



Last 5000 Years - Mankind Map

What was ... was !
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To make it easier to present events years rounded to nearest decade and individuals shown at mid-age.

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World pop = 6.5 B

3000 BC YEARS → 2000 BC YEARS → 1000 BC YEARS → 500 BC YEARS → BC 0 → AD YEARS → 500 AD YEARS → 1000 AD YEARS → 1500 AD YEARS → 2010 AD
World pop = 1/4 B → 1/2 B → 6.5 B

1c 1d mankind beginnings
3 M BC - Lucy Ape
2 M BC - Oldest fossil
500 K BC - Neanderthal
300 K BC - Hominids
200 K BC - Homo sap
4,000 BC - Adam?

3000 BC Early settlements formed along Central America and South America Meso-American Civilizations
Raised cotton, corn vegetables, built storage pits, ball courts. 5a 6a Olmecs 1500 BC - advanced culture, math, basic calendar, art, built spectacular sculptures + terraced temples.

3000 BC Egyptian Empire
3100 BC Pharaoh Menes builds great dam along Nile River. Pharaohs absolute rulers, almost god-like. First great pyramids - royal tombs builder Snefru 2600 BC. His son King Khufu builds Great Pyramid of GIZA 1st Wonder of World
How old Sphinx? Advanced copper mining, art, architecture, math, science, medicine, embalming, sports, chariots, warfare
Record keeping hieroglyphs, papyrus paper. Queen Nefertari rules 1370-1350 Golden Era King Tut's Tomb 1325 BC
Egyptians built super ships to haul stone. Pharaoh Akhenaten - belief 1 GOD. Last 3 great rulers of Egyptian Empire Rameses I, II, III
Paganism, Sun God, many GODS, Hereditary Kings. Rameses II great monuments Abu Simbel, Karnak 1300-1150 BC
Old Testament 10 plagues 1300

3000 BC Greek Empire
Greek Athens - their philosophy, mythology, religion, architecture, art, literature, drama, sculpture
science, weapons, direct democratic government - common ground for Western + Eastern cultures
1000-800 BC Greek Dark Ages 1st Greek Olympics 776 BC Pericles 425 BC great leader builds the Parthenon. Socrates 425 BC enlightenment. Hippocrates 400 father medicine. Plato 380 BC truth + knowledge (Alatias). Aristotle tutored Alex the Great 350 BC Euclid 325 BC father geometry
Worlds greatest inventor, studied in Alexandria - Archimedes 250 BC created very advanced mechanical devices, gears, screws, hydraulics + computers. Later, these principles used by great Roman inventors i.e. Heron 50 AD
Paganism, Greek Gods (Zeus, Hercules) Judaism, Hinduism

200 BC Roman Empire
Romans adopt Greek ideas, science, form of government - democracy
Many Roman leaders emperors (some great) conquer and rule Europe
27 BC - 14 AD 14 - 37 AD 37-41 AD Middle East, England, North Africa
Julius Caesar Tiberius Caligula Pursued science, advanced weapons
water-proof concrete 50 AD. Huge aqueducts, baths, plumbing, super ships
architectural domes. Christianity grows rapidly 200-400 AD throughout the Roman + Byzantine Empires. Many great scholars study in Alexandria.
Father of advanced modern medical Galen 180 AD + surgical procedures.
Paganism - Roman Gods (Apollo, Venus, Mars) Hindu, Jew, Christian

500 550 AD Plague
Western Europe - period of kings, Camelot? castles, feudalism, military leaders, Catholic Church
450 AD Attila Hun from Asia. 500 AD Goths from inner Europe. 780 AD Charlemagne from France.
Over time these groups and others - powerful Vikings 800 AD from Britain, King Canute 1025 Denmark overrun Roman Empire and settled throughout Europe. Later, Genghis Khan from Asia 1250-1400 sweeps conquers Asia, E Mediterranean, Europe, Russia Paganism (Greek + Roman Gods), Christian, Muslim, Jew, Hindu

325 AD Eastern Roman Byzantine Empire
Constantine the Great Roman Emperor moves capital from Rome to Byzantine (Istanbul) and re-names new capital Constantinople - West meets East, city becomes the world's great trading center and remains so during middle ages. He adopts new emerging religion called Christianity and promotes it throughout the Roman Empire. Later, emperors Justinian 550 AD and Heraclius 650 AD reclaim much of older Roman Empire, including Syria Iraq Iran Christianity Paganism Muslim Jew Hindu Alexius I calls for holy war 1100 AD. Byz Emp falls to Mongols 1250, then Turks 1250
Constantine has Church leaders select gospels - compile 1st New Testament Bible
He also builds Peters Basilica

1200 BC Greek Macedonia
Great military conquer
Persia, Mediterranean Asia + India. He builds city Alexandria - world's finest culture center
380 - 325 BC
550 BC 4 Wonder Temple Artemis 2b
450 BC 3 Wonder Temple Zeus 3a

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2500 BC Minoan
Crete Is Advanced culture, art, math, plumbing, Great trading partners with Egypt. Destroyed by a giant earthquake and giant tsunami.

