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of Old*

*A Blank Timeline  
Book of World History*

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He will make connections between historical events by recording entries across academic subjects...

- \* kingdoms
- \* empires
- \* rulers
- \* scientists
- \* literature
- \* great writers
- \* musicians
- \* and so much more!

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Marcia Somerville, author of *Tapestry of Grace*

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## ❧ *Introduction for Parents and Teachers* ❧

Dear Educator,

As you know, history is a fascinating series of interconnected events. It is amazing how seemingly unrelated happenings tie into one another. Why, for example, was the United States able to buy the Louisiana Purchase for only 2¢ an acre? Napoleon would never have sold this valuable land so cheaply unless he was desperate to fund his war efforts in western Europe. And, of course, this purchase was the catalyst for Lewis and Clark's famous exploration. We make these connections with the help of a timeline, whether it be mental or physical. As these events become congested on our timeline, we can then begin to look for the relationships between them.

This is a type of thinking we want our middle grade students to develop and our older students to fine-tune. As our children reach fifth or sixth grade (age 10-12), they begin to reason in a more logical manner. They learn to argue more effectively and think more logically. Yet this thinking needs to be carefully cultivated, not left to its own to sprout at will.

The resource of this timeline book will give your student(s) a valuable tool in making logical connections in history. Encourage him to mark significant dates/events/people from all subjects areas into his book when he encounters them in his studies. The more he records, the more connections he will make. And be careful not to draw the conclusions for him, but rather ask leading questions and allow him to have that "Ah ha!" moment of revelation that brings such satisfaction.

We, at Knowledge Quest, wish you every success in your teaching endeavors.

Blessings to you on your educational journey,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Terri Johnson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

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## ❧ Introduction for Students ❧

Dear young historian,

You hold in your hand a blank timeline book for you to fill in by recording the events of history. What is the point, you ask? Well, let's see...

What was significant about the year 1453AD? This was the year that Constantinople fell to the Ottoman Turks, the end of the Hundred Years' War between Britain and France, and the time of production on the Gutenberg Bible, the first printed book. These events are seemingly unrelated and yet the use of a timeline can unlock the mystery of why all of these events occurred within the same year. A timeline will give you a unique perspective of time. By seeing the events of history recorded in a linear progression, you will make connections between those events in history that you might not otherwise make as you study them separately.

A timeline will not provide you with the answers, but it will stir your curiosity and lead you to researching and discovering the answers yourself. This is what makes history fascinating.

To get the most out of this timeline tool, I would ask you to record historical events and people as you study them. Be sure to include scientists and their discoveries, inventions, famous artists and writers, virtually anything that occurred in times past. There is a list of significant events provided for you following each section of your timeline book, but this is just the tip of the iceberg. There is so much to learn and study. Don't let the list limit your entries.

If you choose to color code your entries, use this section below to choose and stay consistent with colors. By the way, gel pens or sharp colored pencils work well for writing with color. And always use your best handwriting. This may become a cherished keepsake from your school years.

Wishing you all the best,



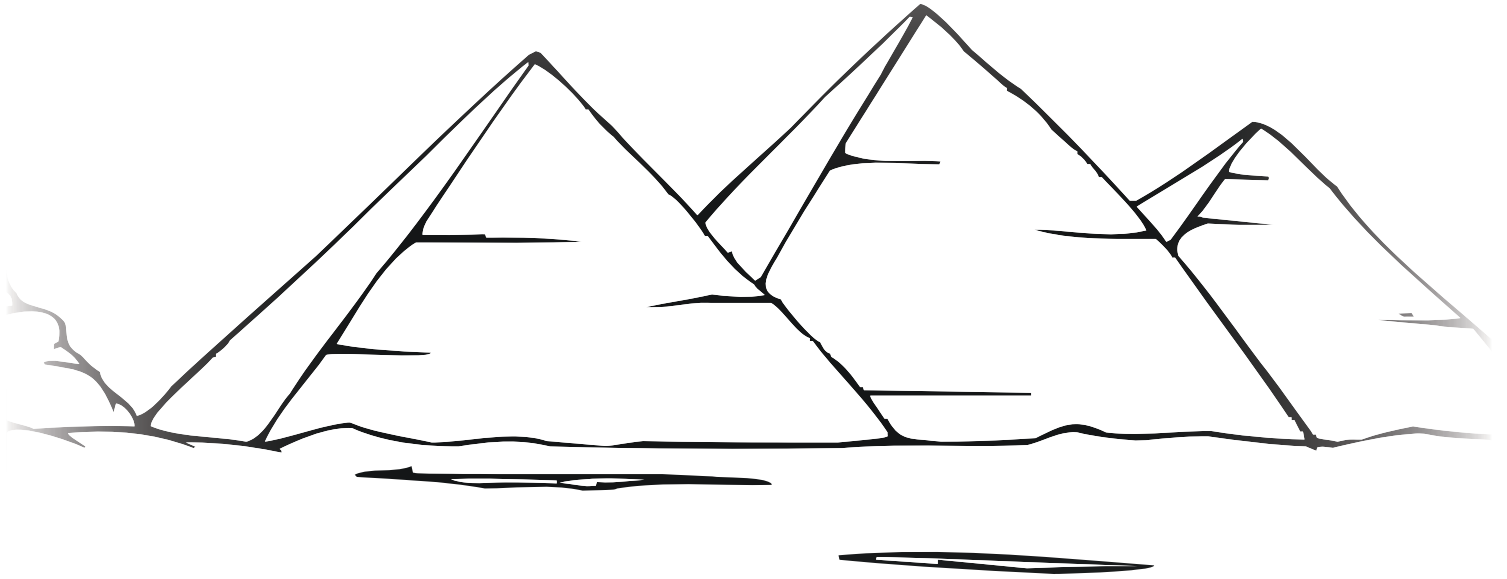
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	War/Conflict		Kings/Rulers		Laws/Ruling
	Literature		Exploration		Science
	Music		Art		Inventions
	The Bible		The Church		Medicine
	Architecture		Nations/ Empires		Religious Leaders

*“I will remember the works of the LORD: surely I will remember thy **wonders of old**. I will meditate also on all thy work, and talk of thy doings.”*

...from the Old Testament, the book of Psalms, KJV, written primarily by King David of Israel c.1000BC





Timeline of  
Ancient History

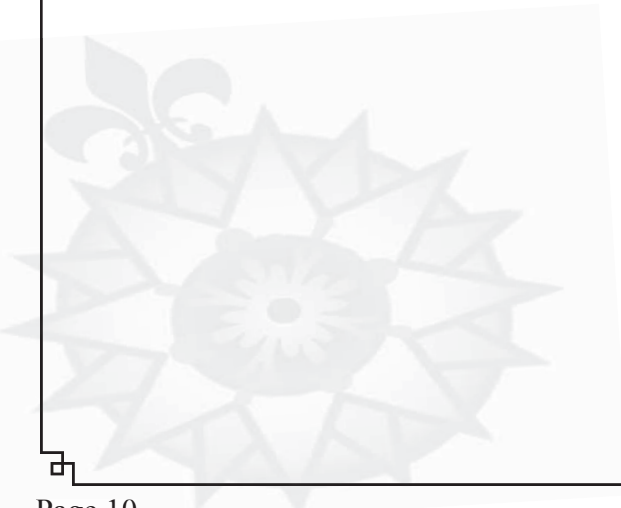
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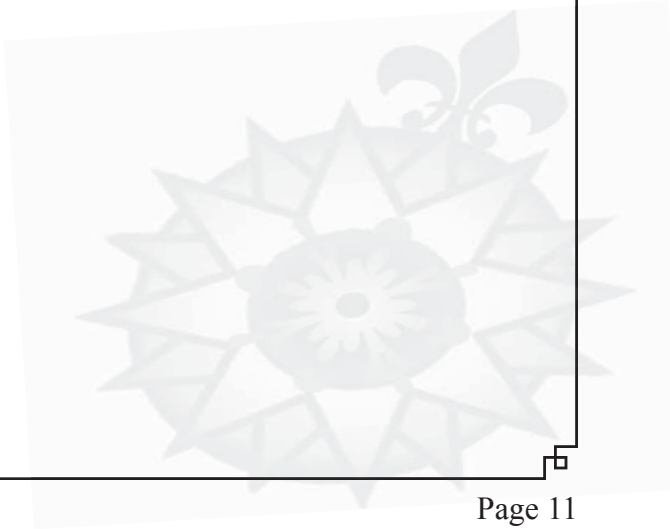
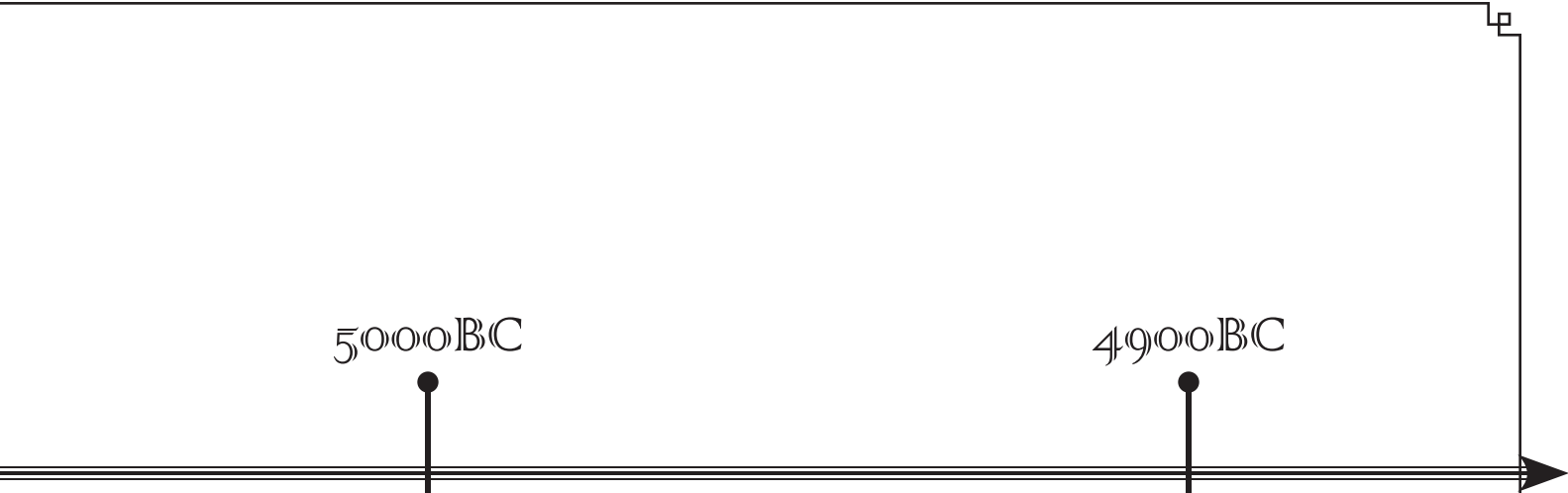


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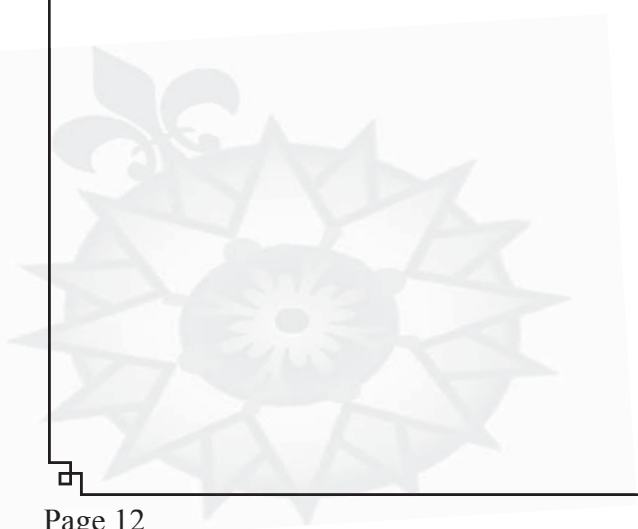




