

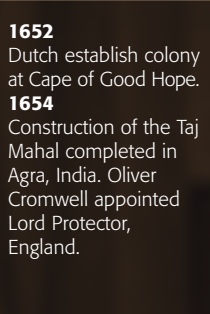




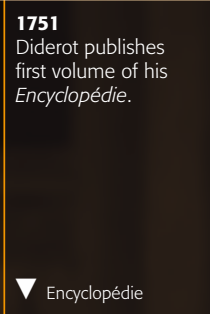





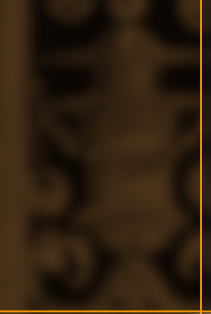


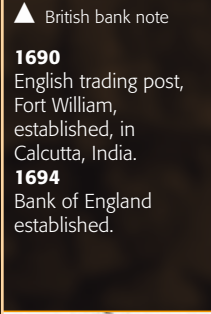

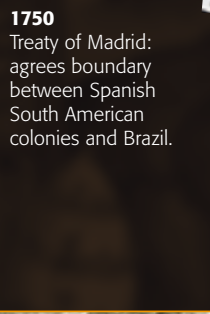


“The church says that the Earth is flat, **but I know that it is round**, for I have seen the shadow on the Moon, and I have more faith in a shadow than in the Church.”

Ferdinand Magellan, leader of the first expedition to circumnavigate the globe, c. 1519

1610	1630	1650	1670	1690	1710	1730	1750
 <p>▲ The Mayflower</p> <p><b>1618</b> Bohemian Protestant revolt against Habsburg rule breaks out. Protestant and catholic intervention sparks off the 30 Years War across Europe.</p>	 <p><b>1631</b> Battle of Breitenfeld: Gustavus Adolphus consolidates position of the Swedes in Germany and restores Protestant fortunes after a decade of defeats.</p> <p>▶ Gustavus Adolphus</p>	 <p><b>1652</b> Dutch establish colony at Cape of Good Hope.</p> <p><b>1654</b> Construction of the Taj Mahal completed in Agra, India. Oliver Cromwell appointed Lord Protector, England.</p>	 <p><b>1682</b> La Salle navigates Mississippi; claims Louisiana for France. Louis XIV establishes Versailles as base for his court and government.</p> <p>◀ Palace of Versailles</p>	 <p>c. 1700 Boston emerges as principal New World port of Atlantic slave trade.</p> <p>◀ Isaac Newton</p>	 <p><b>1713</b> Treaty of Utrecht: ends War of Spanish Succession, confirms separation of French and Spanish crowns and British control of Newfoundland and Nova Scotia.</p> <p>▲ Blackbeard</p>	 <p>▲ Harrison's chronometer</p> <p><b>1736</b> Nadir Shah becomes ruler of Persia, and begins Persian expansion. Hindu Marathas extend control of north India. French occupy Madras in south India.</p>	 <p><b>1751</b> Diderot publishes first volume of his <i>Encyclopédie</i>.</p> <p>▼ Encyclopédie</p>
 <p>▲ First Thanksgiving</p> <p><b>1624</b> Shah Abbas retakes Baghdad and extends Safavid empire deep into Anatolia. Cardinal Richelieu becomes French first minister.</p>	<p><b>1635</b> French intervention in 30 Years War prevents pro-Habsburg settlement at Peace of Prague.</p> <p><b>1638</b> Murad IV retakes Baghdad from the Safavids.</p>	 <p>◀ Louis XIV</p> <p><b>1664</b> Second Anglo-Dutch War begins; English seize New Amsterdam from Dutch.</p> <p><b>1666</b> French Royal Academy of Sciences founded, Paris.</p>	 <p>▲ Mortar</p> <p><b>1668</b> Portuguese independence conceded by Spain. Treaty of Aix-la-Chapelle concedes French gains in the Spanish Netherlands.</p> <p><b>1669</b> Coffee introduced to Western Europe.</p>	 <p>▲ British bank note</p> <p><b>1690</b> English trading post, Fort William, established, in Calcutta, India.</p> <p><b>1694</b> Bank of England established.</p>	<p><b>1722</b> Afghans overthrow last Safavid shah.</p> <p><b>1724</b> Kingdom of Dahomey becomes principal supplier of slaves to European traders.</p>	<p><b>1734</b> <i>Lloyd's List</i> begins publishing shipping news. Sultan of Bornu becomes ruler of neighboring Kanem; forms major sub-Saharan trading state.</p> <p><b>1735</b> John Harrison unveils his marine chronometer.</p>	<p>c. 1750 Wahhabi movement to purify Islam begins, Arabia. Lancashire cotton mills supplant South Asian textile trade in Western Europe.</p> <p><b>1750</b> Treaty of Madrid: agrees boundary between Spanish South American colonies and Brazil.</p>
 <p>▲ Italian cookbook, 1622</p> <p><b>1620</b> <i>Mayflower</i> sets sail from England with the Pilgrim fathers; arrives in Plymouth, North America later that year; one year later they celebrate the first Thanksgiving with American Indians.</p> <p>▼ Pilgrim house</p>	 <p>▲ Treaty of Westphalia</p> <p><b>1642</b> First English Civil War begins.</p> <p><b>1644</b> Manchu conquest of China and establishment of Qing dynasty. Abel Tasman maps north and west coasts of Australia.</p>	 <p>▼ Telescope</p> <p><b>1661</b> First Jesuit mission to Tibet. Louis XIV assumes personal rule of France.</p> <p><b>1662</b> Royal Society founded in London for advancement of science.</p>	 <p>▼ Heliocentric universe</p> <p><b>1672</b> Louis XIV launches his armies against the Dutch: sparks off first great European coalition war against France.</p>	 <p>◀ Drawing of slave ship</p> <p><b>1704</b> <i>Opticks</i>, written by Isaac Newton, exploring theories of light.</p> <p><b>1707</b> Death of Aurangzeb heralds decline of Mughal India.</p>	 <p>▶ North American colonies map</p> <p><b>1717</b> Blackbeard begins plundering ships in the Caribbean.</p> <p><b>1720</b> Qing oust Mongols from Tibet. Spanish acquire Texas.</p>	<p><b>1745</b> Stuart Jacobite rebellion aims to overthrow Hanoverians in Britain.</p> <p><b>1747</b> Afghanistan kingdom established by Ahmad Khan Abdali. Yoruba tribe begins conquest of Dahomey (Benin).</p>	 <p>▲ Lisbon earthquake</p> <p><b>1755</b> The Lisbon earthquake, one of the deadliest in history: between 60,000 and 100,000 people killed.</p>