**8000BCE – 600BCE**

the Paleolithic era (ca. 10,000 to *2.5* million years ago)

the Neolithic revolution (ca. 10,000 to 12,000 years ago)

Mesopotamia: Sumeria and Babylon

Egypt (the Nile River)

Indus valley civilization (the Indus River)

**600BCE – 600CE**

the Persian Empire

the Greek city-states (Sparta and Athens)

Alexander the Great

the Roman Republic

the Roman Empire

China’s Qin (Ch’in), Han, and Tang dynasties

Mongolia

Ashoka

Constantinople and the Byzantine Empire Justinian

Charlemagne

Mohammed and the foundation of Islam

the Olmec the Maya Andean societies

**600CE – 1450CE**

Europe’s medieval era (the Middle Ages)

the Vikings

William the Conqueror and the Norman inva­sion of England

The Crusades

Mali

Timbuktu

Mansa Musa

the Ming dynasty

Genghis Khan and the Mongol army

Mali

Ghana

the Anasazi

the Toltec

the Aztecs

Tenochtitlán

the Incas

**1450CE - 1750CE**

Louis XIV

Peter the Great and Catherine the Great

The English Civil War (Charles I versus Oliver Cromwell)

the Glorious Revolution (William I)

the Enlightenment (also the Age of Reason)

Colonization

the Mughal Empire

sugar production and the slave trade

the Middle Passage

the triangular trade

the “Columbian Exchange”

Hernán Cortés and

Francisco Pizarro and the conquest of the Incas

New Spain and Mexico City (formerly Tenochtitlán)

**1750CE – 1900CE**

Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette

Napoleon Bonaparte

The Industrial Revolution

The Ottoman Empire

The Mughal Empire

The American Revolution

The Latin American wars of independence

**1900CE – Present**

World War I (the Great War)

the Triple Alliance (Central Powers) versus the Triple Entente (Allies)

Vladimir Lenin and the Bolshevik (Communist) Party

Leon Trotsky Joseph Stalin

Adolf Hitler and the Nazi Party

Emperor Taisho and democratic reform in Japan