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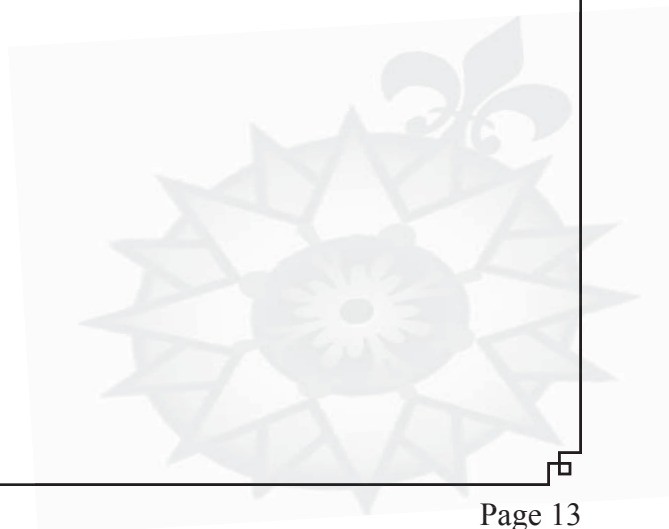
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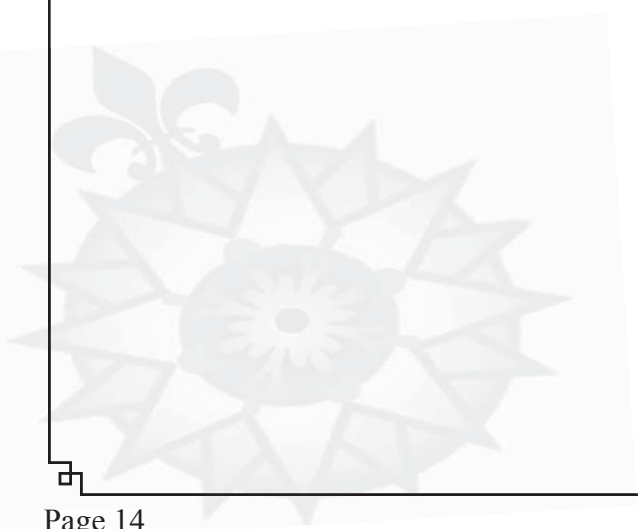
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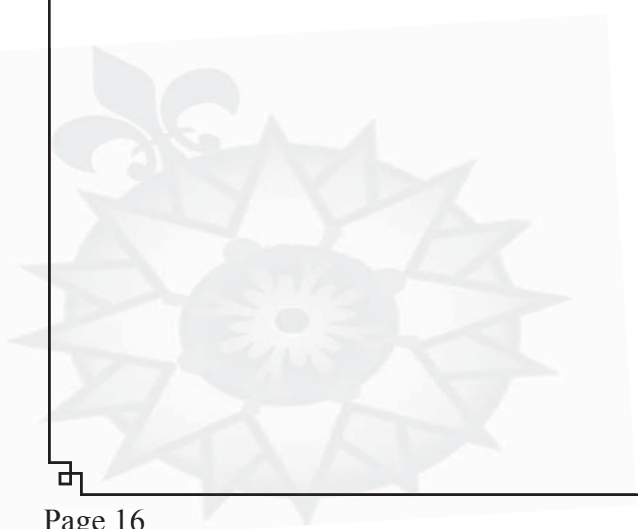




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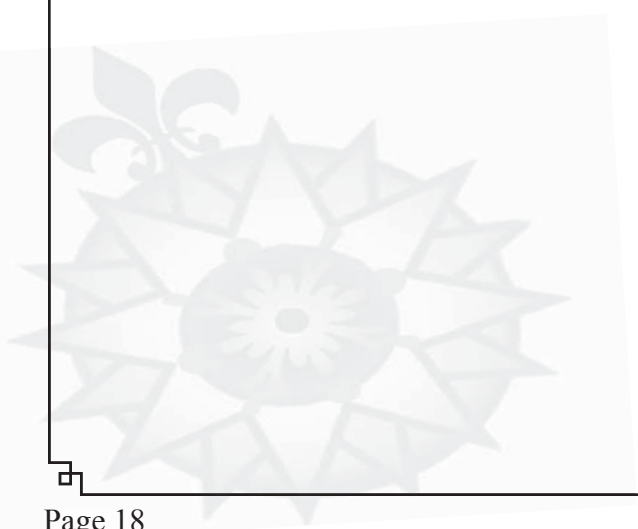
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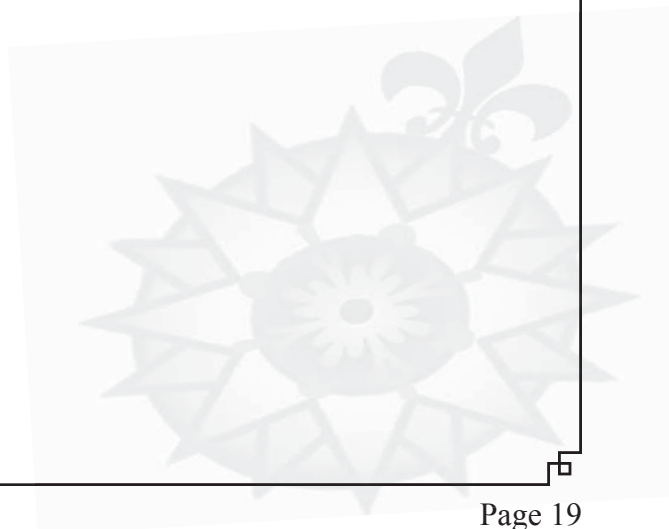
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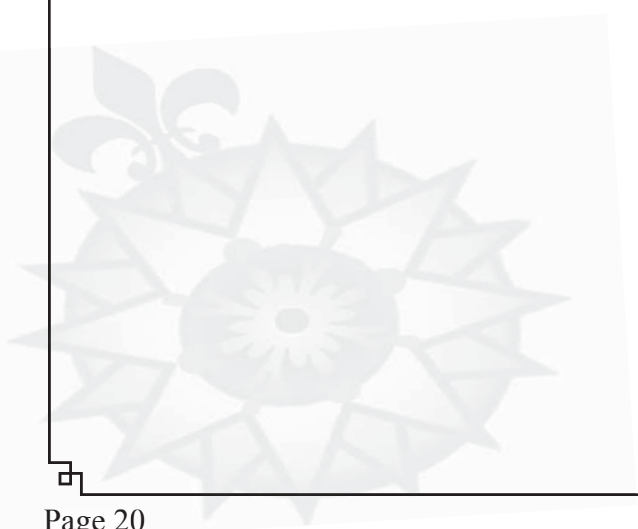
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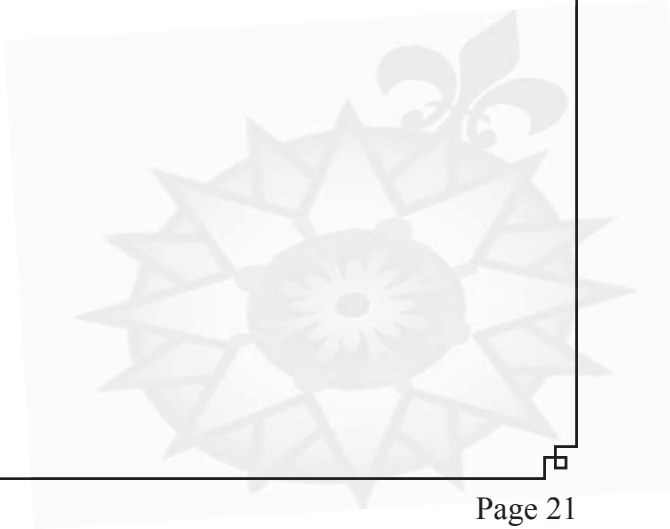
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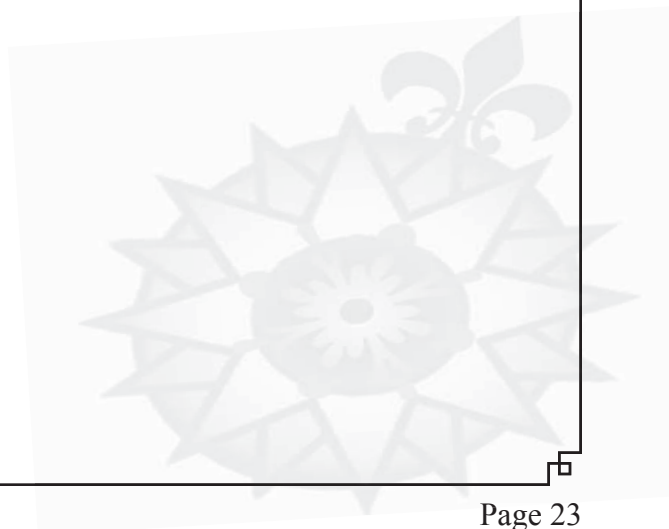




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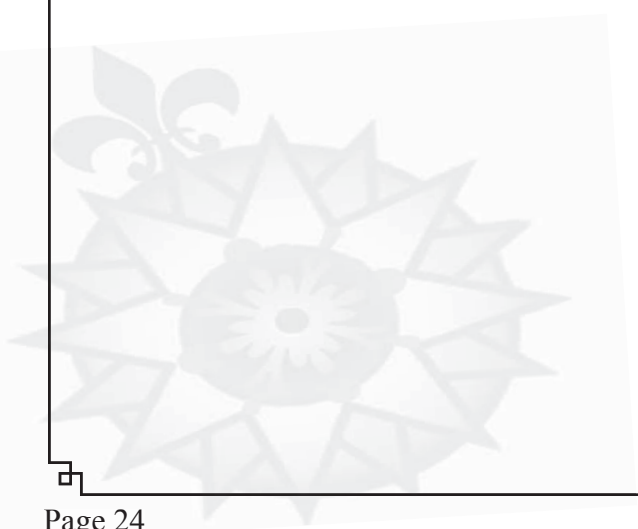
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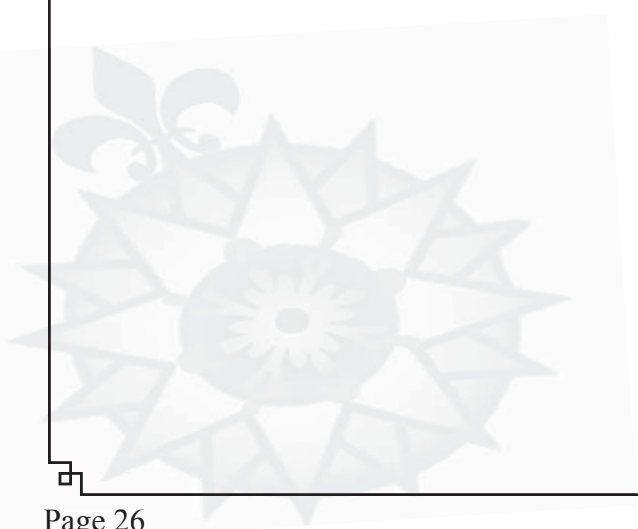
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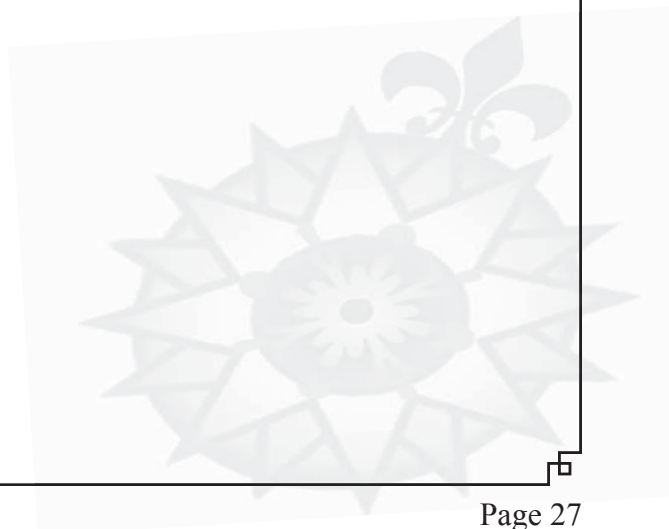
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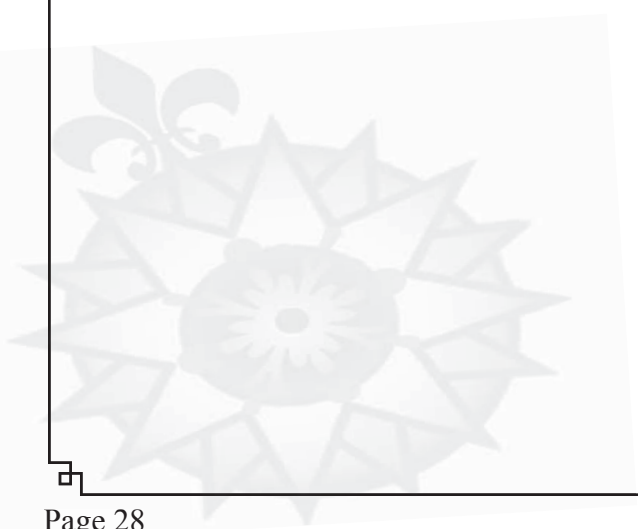
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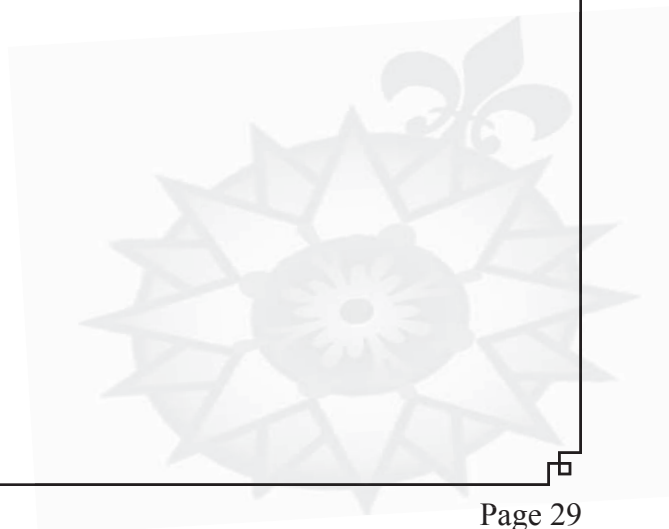
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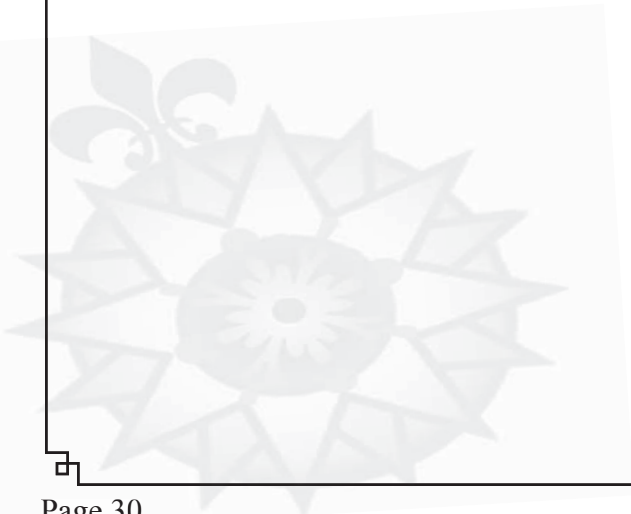
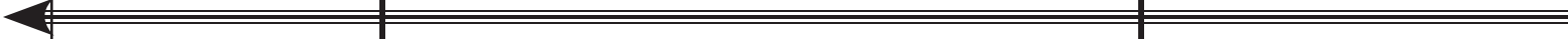




