

## **Chronologies - Timelines of Western Civilization**

### **Early Ancient Greece**

2000-1400 BC Traders begin Minoan civilization on Crete  
2000 BC Achaeans invade Greek peninsula from the north  
1400 BC Achaeans invade and control Crete  
1250 BC Achaeans conquer Troy in the Asian Minor  
800 BC Emergence of city-state government in Greece  
750-600 BC Greece colonizes the Mediterranean world

### **Chronology of Roman History**

750 BC Early settlement near Rome  
600 BC Rome battles the Etruscans for control of central Italy  
509 BC Republic of Rome is founded  
264 BC Rome completes the conquest of Italy  
264-146 BC Rome battles Carthage for control of the Mediterranean World  
133 BC-31 BC Civil war divides the Roman Republic  
49 BC Julius Caesar creates Roman empire  
27 BC-180 AD Period of expansion and prosperity (Pax Romana)  
337 AD Empire divided into East and West  
376 AD-476 AD Germanic peoples conquer and divide Rome

### **Chronology of the Middle Ages in Europe**

700's- Muslims control large parts of Spain  
768- French Kingdom under Charlemagne  
1066- William of Normandy conquers England  
- sets up tax lists, common laws, royal courts  
1095- 1212 Crusades are Christian efforts to reconquer Jerusalem  
1215- English nobles force King John 1 to sign the Magna Carta  
1295- Parliament sets limits on British monarch  
1337-1453- One Hundred Year War between France and England  
1348- Bubonic Plague (Black Death) strikes Western Europe  
1469- Catholic Kingdoms of Castile and Aragon unite in Spain  
1492- Muslims driven from Spain

### **Chart of the Explorers**

1405-1433 Chinese fleets visit Africa  
1488 Diaz (Portugal) Rounded Cape of Good Hope at Southern tip of Africa  
1492 Columbus (Spain) crosses Atlantic and reaches the Americas  
1494 Treaty of Tordesillas- Pope divides world between Spain and Portugal  
1497 Cabot (England) arrives in Canada  
1498 Da Gama (Portugal) sails around Africa and reaches India  
1500 Cabral (Portgal) arrives in Brazil  
1514 Portugese ships arrive in China  
1519 Magellan (Spain) sails around the world  
1524 Verrazano (France) explores New York harbor  
1534 Cartier (France) explores St. Lawrence River