1600 BC Mycenaean
Ancient Greece Their culture celebrated by writer Homer. Adv society, ships, trading. Their Hieroglyphs showed Jewish exodus?

1800 1st Babylonian Empire
King Hammurabi 1800-1750 rules Babylon near city Baghdad becomes world's cultural center. He and sons conquer East Mediterranean. Persia Hammurabi Code - punishment must fit the crime. They developed arches advanced navigation, irrigation systems astronomy, architecture. Paganism

1600 2b 1200 Hittites Empire
Turkey, Syria Adv tools Iron Age begins architecture kept written tablets, Hieroglyphs libraries

900 2nd Babylonian Empire 550
Arabic Assyrian + Semitic origins. They conquer unite Arabian Peninsula. Nebuchadnezzar restores Babylon to prior greatness 600-550 AD He destroys Jewish + Palestine homeland and take many as slaves. Babylon falls to Persians
Zarathustra - 1 God falls to Alex Great 330 BC

550 1st Persian Empire 300
Cyrus the Great + son Darius I unite two Iranian tribes Persians and Medes These leaders insisted religions + cultures must co-exist. Cyrus abolishes slavery freed Jews. Builds great cities, plumbing water canals, used capitalism. Persian Empire
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225 AD 2nd Persian Empire 650 AD
Sassanid Dynasty - a very powerful Iranian + Persian empire led by Shapur I + II. Developed advanced science buildings, legal systems, canals. Successfully fought off Romans + Byzantines for 400 yrs. Culture divided into 5 classes: royalty, priests, warriors, secretaries, commoners. Last great Persian Empire, prior to Muslim beginnings 640 AD

1100 2c 2a 2b 1a 400 yrs
European Kings, Popes, knights militant Christians launch wars on Muslims, Jews, Turks. Continues to Constantinople. Knights Templar banking + protection European pilgrims cultures - ideas - religions clash

1200 Mongolian Empire
He - sons greatest military leaders and conquerors. Control most land in all history. China, Asia, Middle East Europe, Russia. They re-open the Silk Road - leads to major cultural exchanges, ending the Crusades. Policy encourages all religions and cultures to co-exist or else! Later, the Turk Mongol Timur uses destroy and pillage policy, that expands then ends Khan's 150 yrs uniting nations.

1450 Muslim Turkic Empire 1945
Ottoman Turks Conquered Eastern Roman Empire capital Constantinople, renamed Istanbul
It continues as major cultural center. Turkish emperor Sultan Suleiman 1520-1570 AD conquers Mid-East Palestine, Egypt, Spain, part of Italy. By 1700 AD Turkish Arabic language, judicial system, cultures and Islam faith spreads throughout these regions, then East to Pakistan, India, and Indonesia. Many Arabes killed 1915-18. Al-Husseini ben Grand Mufti seeks uniting all Arab nations w/ force 1935-1970

1600 AD Soviet Empire
Russian Czars rule for 100s of years. Peter the Great 1725 Catherine II 1775 both Czars allow outside Western + Eastern cultures into Russia. They re-build roads seaports, grows trade, modernizes military. 1917 Revolution writer Karl Marx Lenin Communism Stalin 1930-1950. Post WWII Russia rules East Europe Arms race, space race, cold war 1945-1990. Afghanistan War 1980-89 Garbachev permits Berlin Wall fall 1989 ending cold war and Soviet Union break-up Putin uses Terrorism threat regain czar-like powers 2006. Eastern Orthodox Muslim Other

100K yrs 1c 1 - Present
Oldest Religions
People have always believed
1 or more Universal GODS
Good and bad spirits, life after death
Make living sacrifices to their Gods.
Paganism is the worship of natural forces: Sun God, Moon God, stars planets, mother nature, rain, oceans mountains, animals, fertility, fire, etc.
Satanism, devil, demons, voodoo
After-life: Heaven, Hell or other?
Agnostics - not sure Atheists - no God
Gnostics - God present in everything
Creationists - intelligent design God
Curr. World pop = 1.2 B 20%

3000 BC 2e 2
Hinduism
Believe - 1 Universal GOD
Perhaps, oldest organized religion evolved Indus Valley - NW India
Original scriptures called Vedas.
Believe pursuing self-improvement sense of collective spirituality, birth will often determine position in life.
After-life: re-incarnation our soul is reborn again and again based on conduct. Even universe is reborn.
Hindu historical use of force - low
Current pop = 1 B 14%

2000 BC 2a 3
Judaism
Believe - 1 Universal GOD
Abraham 1500 BC born in Ur, near Baghdad. He and son's lives written in scriptures called Torah 600 BC Hebrew Bible the Old Testament.
Later Jewish leader Moses 1300 BC believed prophet leads exodus from Egypt 10 Commandments. He picks Joshua to lead. After-life: our soul moves closer to God or further away
Jewish historical use of force - ?
Current pop = 14 M 1%