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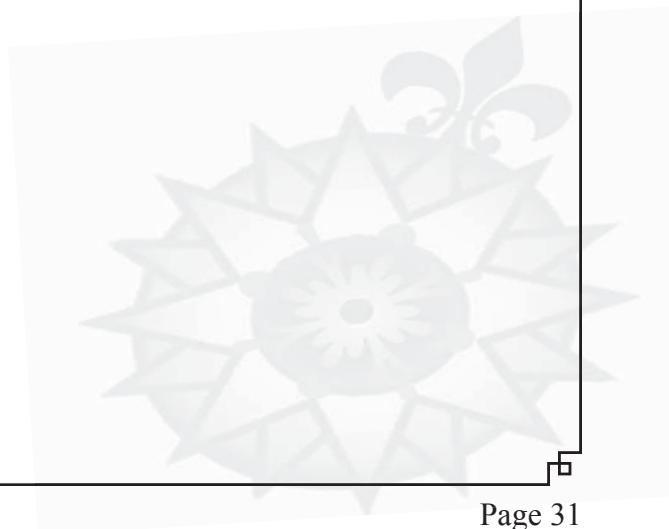
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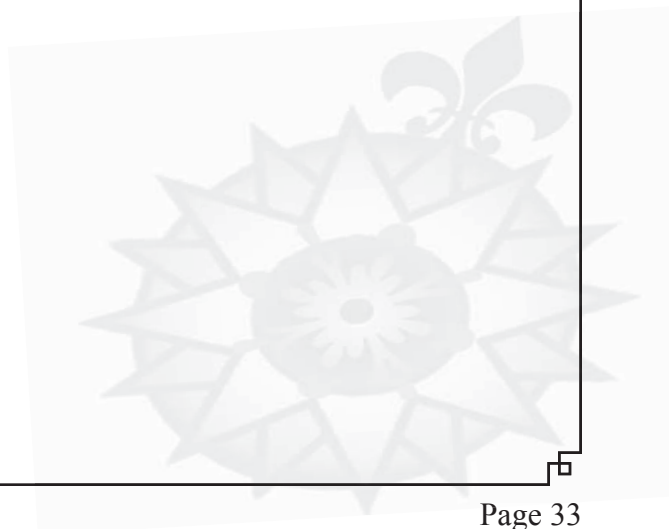
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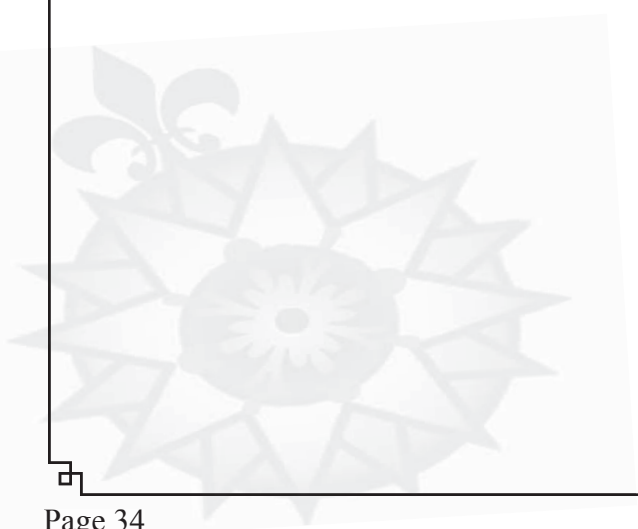
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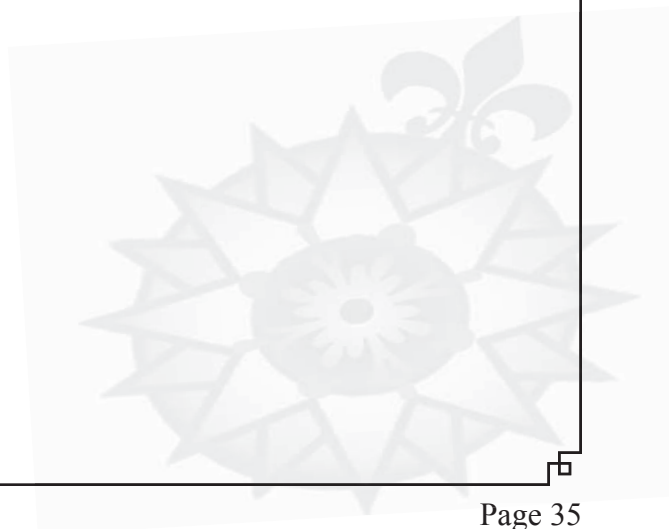
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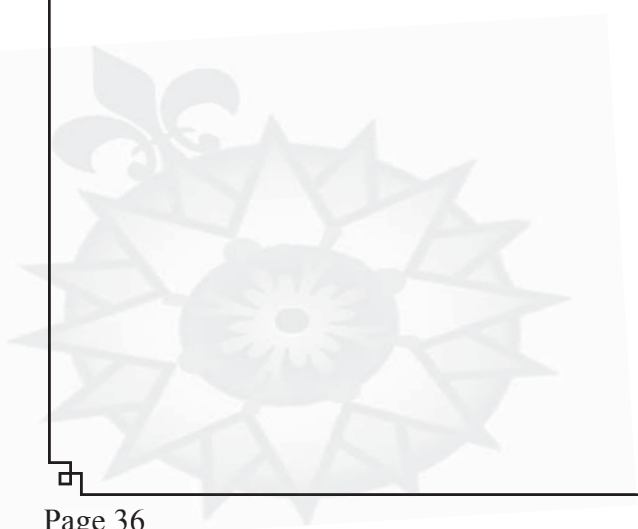
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200AD

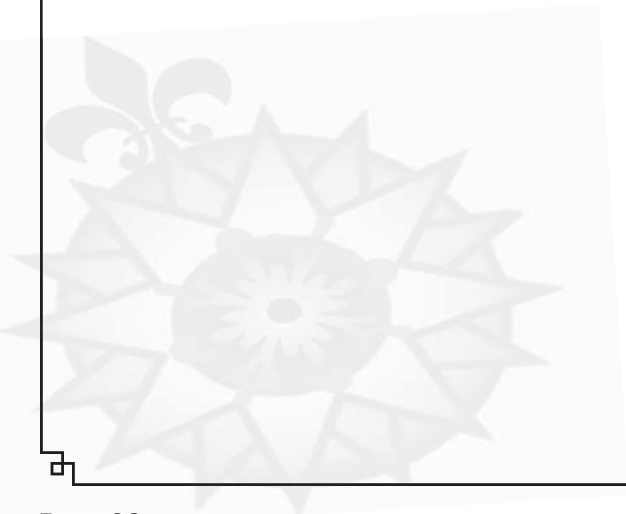
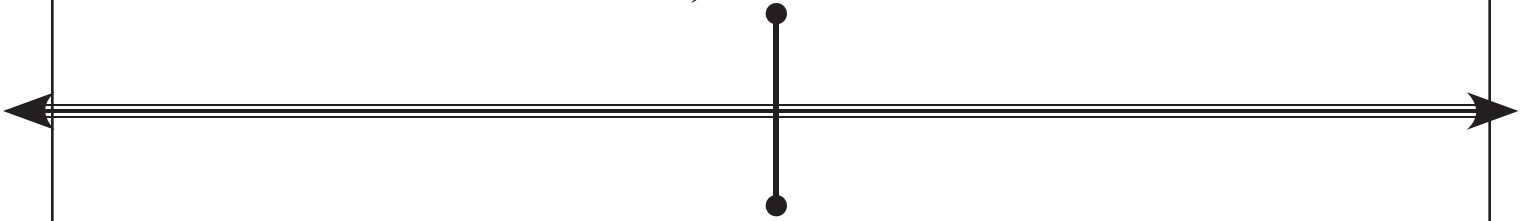


300AD





4,000 AD



## Significant Dates\* to Consider for the Ancient Time Period:

5000*	BC	Farming begins in the fertile crescent
5000	BC	Farming begins in the Nile valley
5000	BC	Jericho grows into a wealthy town
5000	BC	Catal Huyuk is at its largest
4500	BC	First farmers in western Europe
4300	BC	First megaliths built in Brittany and Ireland
3900	BC	The Great Flood (date varies considerably among resources)
3500	BC	The wheel is invented
3500	BC	The Tower of Babel
3500	BC	Farmers settle in the Indus Valley
3300	BC	Growth of towns in Nile valley
3300	BC	Development of hieroglyphics
3100	BC	Menes unites Upper and Lower Egypt
3100	BC	Cuneiform writing is used
3000	BC	Building of Stonehenge has begun
3000	BC	First Chinese towns appear
3000	BC	Sahara desert dries up
2920	BC	The first pharaohs
2750	BC	Farming begins in West Africa
2700	BC	Huang Di becomes emperor of China
2600	BC	Ceremonial sites built in Peru
2575	BC	Old Kingdom of Egypt
2550	BC	The Great Pyramid is completed
2500	BC	Indus Valley civilization at its greatest (until 1800BC)
2500	BC	Towns begin to grow up in Crete
2500	BC	Royal tombs are built at Ur
2500	BC	Assyrians settle the upper Tigris valley
2200	BC	Period of Xia dynasty – Yu is the emperor
2200	BC	Mexican farming villages begin
2100	BC	The king of Ur rules Sumer and Akkad
2100	BC	The ziggurat at Ur is built
2040	BC	Middle Kingdom of Egypt
2000	BC	The Mycenaeans settle in Greece
2000	BC	The Hittites settle in Anatolia
2000	BC	The Amorites invade Akkadia
2000	BC	Peak of megalith building – Stonehenge nearly complete
1800	BC	Abraham settles in Canaan
1792	BC	Hammurabi rules Babylon (until 1750BC)
1766	BC	Shang dynasty begins rule in China
1720	BC	Egypt is invaded by the Hyksos
1700	BC	Crete at its most powerful (until 1450BC)

