



Significant Events in World History Timeline

ASFMS Social Studies Curriculum

1. Planet Earth Created [4.5 billion B.C.E.]
2. Australopithecus Afarensis [3.9 to 3 million B.C.E.]
3. Homo Habilis [2.2 to 1.6 million B.C.E.]
4. Homo Erectus [2 million to 300,000 B.C.E.]
5. Homo Sapiens Neanderthalensis [230,000 to 28,000 B.C.E.]
6. Homo Sapiens Sapiens "Humans" [100,000 B.C.E. to Present]
7. Use of Fire [70,000 B.C.E.]
8. Humans Migrate Across Bering Straits into the Americas [15,000 B.C.E.]
9. Sewing Needles Invented [17,000 B.C.E.]
10. Cave Paintings Created in France "Lascaux" [15,000 B.C.E.]
11. Fish Hooks Invented [12,000 B.C.E.]
12. Agriculture Began [10,000 B.C.E.]
13. Ceramic Pottery [10,000 B.C.E.]
14. Wheel Invented [8,000 B.C.E.]
15. Farming of Corn in Peru [6,000 B.C.E.]
16. Horses Domesticated [5,000 B.C.E.]
17. Sumer Civilization [4000 – 2300 B.C.E.]
18. Cuneiform Writing [3500 B.C.E.]
19. Bronze Age Begins [3300 B.C.E.]
20. Egyptian Hieroglyphics [3200 B.C.E.]
21. Indus Valley Civilization [3000 – 1500 B.C.E.]
22. The Gilgamesh Epic [3000 B.C.E.]
23. Minoan Civilization [2700 – 1450 B.C.E.]
24. The Great Pyramids at Giza [2680 B.C.E.]
25. Mohenjo-Daro City [2,600 B.C.E.]
26. Akkadian Empire [2330 – 2100 B.C.E.]
27. Babylonians Invent Early Mathematics [2,000 B.C.E.]
28. Babylonian Empire [1800 – 1500 B.C.E.]
29. The Code of Hammurabi [1790 B.C.E.]
30. Kush Civilization [1700 – 1500 B.C.E.]
31. Shang Dynasty [1600 – 1100 B.C.E.]
32. Hinduism Begins [1500 B.C.E.]
33. Pharaoh Akhenaten Develops First Monotheistic Religion [1353 B.C.E.]
34. Exodus from Egypt by Israelites [?1300 – 1200 B.C.E.]
35. Iron Age Begins [1200 B.C.E.]
36. Assyrian Empire [1100 – 612 B.C.E.]
37. Phonetic Alphabet [1050 B.C.E.]
38. First Temple of Solomon Built in Jerusalem [957 B.C.E.]

39. Etruscan Civilization Begins [800 B.C.E.]
40. Chaldean Empire [612 – 539 B.C.E.]
41. Lao Tse, Founder of Taoism is Born [604 B.C.E.]
42. Siddhartha Gautama Buddha [563 – 483 B.C.E.]
43. Confucius [551 – 479 B.C.E.]
44. Persian “Archaemenid” Empire [550 – 333 B.C.E.]
45. Roman Empire [510 B.C.E. – 476 C.E.]
46. Athenian Democracy Founded [508 B.C.E.]
47. Persian v. Greek Wars [490 – 480 B.C.E.]
48. Parthenon in Greece Built [480 B.C.E.]
49. Peloponnesian Wars: Athens v. Sparta [431 – 404 B.C.E.]
50. Alexander the Great [356 – 323 B.C.E.]
51. Maurya Empire in India [322 – 185 B.C.E.]
52. Punic Wars [264 – 146 B.C.E.]
53. Qin Dynasty [221 – 206 B.C.E.]
54. Building Great Wall of China Begins [221 B.C.E.]
55. Han Dynasty [206 – 220 B.C.E.]
56. Roman Aqueducts (144 B.C.E.)
57. Julius Caesar [100 – 44 B.C.E.]
58. Birth of Jesus Christ - Christianity [?4 B.C.E. – 7 C.E.?)
59. Paper Invented in China [105 C.E.]
60. Mayan Civilization [250 – 900 C.E.]
61. Emperor Constantine Adopts Christianity (C.E.)
62. Gupta Empire [320 to 550 C.E.]
63. Byzantine Empire [330 – 1453 C.E.]
64. The Hun [370 – 469 C.E.]
65. The Vandals Kingdom [395 – 714 C.E.]
66. The Visigoths [395 – 714 C.E.]
67. The Franks [481 – 843 C.E.]
68. The Ostrogoths Kingdom [493 – 553 C.E.]
69. Sui Dynasty [581 – 618 C.E.]
70. Tang Dynasty [618 – 907 C.E.]
71. The Lombard Kingdom [568 – 744 C.E.]
72. Muhammad, Founder of Islam [570 – 632 C.E.]
73. Muslim Empire [630 – 960 C.E.]
74. Chinese Invent Gunpowder [700 C.E.]
75. Ghana Empire [750 – 1076 C.E.]
76. Kilwa Kingdom [800 – 1505 C.E.]
77. Paper Money Invented in China [910 C.E.]
78. The Crusades [1095 – 1272 C.E.]
79. Mali Empire [1230 – 1600 C.E.]
80. Marco Polo Visits China [1266 C.E.]
81. Aztec Civilization [1345 – 1521 C.E.]
82. Kongo Kingdom [1400 – 1914 C.E.]
83. Songhai Empire [1435 – 1580 C.E.]
84. Zimbabwe “Mutapa” Kingdom [1450 – 1629 C.E.]
85. Inca Empire [1438 – 1533 C.E.]