500 BC 2e 4
Buddhism
Believe - 1 Universal GOD
Buddha born a Hindu near Nepal. He was both a spiritual leader and philosopher. Old texts Gandhara Search for truth self-enlightenment. Harmony in mind - body connection Wealth is not measure of success. Practice correct thoughts conduct. His life teachings were non-militant. After-life: soul is reborn again + again
Buddhist use of force very low.
Current pop = 500 M 7%

BC AD 2a 6
Christianity
Believe - 1 Universal GOD
Jesus born Jew near Jerusalem His life, teachings, and death are recorded in books called Gospels later unified into New Testament Christian Bible Believed himself the son of God. Do onto others as you would have them do unto you. God is within you. Teachings were non-militant. After-life: Heaven / Hell
Christian historical use of force - ?
Current pop = 2 B 33%

600 AD 2c 7
Muslim-Islam
Believe - 1 Universal GOD
Muhammad born in Mecca. His revelations and teachings written in book Quran Muslim Bible. He believed himself a prophet Studied Old + New Testaments adopts ideas from both. Cultural way of life based on pursuit of truth, knowledge, self-discipline Jihad Promises salvation through who believe or die for GOD, but NOT for killing innocent people.
Muslim historical use of force - ?
Current pop = 1.5 B 25%

630 AD 2c 2a 2b 2e 1a 1b 500 y
emerging Islamic Empires
Muhammad (before he dies) selects Abu Bakr 634 - 644 AD new caliph to lead Islam. Their culture and religion spreads through Persian Empire Iraq Iran Syria Egypt N Africa. During Abbasids Dynasty 750-1000 AD, two cities Baghdad + Cordoba, Spain became world's cultural centers. Islam spreads thru Asia + India displacing many existing Hindu Kingdoms
Crusades begin 1100 AD. Many of these emerging empires conquered by Khan 1290 AD

2010 AD World Pop. Catholic 50% Sunni 90% Orthodox 10% Protestant 40%
2 main sects: Sunni - believe in qualified successors Shiite - believe family line of succession

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3000 BC 2g 4000 miles long
INDIA a melting pot of ideas, clear evidence of early connections to Mesopotamian - art and culture
Mauryan Empire 200 BC India's perhaps greatest dynasty. Buddhism spreads throughout Asia. INDIA
They built complex cities from laid brick, written language. 2300 BC Hinduism emerges. Aryans 1500 BC from the North invade Indus Valley - their cultures merge. 500 BC Persian Kings rule 350 BC Krishna scripture Later, 325 BC Alex the Great conquers India opening + expanding trade routes.

3000 BC 2f
CHINA Construction begins 700 BC. The Great Wall Later, wall completed by emperor Qin Dynasty unites China 200 BC + builds Terracotta Warriors
Religions: Confucianism, Buddhism, Taoism, Islam, Atheism, others
Han Dynasty 200 BC - standardizes Chinese writing symbols 200 AD adopts + spreads Confucianism.

500 BC 2g 5
Confucianism born in QuFu
China. Teachings in book Lunyu
Not a religion, but a strong social moral code adopted in China + Asia
Taoism philosophy 400 BC is 2nd

600 AD 2f 2g 2h
CHINA 600 AD - Tang Dynasty - 900 AD
Buddhism spreads Period peace + progress
Great period of engineering 950 AD Song Dynasty 1250 AD reunites China expands Grand Canal

800 AD SE ASIA
Buddhism Hinduism Khmer Empire Ancient kingdom South East Asia 1400

400 AD Japan
Ruled by feudal lords Shogunats aristocrats, tribal leaders and samurai warriors until 1850 AD
Religions: Shintoism - many Gods, Emperors, Buddhism

1860 Japan
A single Emperor unites all Japan 1930 Meiji Restoration Emperor rules with absolute power, ending isolation period - rapid economic growth starts
1945 Japan grows to 2010 becomes super economic power. High technology
Pop = 125 M

1200 STEEL AGE
iron + carbon + charcoal

1800 STEAM AGE
THE INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION
1900 ELECTRIC
1945 Nuclear AGE
1950 TV AGE
1950 Radiometric Dating
1960 Computer AGE
1990 Hubble Telescope
1995 Human Genome
2000 internet AGE

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This History Roadmap provides at a glance, an accurate historical perspective of mankind's journey over last 5000 years. Major cultures, empires, places, religions, milestones, and individuals are shown in order they appeared-thrived on planet earth.
Scientific discoveries, thinking, and mankind's understanding will continue to evolve. This history map will also continue to evolve in subsequent releases, as it too has inadvertent errors in facts and omissions. We all benefit by sharing a common + trusted understanding.
Today, the whole world is empowered to see and learn together. Most children adopt the religion they are raised. We are all children of GOD - an intricate part of our universe's function: before, now, and after. - Anonymous
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