1680	BC	Assyria falls to the Hurrians
1595	BC	Hittites raid Babylon
1550	BC	New Kingdom of Egypt
1500	BC	The Aryans invade the Indus Valley
1450	BC	The Mycenaeans invade Crete
1400	BC	Phoenicians develop the first alphabet
1400	BC	Peak of Shang dynasty
1380	BC	King Shuppiluliuma rules the Hittites
1300	BC	Assyria regains power
1280	BC	Rameses II makes peace with the Hittites
1250	BC	Troy is destroyed
1200	BC	The Exodus of the Israelites from Egypt (perhaps as early as 1446BC)
1200	BC	Olmec towns built in Mexico
1195	BC	The Hittites are defeated by the Sea Peoples
1150	BC	The Philistines settle in southern Canaan
1122	BC	Zhou dynasty replaces the Shang
1100	BC	The Greek Dark Ages (until 800BC)
1076	BC	Assyria falls to the Aramaeans
1020	BC	Saul becomes King of Israel
1000	BC	David becomes King of Israel (until 965BC)
965	BC	Solomon reigns in Israel (until 928BC)
926	BC	Israel is divided in two
853	BC	Assyria takes control of Babylon
814	BC	Carthage is built
800	BC	The Etruscan civilization emerges
800	BC	First city-states founded in Greece
776	BC	The first Olympic Games
753	BC	The founding of Rome
730	BC	Assyria at its greatest
721	BC	Assyrians invade Israel, dispersing the Jews
700	BC	Nubian kingdom of Kush flourishes
668	BC	King Ashurbanipal rules Assyria (until 627BC)
626	BC	Babylonians revolt against the Assyrians
612	BC	Nineveh sacked by the Babylonians and Medes
612	BC	Fall of Assyria to the Babylonians and Medes
604	BC	Nebuchadnezzar becomes king of Babylon
600	BC	Nok culture in Nigeria begins to grow
600	BC	Earliest Mayan temples built
594	BC	Reform of the Athenian constitution
587	BC	Babylonians destroy Jerusalem and deport many Jews to Babylon
559	BC	Cyrus the Great creates the Persian Empire (until 530BC)
540	BC	Persians conquer Ionia (Greece)
539	BC	Babylon conquered by Cyrus the Great of Persia

521	BC	Darius expands Persian Empire to its greatest point
514	BC	The Scythians fight off an attack by the Persians
509	BC	The beginning of the Roman Republic
486	BC	Xerxes I rules Persia (until 465BC)
480	BC	Greeks halt Persian expansion at Salamis
447	BC	The Parthenon is built in Greece
431	BC	Peloponnesian Wars – Athens against Sparta
404	BC	Athens falls to Sparta
390	BC	Rome sacked by the Celts
371	BC	Sparta declines in power
350	BC	Decline of the Olmecs (Mexico)
350	BC	Earliest Mayan city-states appear
337	BC	Philip of Macedon invades Greece
332	BC	Alexander the Great conquers Egypt
331	BC	Fall of Persia to Alexander the Great
321	BC	Chandragupta Maurya establishes Mauryan Empire in India
315	BC	Qin becomes leading state in China
306	BC	Romans defeat Etruscans
300	BC	Rome expands to dominate Italy
300	BC	Tiahuanaco, Peru founded
264	BC	Punic Wars
230	BC	King Qin Zheng begins to unify China by force
221	BC	Qin dynasty unites China for the first time in one empire
214	BC	Construction of the Great Wall begins
212	BC	Chinese script standardized
202	BC	Founding of the Han dynasty in China
202	BC	The fall of Carthage
200	BC	The Polynesians migrate to Tahiti and the Marquesas
200	BC	First African city, Jenne-jeno, is established
200	BC	Teotihuacan founded in Mexico
196	BC	The Rosetta Stone
185	BC	The Mauryan Empire of India collapses
146	BC	Rome conquers Greece
103	BC	Revolt by slaves in Rome
91	BC	War between Rome and Italian cities
88	BC	Civil war in Rome
63	BC	Cleopatra (death by suicide in 30 BC)
58	BC	The Gallic Wars (until 53 BC)
50	BC	Rome conquers France
49	BC	Julius Caesar takes control of Rome
27	BC	Augustus becomes the first Emperor of Rome
3	BC	The birth of Jesus of Nazareth in Bethlehem

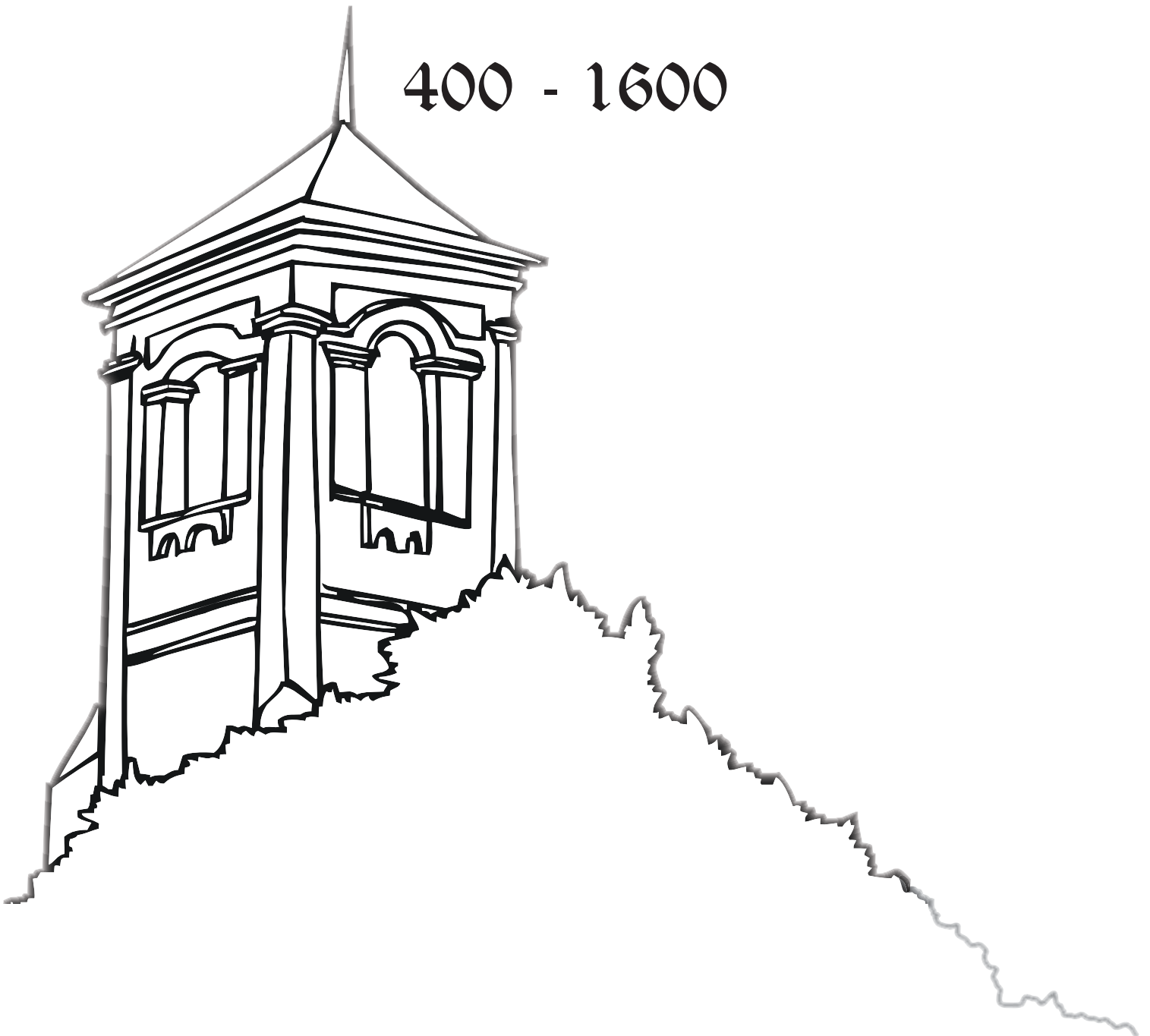
*-I- Anno Domini – The Year of our Lord*

30	AD	The crucifixion of Jesus Christ
30	AD	Egypt becomes part of the Roman Empire
45	AD	Paul's missions begin to Greece, Anatolia and Rome (until 58AD)
58	AD	Paul travels to Rome
64	AD	Persecution of Christians in Rome under Nero
65	AD	The Christian Gospels are being written
75	AD	The Kushan invasion of India
79	AD	The destruction of Pompeii
100	AD	Buddhism spreads from India
100	AD	Paper is invented
100	AD	The Gospels are completed
100	AD	The Roman empire reaches its greatest extent
165	AD	The plague sweeps through the Roman Empire
200	AD	The Roman empire's road system is completed
212	AD	Roman citizenship granted to all inhabitants of the empire
269	AD	St. Anthony establishes Christian monasticism in Egypt
313	AD	Emperor Constantine converts to Christianity
320	AD	Rule by Chandragupta I of India (founder of the Gupta Empire)
324	AD	Constantinople founded as the new capital of the Roman Empire
325	AD	The first Council of Nicaea
366	AD	The Japanese invade southern Korea
367	AD	Scots, Picts and Saxons attack Roman Britain
370	AD	Barbarians attack the Roman empire
380	AD	Rule by Chandragupta II of India (Gupta Empire at its peak)
391	AD	Christianity becomes the official religion of the Roman Empire
400	AD	Polynesian people migrate to the Hawaiian islands
406	AD	Roman withdrawal from Britain, Gaul and Iberia
410	AD	The Visigoths sack Rome – the fall of Rome
441	AD	The Huns defeat the Romans
451	AD	Huns devastate Gaul and northern Italy
470	AD	Decline of the Gupta Empire in India
476	AD	Fall of the last Roman emperor – Romulus Augustus

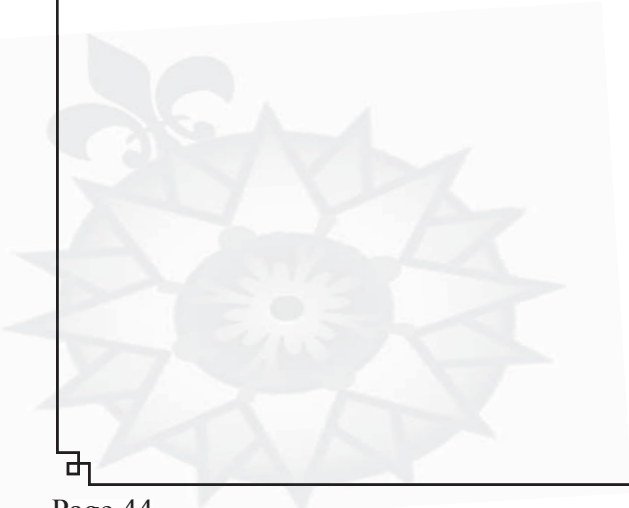
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# Timeline of Medieval History

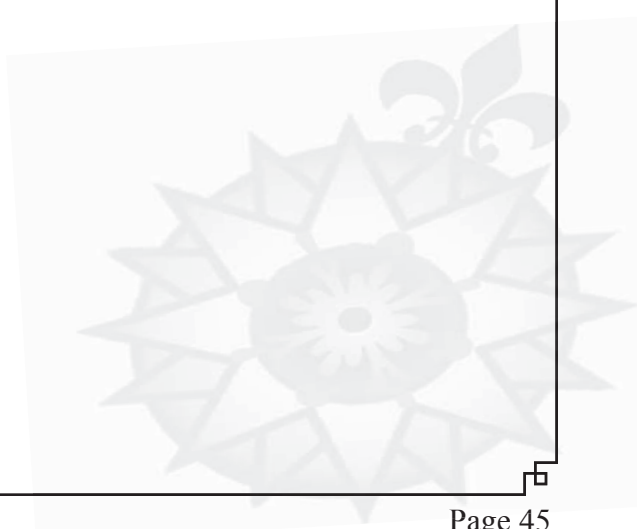
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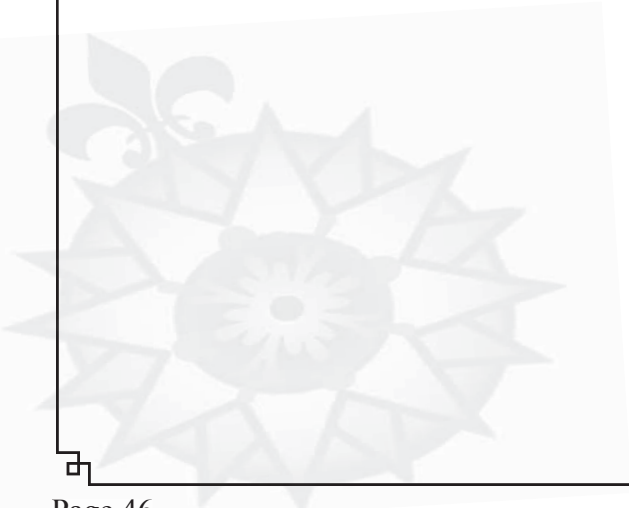


