Timeline of Western Civilization

2700 BCE 2000 BCE 1500 BCE 1200 BCE 800 BCE 700 BCE 600 BCE

Sparta conquers Messenia. Athens rises as great city-state. Socrates is killed. Assyrian invasion of Israel and Jewish Diaspora. Temple of David in Israel is destroyed.

Moses delivers Hebrews from Egyptian slavery to Palestine.

Sumerians found Mesopotamia in modern day Iraq (first modern civilization).

Old Kingdom of Ancient Egypt

Third Dynasty of Ancient Egypt

500 BCE 400 BCE 300 BCE 200 BCE 100 BCE Year 1 CE 100 CE 200 300 400 500

410 CE: Rome is sacked by the Visigoths.

476 CE: Roman Empire officially falls.

Roman Empire in crisis.

Augustus Caesar is Emperor of Rome

Jesus of Nazareth is born.

Aristotle and Alexander the Great

Greek Classical Age

Punic Wars

Roman expansion

Roman Republic is born; Peloponnesian War; 480 BCE- Battle of Thermopylae

600 700 800 900 1000 1100 1200 1300 1400

Joan of Arc killed 1431

Early Middle Ages…. a.k.a. “The Dark Ages”…… 500-1000 CE

Hundred Years War 1337-1453

The Crusades begin.

William the Conqueror conquers England: 1066

High Middle Ages: 1000 to 1300 CE

The Black Plague

The Great Schism

Christianity comes to Russia

First universities established (Bologna and Paris).

Division of the Church into East (Greek Orthodox) and West (Roman Catholic); Rise of Holy Roman Empire.

Charlemagne’s reign.

Rise of feudalism.

Founding of Islam

Renaissance begins in Italy 1375-1527

Genghis Khan; Mongol Rule in Russia 1243-1480

1500 1600 1700 1800 1900 2000 CE

Napoleon conquers Europe

Decolonization, The Cold War, Space exploration, the end of the Cold War, The Digital Age, and the War on Terror

World War I, The Great Depression, Russian Revolution, World War II, The Holocaust

The Age of Imperialism

The Industrial Revolution

The Age of Revolutions (America, France, Latin America)

The Enlightenment begins

Scientific Revolution begins

Peter the Great builds St. Petersburg

Glorious Revolution

Cortes arrives in Mexico

Reign of France’s Louis XIV

English Civil War

Elizabeth I is Queen of England

Shakespeare

Protestant Reformation

Machiavelli writes *The Prince*

Voyages of Columbus, Magellan, and Vespucci

Renaissance