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China

Name	Years	Events
Three Kingdoms Period	220-265	Wei, Shu, and Wu empires; Namesake of "Romance of the Three Kingdoms," a Chinese classic
Tang Dynasty	618-907	Chinese Golden Age; the arts flourished
Ming Dynasty	1368-1644	Constructed the Great Wall; notable for porcelain products (namesake vases)
Qing Dynasty	1644-1912	Taiping Rebellion; alternate name, Manchu, lent its name to Manchuria
Boxer Rebellion	1899-1901	Society of Righteous and Harmonious Fists rebelled against European imperialism
Sun Yat-Sen	Ruled 1912 (1865-1925)	Leader of Chinese Revolution; founder of Kuomintang; first head of government after fall of the Qing
Chiang Kai-Shek	1887-1965	Head of Kuomintang nationalist party; expelled by Mao; first president of Taiwan
Mao Zedong	Ruled 1943-1976	Chairman of People's Republic; led Long March; wrote the "Little Red Book"

India

Mauryan Empire	322-185 BCE	Empire that ruled India after the death of Alexander the Great; Capital at Pataliputra
Chandragupta Maurya	Ruled 340-298 BCE	Founder of Mauryan empire; unified India after fall of Alexander the Great
Asoka (sometimes Ashoka) the Great	Ruled 273-232 BCE	Third Mauryan Emperor; converted to Buddhism
Mohandas Gandhi	1869-1948	Indian proponent of independence; advocated ahimsa (see Religion: Jainism)
Jawaharlal Nehru	Prime Minister 1947-1964	First Indian PM; father of Indira Gandhi
Indira Gandhi	Prime Minister 1980-1984	First female PM of India; daughter of first PM Nehru

Africa

Ramses II/Ramses the Great	Ruled 1279-1213 BCE, Egypt	Fought with the Hittites at the Battle of Kadesh
Cleopatra (VII)	69-30 BCE, Egypt	Lover of Julius Caesar and Marc Antony; defeated with Antony by Augustus Caesar at the Battle of Actium
Shaka Zulu	1787-1828, Zulu Empire	Led Zulu Empire in war against UK
Idi Amin	Dictator 1971-1979, Uganda	Accused of helping Palestinians at Entebbe; both preceded and succeeded by Milton Obote
Apartheid	1948-1994, South Africa	South African policy of racial segregation in which the white minority took control of the state
Nelson Mandela	President 1994-1999, South Africa	First democratically elected South African president; arrested and imprisoned for 18 years during Apartheid
Archbishop Desmond Tutu	1931-Present	Nonviolent anti-Apartheid protestor; general humanitarian

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Hammurabi	1792-1750 BCE, Babylon	Created a notable legal code
Cyrus II "The Great"	Ruled 559-530 BCE, Persia	Founded the Persian empire's Achaemenid dynasty; overthrew the Medes
Darius I "The Great"	549-486 BCE, Persia	Persian king; conquered Thrace, Macedon, started invasion of Greece (Persian Wars)
Xerxes "The Great"	519-465 BCE, Persia	Persian king; oversaw 480 BCE continuation of invasion of Greece
Scipio Africanus	235-183 BCE, Rome	General, Second Punic War; defeated Hannibal at Zama
Attila the Hun	406-453	"Scourge of God," led Huns through Europe; Pope Leo I stopped him from invading Rome
Genghis Khan	1162-1227	Born Temujin; united nomadic tribes into Mongol Empire
Saladin	Ruled 1174-1193, Syria and Egypt	Defended the Holy Land during the Third Crusade; founded the Ayyubid dynasty
Kublai Khan	1215-1294	Grandson of Genghis Khan; led Mongol Empire, started Yuan Dynasty in China; welcomed Marco Polo to China
Tokugawa Shogunate	1600-1868, Japan	Edo Period ruling system; established by Ieyasu
Bernardo O'Higgins	Ruled 1817-1823, Chile	Leader of Chilean independence movement with Jose de San Martin; became Supreme Dictator of independent Chile
Antonio de Santa Anna	President mid-1800s, Mexico	General at the Battle of the Alamo; defeated at San Jacinto; periodically the President of Mexico
Meiji Restoration	1868, Japan	Restoration of the imperial rule after the overthrow of the Tokugawa shogunate; led to the modernization of Japan
Pancho Villa	1878-1923, Mexico	General of the Mexican Revolution
Kemal Ataturk	1881-1938	Father of modern Turkey
Jawaharlal Nehru	1889-1964, India	First Prime Minister of India; father of Indira Gandhi
Ayatollah Khomeini	1881-1970, Iran	Iranian dictator; leader of Iranian Revolution that overthrew the US-backed Shah
Gamal Nasser	1918-1970, Egypt	Overthrew King Farouk to establish Republic Of Egypt
David Ben-Gurion	1886-1973	First Prime Minister of Israel
Anwar Sadat	1918-1981, Egypt	Egyptian President, signed Camp David Accords
Juan Peron	President 1944-1955, 1973-1974, Argentina	Extremely popular; wife Eva is the subject of the musical Evita
Ho Chi Minh	President 1945-1969, North Vietnam	Leader of the Viet Cong during Vietnam War
Pol Pot	Ruled 1963-1981, Cambodia	Founded Khmer Rouge