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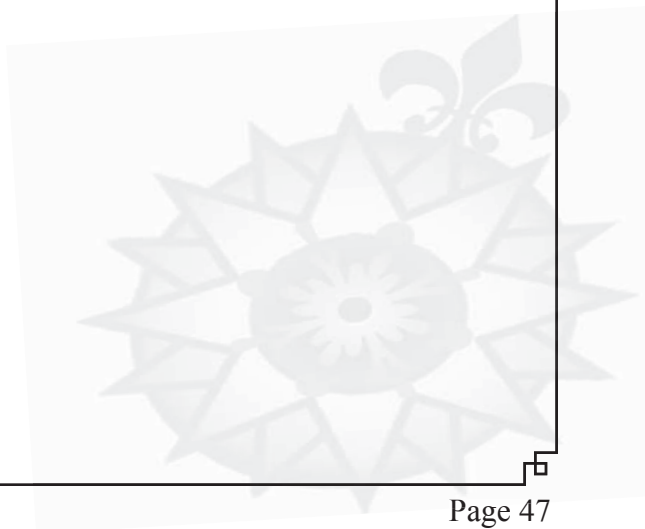




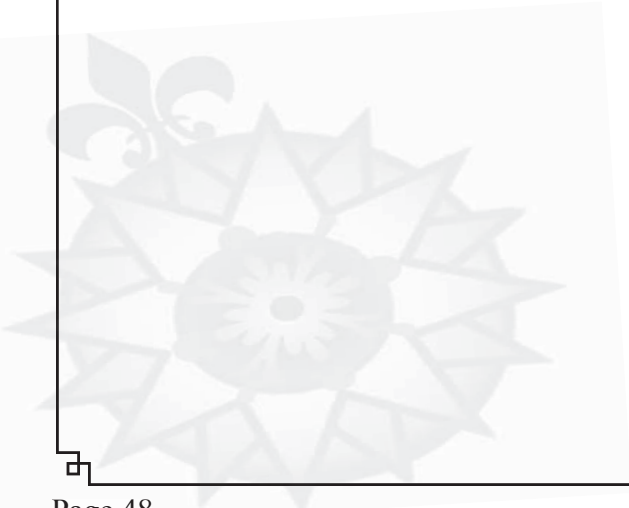
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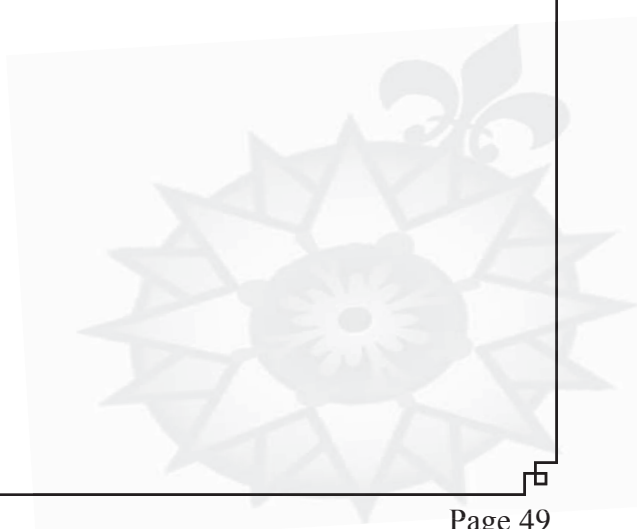
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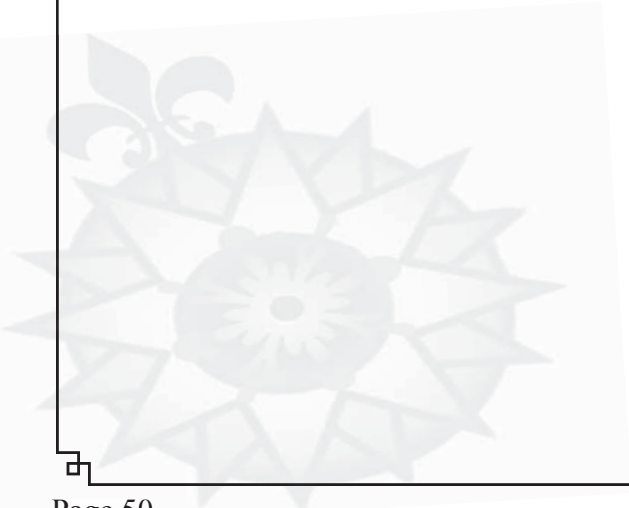
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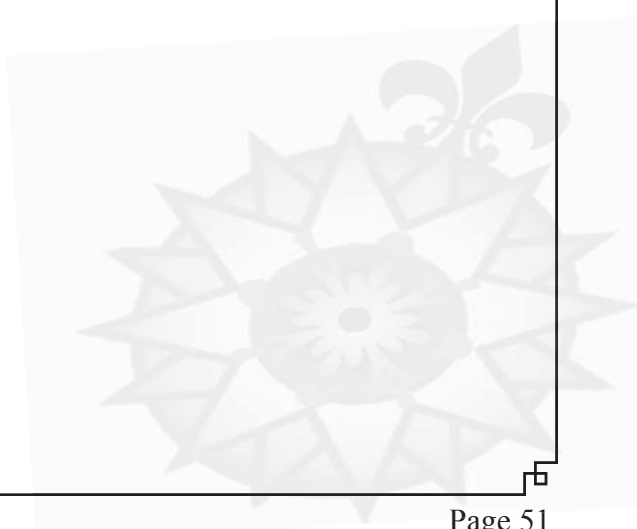
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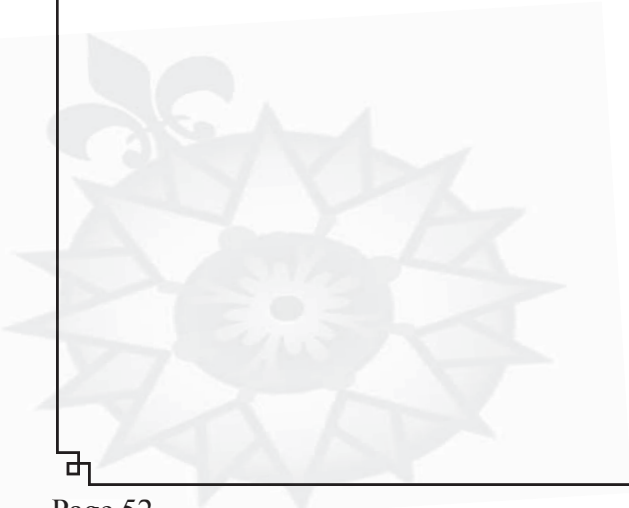
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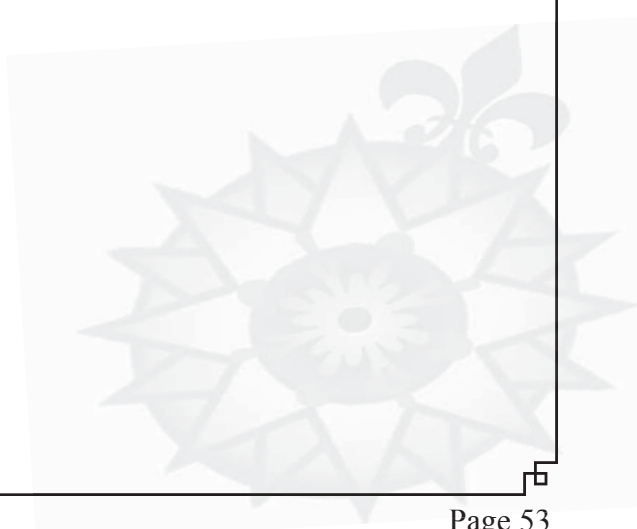
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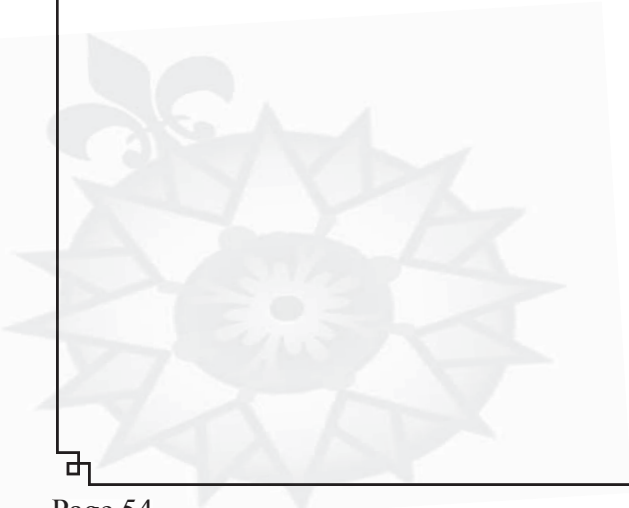


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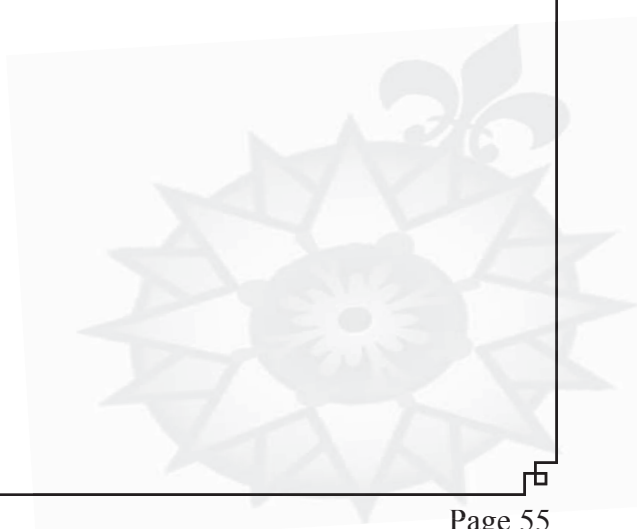




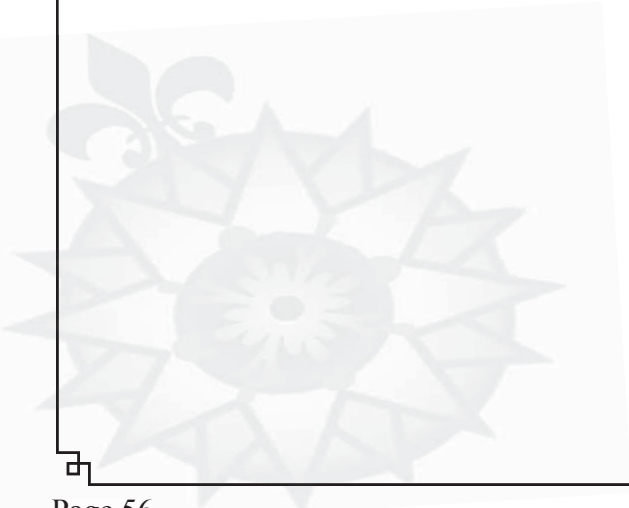
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Significant Dates to Consider for the Medieval Time Period:

