniz, Hume, Kant</i>	<i>Hegel</i>	<i>Mill, Nietzsche</i>	<i>Russell, Wittgenstein</i>	
TECHNOLOGY	Weapon, tool, wheel, fire, city, boat, pot, writing, map, smelting, plough, coin	Pulley, gear, spring, pump, paper		Stirrup, gunpowder, lens	Clock, compass, gun	Printing in Europe, condom, telescope, microscope	Production machines, steam engine	Gas, vaccination, battery, railway	Dynamo, bicycle, photograph, anaesthetic, engine, machine gun, antiseptic, telephone, light bulb, car, movies, X-rays, radio	Flight, bomb, TV, antibiotic, jet, nuclear reactor, A-bomb, missile	Computer, space rocket, microchip, transplant
SCIENCE		Mathematical laws. <i>Pythagoras</i> <i>Archimedes</i>				Heliocentric universe: <i>Copernicus, Galileo</i>	Laws of gravity and motion: <i>Newton</i>	Elements	Evolution: <i>Darwin</i>	Relativity: <i>Einstein</i> Quantum Theory	Quarks, Big Bang Theory
POETRY	<i>Homer</i>	<i>Mahabharata</i>	<i>Virgil, Ovid</i>	'Beowulf'. 'Song of Roland'	<i>Dante, Chaucer</i>		<i>Milton, Goethe</i>	<i>Byron, Wordsworth</i>	<i>Baudelaire</i>	<i>Rilke, Yeats, Eliot</i>	
DRAMA		<i>Aeschylus, Sophocles, Euripides</i>	<i>Plautus</i>			<i>Shakespeare</i>	<i>Racine, Molière</i>		<i>Ibsen, Checkov</i>		
FICTION		Greek myths		Norse myths	King Arthur stories		<i>Fielding</i>	<i>Austen, Scott, Brontës</i>	<i>Balzac, Flaubert, Dickens, Tolstoy, Dostoevsky</i>	<i>Lawrence, Joyce, Proust</i>	
ART		Sculpture			<i>Giotto</i>	<i>Leonardo, Michelangelo, perspective</i>	<i>Rembrandt. Baroque. Rococo</i>	<i>Turner Hokusai</i>	<i>Monet, Van Gogh, Impressionism</i>	Cubism: <i>Picasso</i> Fauvism: <i>Matisse</i>	
ARCHITECTURE	Egyptian	Classical Theatres, temples, 'Parthenon' (Athens)	'Pantheon'		Cathedrals, Gothic	<i>Brunelleschi, St. Peters (Rome)</i>	<i>Paladio. Imitation Greek. Versailles Palace.</i>	Imitation Gothic		<i>Le Corbusier</i>	Post-modernism
MUSIC		Musical modes			Plainsong	<i>Palestrina, Byrd</i>	24 keys. <i>Bach, Handel, Haydn, Mozart</i>	<i>Beethoven, Schubert</i>	<i>Chopin, Wagner, Liszt, Brahms</i>	<i>Debussy, Bartok, Schönberg.</i> Jazz	Rock music