

# Landmarks in World History (ca. 1450–ca. 1750)

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## EUROPE

1400–1600

The Renaissance

■ 1415

Beginning of Portuguese maritime voyages along West Africa

■ 1492

Columbus's first voyage to the Americas

■ 1497

Vasco da Gama sails to India

■ 1517

Beginning of Protestant Reformation

■ 1543 Copernicus publishes sun-centered view of universe; Scientific Revolution begins

## ASIA

■ 1433

Withdrawal of Chinese fleet from Indian Ocean

■ 1526

Mughal Empire established in India

■ 1550

Russia begins expansion across Siberia

■ 1600–1602

British and Dutch East Indies companies begin operations in Asia

■ 1565

Spanish takeover of Philippines begins

■ 1603

Tokugawa shogunate established in Japan

## ISLAMIC WORLD



■ 1453

Ottoman conquest of Constantinople

1501–1722

Safavid Empire in Persia

By 1500

Islam established in Southeast Asia

1520–1566

Reign of Ottoman emperor Suleiman

1526–1707

Flourishing of Mughal Empire in India

■ 1529 Ottoman siege of Vienna

## AFRICA

1440s

Beginning of Atlantic slave trade

1464–1591 Songhay Empire in West Africa

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Kingdom of Dahomey established

1500–1530

Christian/Muslim conflict in Ethiopia

1505

Portuguese attacks on Swahili cities in East Africa

1506–1542

Reign of King Affonso I in Kongo

## THE AMERICAS AND PACIFIC OCEANIA

1492–1550

Decimation of Caribbean populations by disease and forced labor

■ 1519–1521

Spanish conquest of Aztec Empire

1530s

First Portuguese plantations in Brazil

1532–1540

Spanish conquest of Inca Empire

1560s

Taki Onqoy movement in P

1540s

Discovery of silver near Potosí

1607

Jamestown established



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**1618–1648**

Thirty Years' War

**1689–1725**

Peter the Great begins westernization of Russia

**1642–1727**

Life of Isaac Newton; culmination of Scientific Revolution

**18th century**

European Enlightenment

**1644**

Ming/Qing transition in China

**1680–1760**

Chinese expansion in Inner Asia

**1700–1715**

Missionaries lose favor at Chinese court

**1750s**

British begin military conquest of India

**1631–1648**

Taj Mahal constructed in Mughal Empire

**1707–1800**

Fragmentation of Mughal Empire

**1683**

Second Ottoman siege of Vienna

**1740–1818**

Wahhabi movement of Islamic reform in Arabia

**1652**

Dutch settlement in South Africa established

**1670s–1820s** Wars of Islamic renewal in West Africa**1690**

High point of Palmares, Brazil's largest runaway slave community

**18th century**

Peak of Atlantic slave trade

**17th century**

Initial European penetration of Oceania

**1600–1722**

Ecological collapse on Rapa Nui (Easter Island)

**18th century**

Flourishing of plantation system

**1780–1781**

Tupac Amaru rebellion