- 432 St. Patrick introduces Christianity to Ireland
- 476 The fall of the last Roman emperor
- 486 France united by Merovingian King, Clovis (until 510)
- 491 Anastasius, Emperor of the Byzantine empire (until 518)
- 527 Justinian and Theodora rule the Byzantine empire (until 565)
- 540 St. Benedict writes his Benedictine monastic rule
- 589 Yang Jian unites China, beginning Sui dynasty
- 597 Augustine arrives in Britain to convert the Saxons
- 600 Teotihuacan in Mexico is sacked and burned
- 610 Emperor Heraclius expands Byzantium
- 618 Tang dynasty founded by Li Jian
- 622 The flight from Mecca to Medina (the Hegira) takes place
- 630 Muhammad takes Mecca and forms an Islamic state
- 633 Arabs conquer Syria, Egypt and North Africa
- 636 Muslims capture Palestine, Syria, Persia and Egypt (until 642)
- 640 Chinese expansion in central Asia and Korea (until 660)
- 679 Bulgars conquer the Balkan territories
- 700 The epic of Beowulf
- 711 Arabs invade Spain
- 732 Franks defeat the Arabs at Poitiers, France
- 768 Charlemagne becomes Carolingian King
- 782 Charlemagne defeats the Saxons
- 790 Charlemagne defeats the Austrian Avars
- 793 The first Viking raid (Lindisfarne monastery)
- 794 Japanese court moves to a new capital at Heian on Kyoto
- 800 Pope crowns Charlemagne the emperor of the Holy Roman Empire
- 800 Toltec migration into Mexico
- 814 Charlemagne dies
- 843 Carolingian Empire divided into three (western Europe)
- 858 Fujiwara Yorifusa becomes regent of Japan
- 870 Danes immigrate into Danelaw
- 871 Alfred the Great becomes king of Wessex (until 899)
- 880 The Khmer conquer the Mon and Thai peoples in southeast Asia
- 896 Prince Arpad becomes leader of the Magyars (until 907)
- 900 Angkor Thom in Thailand is built
- 906 Moravia falls to the Magyars
- 907 Tang Dynasty collapses
- 920 Wenceslas tries to modernize Bohemia
- 955 Defeat of the Magyars, ending Magyar raids on Europe

- 960 Song Taizu founds the Song dynasty in China
- 976 Basil II rebuilds the Byzantine empire (until 1026)
- 983 The Vikings start a colony in Greenland
- 1000 Leif Ericson reaches North America
- 1013 The Danes conquer England
- 1054 Orthodox and Catholic churches split
- 1066 The Normans of France conquer England
- 1096 The First Crusade (until 1099)
- 1113 Angkor Wat in Thailand is built
- 1122 Eleanor of Aquitaine born
- 1127 The Jin conquer northern China and the Song retreat to Hangzhou
- 1133 Henry of Anjou born – death 1189
- 1137 Founding of Ethiopia by the Zagwe dynasty
- 1139 Eleanor of Aquitaine marries Louis VII of France; marriage annulled
- 1152 Henry marries Eleanor of Aquitaine
- 1154 Henry becomes king of England
- 1157 Birth of Richard I of England (the Lionheart) – death 1199
- 1166 Rory O’Connor becomes the first king of Ireland since 1014
- 1170 Murder of Thomas a Becket (becomes a saint in 1173)
- 1170 Norman invasion of Ireland
- 1180 Gempei civil war in Japan and the rise of the shoguns (until 1185)
- 1187 Saladin wins back Jerusalem
- 1189 Jewish massacre in York, England
- 1189 The Third Crusade (until 1192)
- 1200 Peak of the political power of the Roman Catholic Church
- 1200 Rise of the Aztecs and the Incas
- 1202 The Fourth Crusade ransacks Constantinople (until 1204)
- 1204 Norman Crusaders capture Constantinople
- 1209 Franciscan order receives papal approval
- 1212 The Children’s Crusade
- 1215 Death of last Angkor king, Jayavarman VII (southeast Asia)
- 1215 King John signs the Magna Carta
- 1225 The Magna Carta becomes the law of England
- 1234 The Mongols conquer northern China and exile the Jin
- 1238 Invasion of Russia by the Mongols
- 1241 Collapse of Hungary after the Mongol raids
- 1248 The Christians reconquer most of Spain
- 1260 Peak of Bohemian power
- 1261 Byzantines retake Constantinople
- 1271 The travels of Marco Polo to China (until 1295)
- 1272 Edward I becomes king of England (until 1307)
- 1279 The Mongols conquer southern China and the Song dynasty ends

## The Middle Ages

- 1290 Expulsion of Jews from England
- 1291 The last Crusades and Acre is defeated
- 1307 Edward II becomes king of England
- 1308 Bohemia and Moravia controlled by Germany
- 1337 The Hundred Years' War (until 1453)
- 1347 The Black Death sweeps through Europe (until 1351)
- 1353 The Black Death breaks out in China
- 1368 The Ming dynasty begins (until 1644)
- 1372 The birth of Jan Hus - death 1415
- 1378 The Great Schism (until 1417)
- 1381 The Peasant's Revolt is led by Wat Tyler (England)
- 1412 Birth of Joan of Arc
- 1419 The Hussite wars (until 1436)
- 1431 Joan of Arc burned at the stake (became a saint in 1920)
- 1438 Habsburg family controls the Holy Roman Empire (until 1806)
- 1440 Oba Eware the Great ruled Benin in West Africa (until 1473)
- 1452 Birth of Leonardo Da Vinci - death 1519
- 1453 Fall of Constantinople to the Ottoman Turks
- 1455 Johann Gutenberg prints the first book, the Bible
- 1462 Ivan III (the Great) strengthens Moscow (until 1505)
- 1469 The marriage of Ferdinand of Spain and Isabella
- 1477 The Netherlands become a Habsburg possession
- 1478 The Spanish Inquisition
- 1485 Henry Tudor comes to power in England (1457 – 1509)
- 1488 Dias rounds the Cape of Good Hope
- 1491 Birth of Henry VIII – death 1547
- 1492 The conquest of Granada
- 1492 Christopher Columbus discovers the West Indies (1451 – 1506)
- 1497 Vasco de Gama rounds the Cape of Good Hope
- 1499 Amerigo Vespucci discovers South America
- 1504 The Moguls seize Kabul in Afghanistan
- 1512 Michelangelo Buonarroti paints the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel
- 1516 Ferdinand of Spain dies (Isabella died in 1504)
- 1516 Charles V became king of Spain (1500 – 1558)
- 1517 Martin Luther nails a list of 95 theses to the church door at Wittenberg
- 1519 Ferdinand Magellan leads the first expedition to sail around the world
- 1522 Luther's Bible is published in German
- 1530 First Portuguese colony established in Brazil
- 1532 The Spanish invade the Inca Empire
- 1533 Ivan IV (the Terrible) expands Russia (until 1584)
- 1534 First African slaves are brought to Brazil
- 1534 England separates from the Roman Church

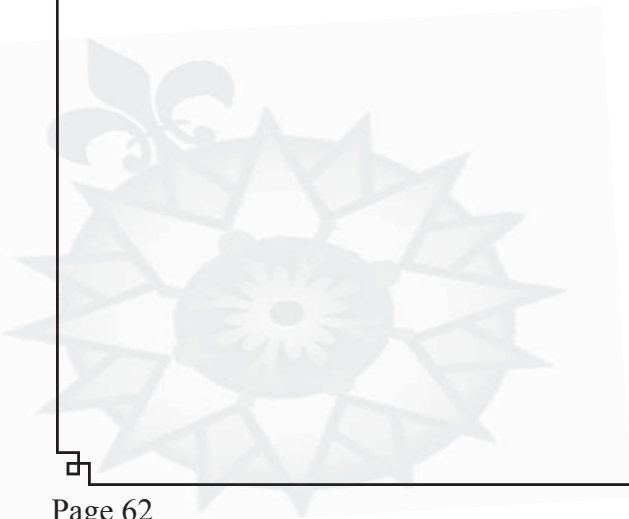
- 1540 John Calvin establishes the Protestant church in Geneva
- 1542 Mary Stuart becomes queen of Scotland when she is only 1 week old
- 1549 First Jesuit mission to Japan
- 1558 Elizabeth I becomes the queen of England and Scotland (1533 – 1603)
- 1562 The Huguenot Wars in France (until 1598)
- 1566 Calvinist church founded in the Netherlands
- 1572 The Massacre of St. Bartholomew's Day (France)
- 1580 Sir Francis Drake becomes the first Englishman to sail around the world
- 1581 The northern provinces of the Netherlands declare independence
- 1592 The Japanese invade Korea

# Timeline of The New World

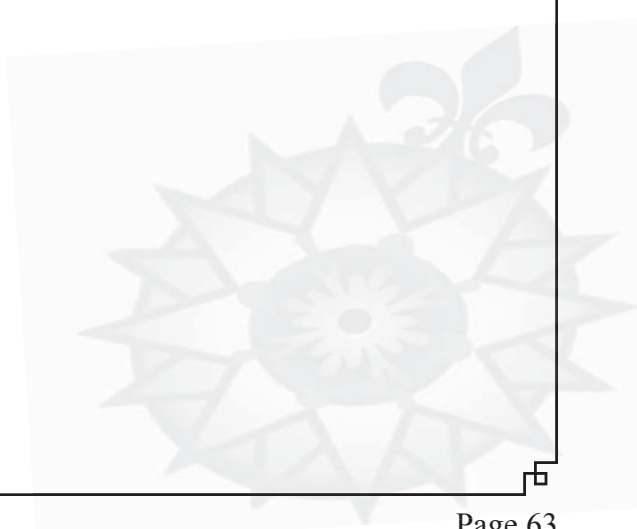




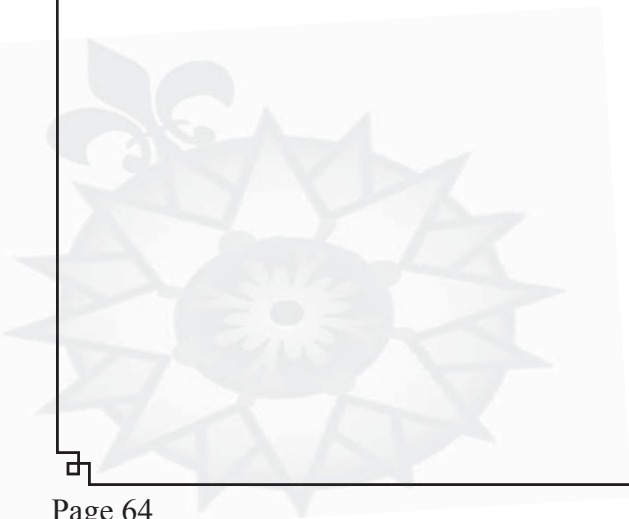
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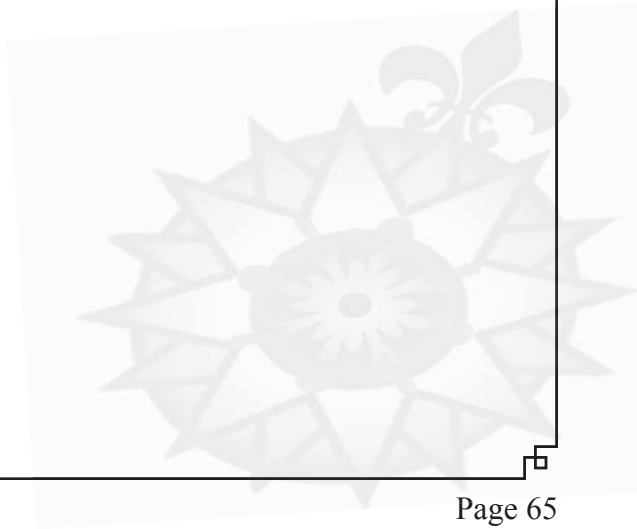
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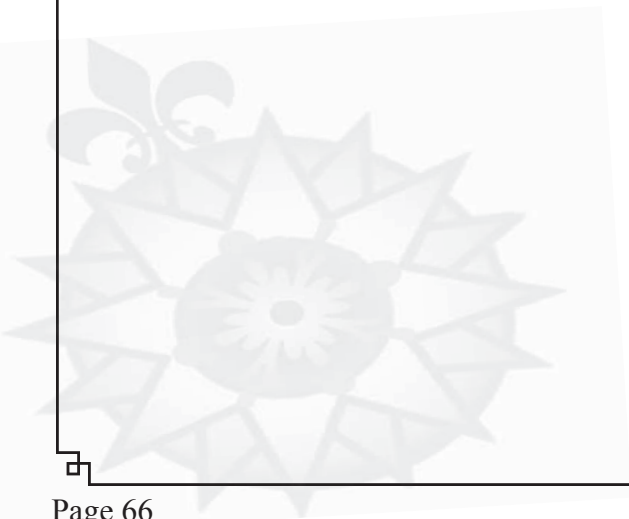
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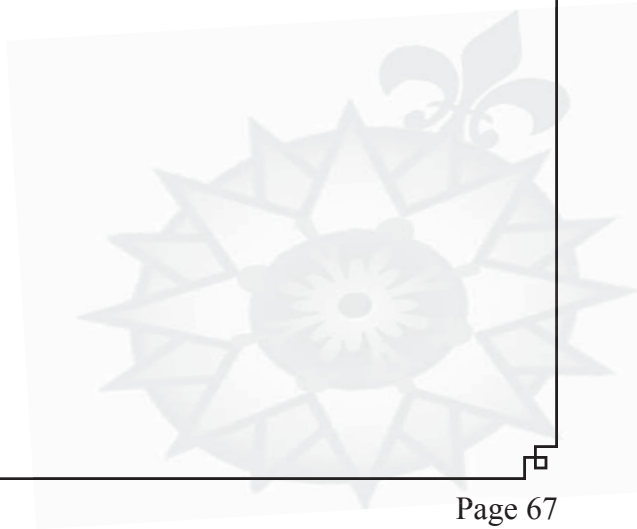
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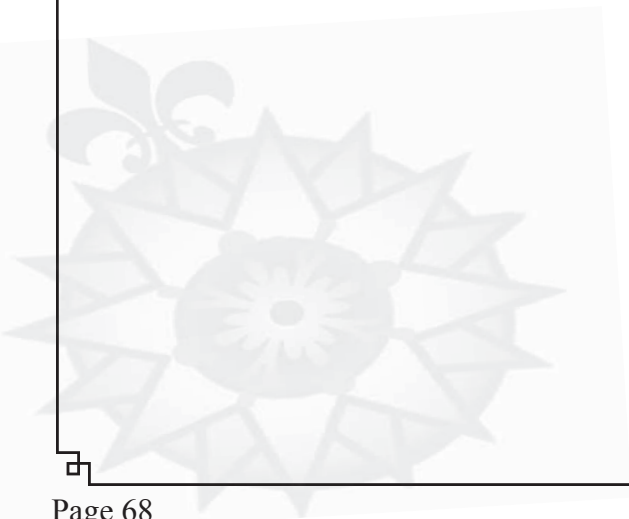
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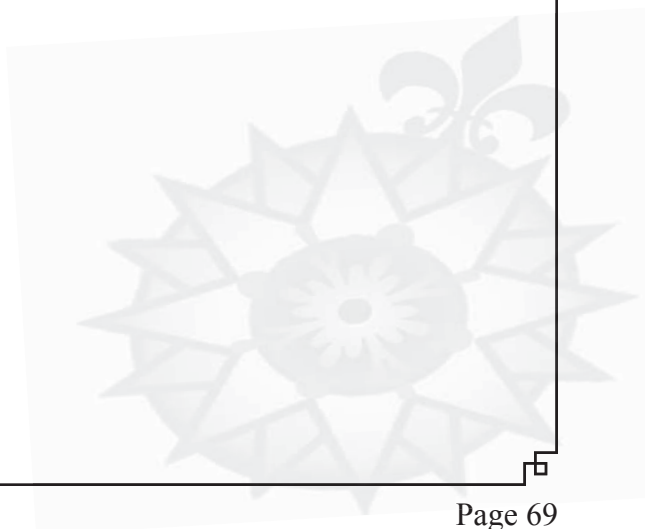
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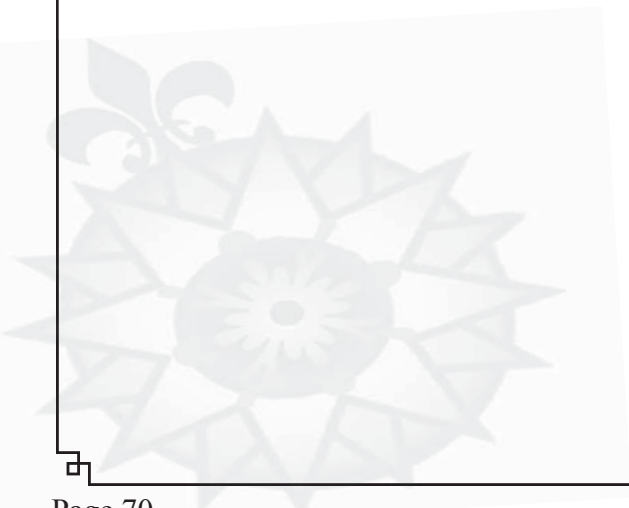


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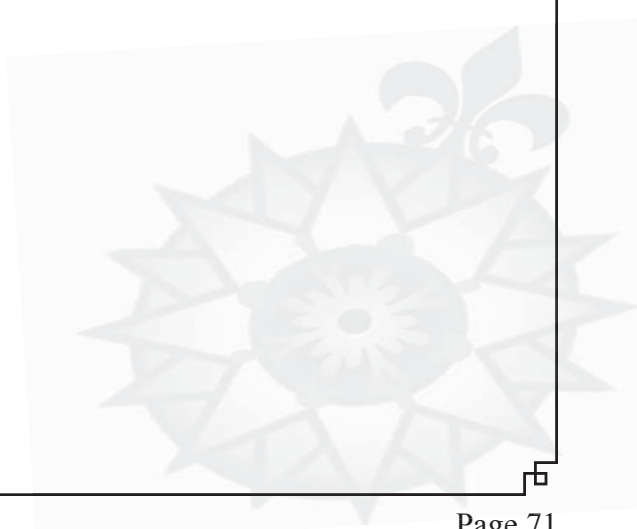




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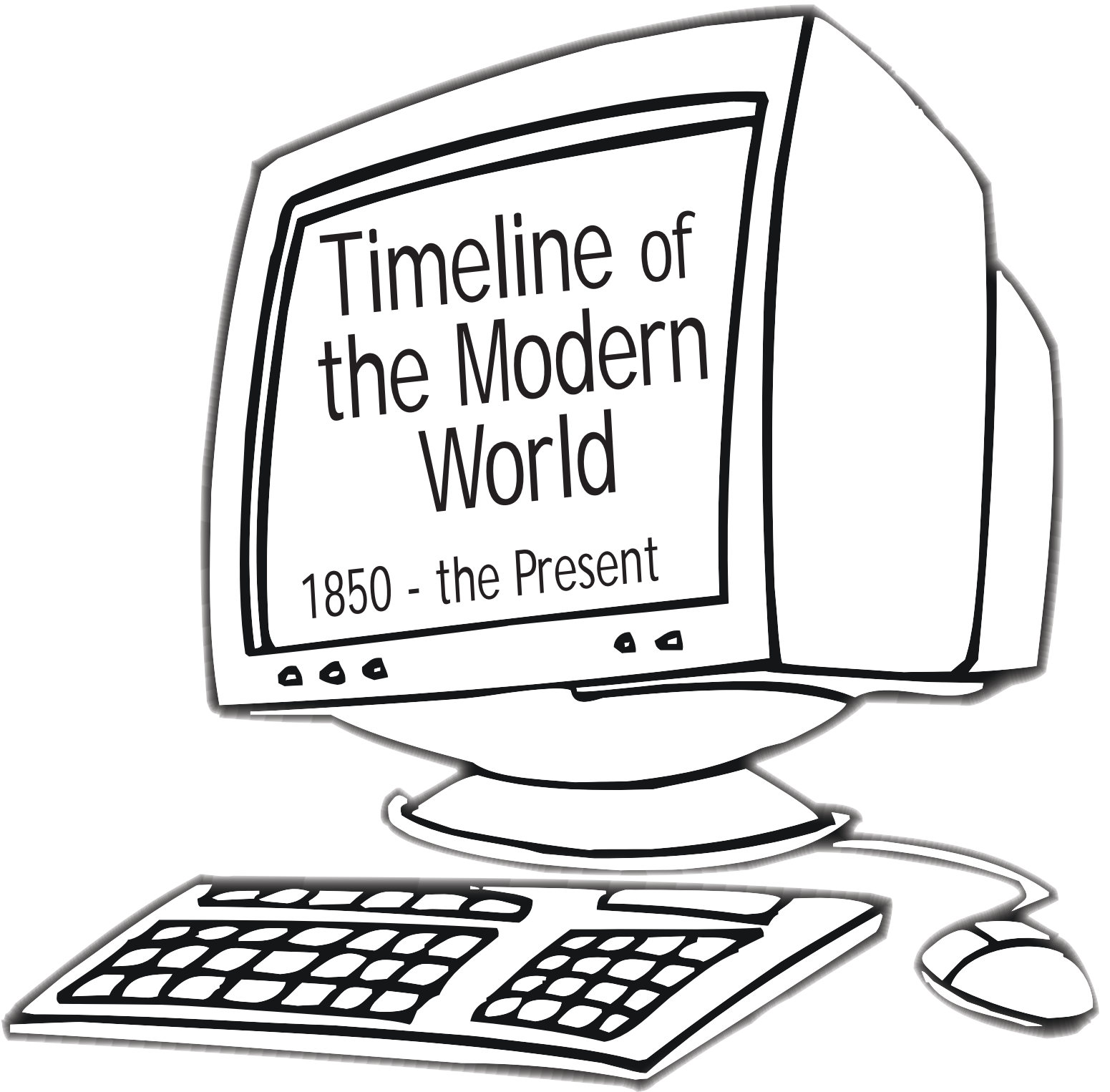


Significant Dates to Consider for the New World Time Period:

- 1558 The reign of Elizabeth I (until 1603)
- 1564 The life of William Shakespeare – death 1616
- 1599 The Globe Theatre built in London
- 1600 The British East India Company is formed
- 1603 James I is king of England (until 1625)
- 1603 Samuel Champlain's arrives in Canada
- 1603 The Tokugawa shoguns rule Japan (until 1867)
- 1606 Dutch explorers reach Australia
- 1607 The English build a settlement in Jamestown, Virginia
- 1607 Henry Hudson voyages to the northeast
- 1608 Quebec colony established in Canada
- 1613 The Romanov dynasty of Russia begins
- 1618 The Thirty Years' War (until 1648)
- 1620 Arrival of the pilgrims in New England
- 1624 The Dutch settle in New Amsterdam (New York)
- 1625 Charles I is king of England
- 1630 Galileo Galilei proves that the Earth travels around the sun
- 1642 Abel Tasman reaches New Zealand
- 1643 Louis XIV is king of France (until 1715)
- 1644 The Manchu (Qing) dynasty rules in China (until 1912)
- 1648 The Republic of the United Netherlands is recognized by Spain
- 1648 Rebellion in Paris (until 1653)
- 1649 Parliament rules England (until 1653)
- 1660 Charles II is king of England (until 1685)
- 1660 Sir Isaac Newton discovers the laws of gravity
- 1661 Louis XIV regains control of France
- 1665 The Great Plague of London
- 1665 Charles II reigns as the last Spanish Habsburg king (until 1700)
- 1666 The Great Fire of London
- 1675 Christopher Wren begins to rebuild St. Paul's Cathedral
- 1680 The peak of the slave trade (until 1780)
- 1682 Peter the Great is tsar of Russia (until 1725)
- 1685 Johann Sebastian Bach - death 1750
- 1687 Sir Isaac Newton publishes *Principia Mathematica*
- 1689 William of Orange is ruler of the Netherlands and king of England (until 1702)
- 1689 Russians swap Siberian land for trade in China
- 1690 John Locke publishes *Two Treatises of Government*
- 1692 The Salem Witch Trials
- 1695 Russia fights the Ottoman empire (until 1706)

- 1699 The French create the colony of Louisiana
- 1700 Russia fights Sweden (until 1721)
- 1701 The War of the Spanish Succession (until 1714)
- 1701 Frederick I is the first king of Prussia (until (1713)
- 1701 Jethro Tull invents seed drill for faster planting
- 1705 Edmund Halley predicts the return of Halley's comet in 1758
- 1707 The decline of the Moguls in India
- 1712 St. Petersburg becomes the new capital of Russia
- 1721 Johann Sebastian Bach composes the Brandenburg Concertos
- 1733 The British have 13 American colonies
- 1735 Carl Linnaeus classifies plants and animals
- 1737 The Persians invade northwest India
- 1737 The life of Thomas Paine – death 1809
- 1740 Maria Theresa rules the Habsburg empire (until 1780)
- 1740 Frederick the Great is king of Prussia
- 1750 China invades Tibet and Turkestan
- 1752 Benjamin Franklin discovers electricity
- 1754 The French and Indian War in North America
- 1756 The Seven Years' War (until 1763)
- 1757 Britain conquers major areas of India (until 1857)
- 1759 The British capture Quebec
- 1760 China invades Burma
- 1762 Catherine the Great is tsarina of Russia (until 1796)
- 1763 Treaty of Paris ends the Seven Years' War
- 1768 Captain Cook leads three sea voyages to the South Seas (until 1779)
- 1770 Ludwig von Beethoven - death 1827
- 1770 Cook claims Australia for Britain
- 1773 The Boston Tea Party
- 1775 The Battle of Bunker Hill (American Revolution)
- 1776 The 13 American colonies declare independence from Britain
- 1777 France joins the Americans in their war against Britain
- 1780 Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart plays for Empress Maria Theresa in Vienna
- 1781 British army surrenders at Yorktown
- 1782 James Watt invents a powerful steam engine
- 1787 The American Constitution is written
- 1789 George Washington becomes the first president of the United States
- 1789 The Bastille in Paris is overtaken by revolutionaries
- 1791 Thomas Paine writes *The Rights of Man*
- 1791 Bill of Rights is adopted
- 1791 Slaves revolt in Santo Domingo
- 1792 Denmark stops its slave trade
- 1793 Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette are executed

- 1793 The Reign of Terror in France (until 1794)
- 1794 Eli Whitney patents the cotton gin
- 1799 Napoleon takes control of France
- 1803 The Louisiana Purchase
- 1804 Slavery is made illegal in the northern United States
- 1805 Napoleon conquers most of western Europe (until 1812)
- 1805 The Battle of Trafalgar, October 21st
- 1805 Lewis and Clark reach the Pacific
- 1807 Robert Fulton's steamboat makes its first trip
- 1807 Abolition of slavery in England
- 1812 Napoleon invades Russia but is forced back
- 1812 The War of 1812 (until 1814)
- 1812 The birth of writer Charles Dickens - death 1870
- 1815 The Battle of Waterloo, June 18th
- 1815 Napoleon is imprisoned on the island of St. Helena until his death in 1821
- 1816 Simon Bolivar helps many South American states achieve their independence
- 1819 Spain gives Florida to the United States
- 1820 Britain claims the South African Cape Colony
- 1821 Mexico declares independence
- 1824 Mexico becomes a republic
- 1825 Bolivar creates the country of Bolivia
- 1827 Greece becomes an independent country
- 1830 All of the South American colonies are independent
- 1831 Nat Turner's Revolt
- 1833 Great Britain passes the Act of Emancipation
- 1835 The birth of Mark Twain (Samuel Clemens) - death 1910
- 1835 The Great Trek of the Boers
- 1836 The Battle of the Alamo
- 1839 The Opium War in China (until 1842)
- 1840 The birth of painter Claude Monet - death 1926
- 1840 The British take control of New Zealand
- 1841 David Livingstone begins to explore Africa
- 1843 Santa Ann becomes dictator of Mexico
- 1846 The Mexican-American War (until 1848)
- 1848 Gold is discovered in California



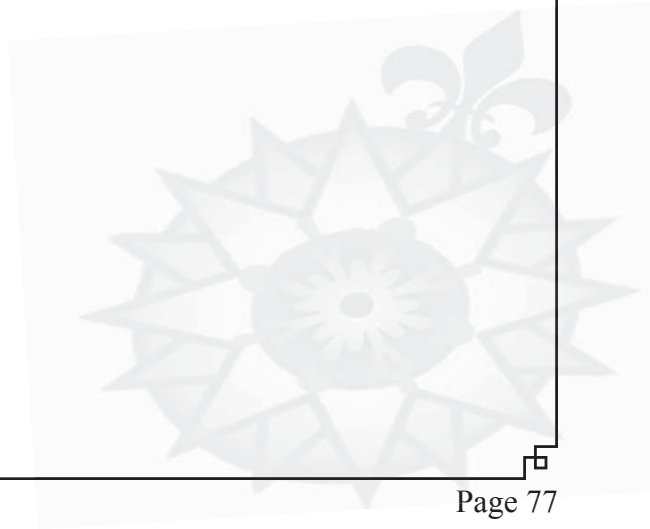
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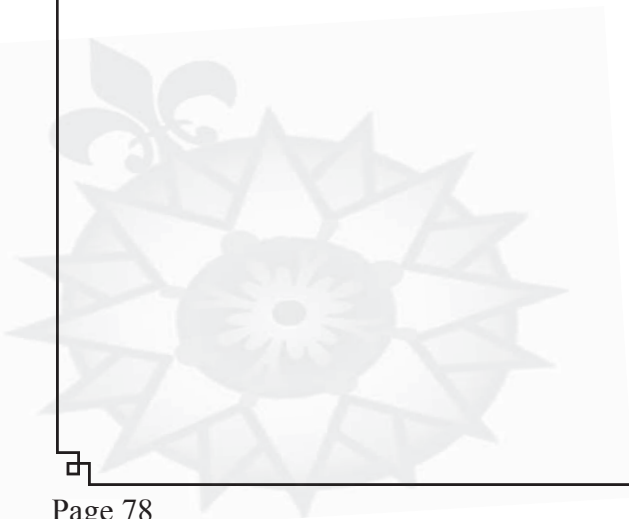


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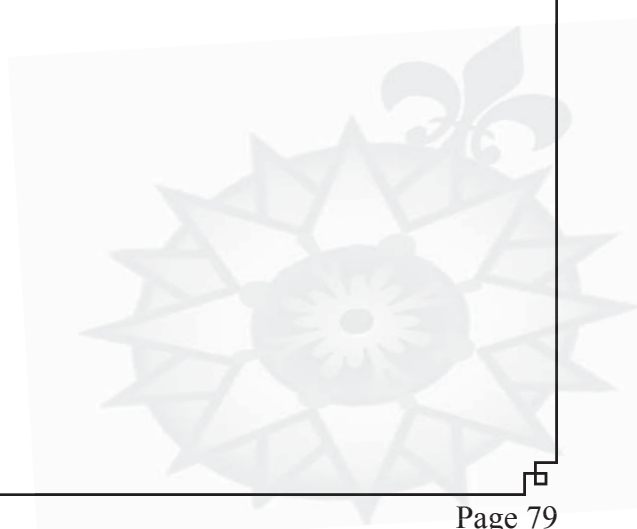




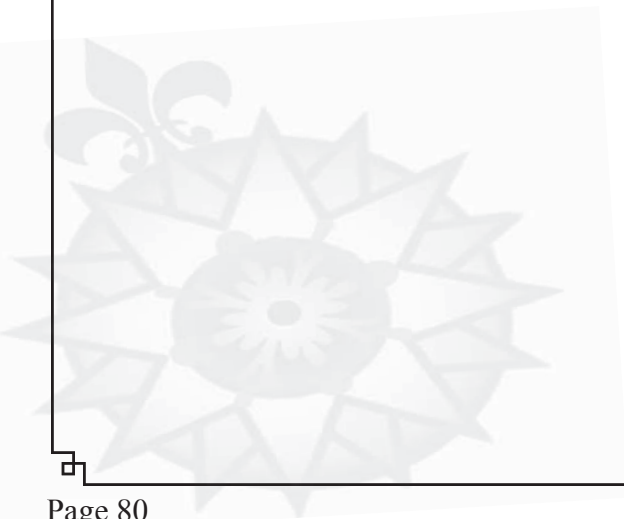
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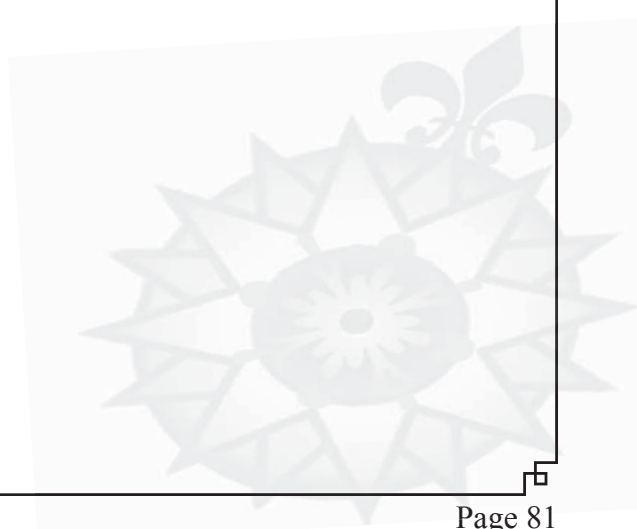
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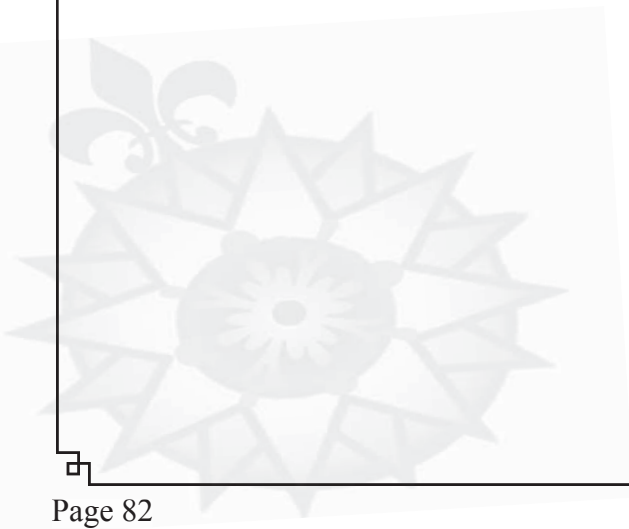
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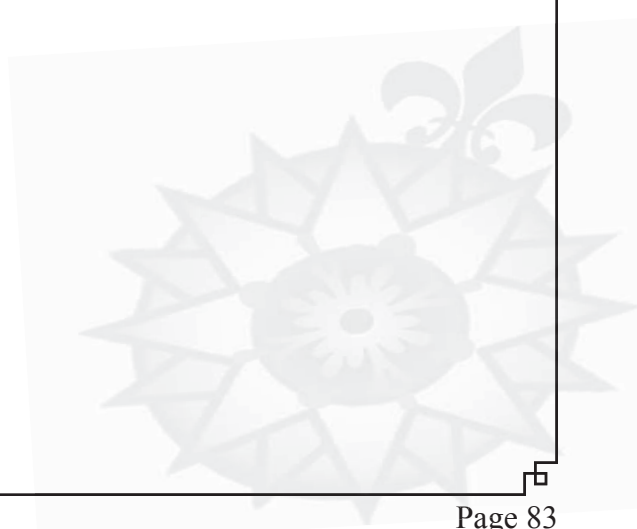
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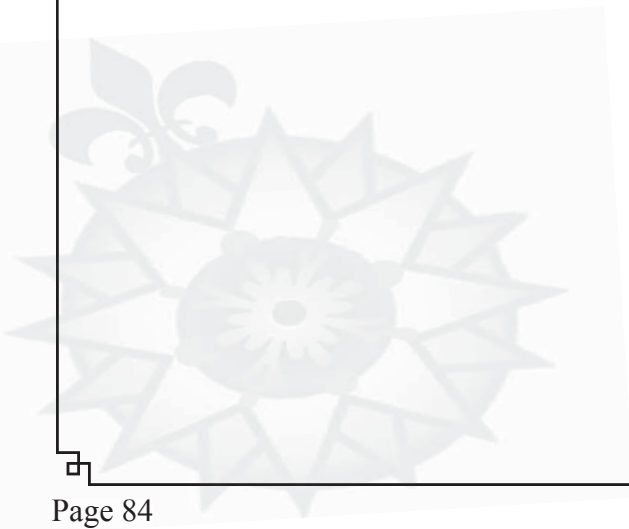
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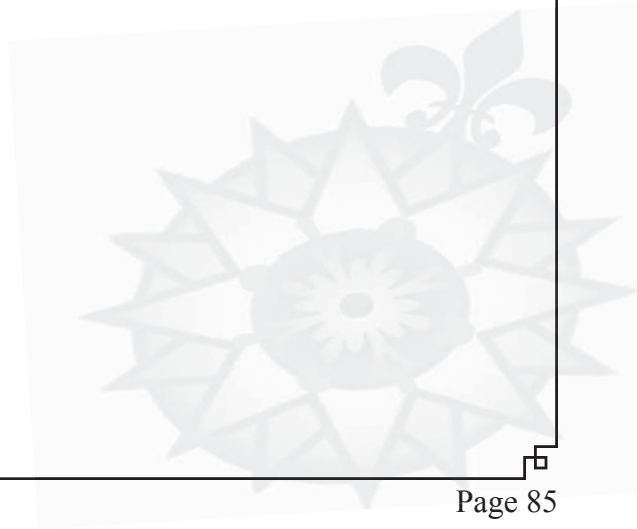
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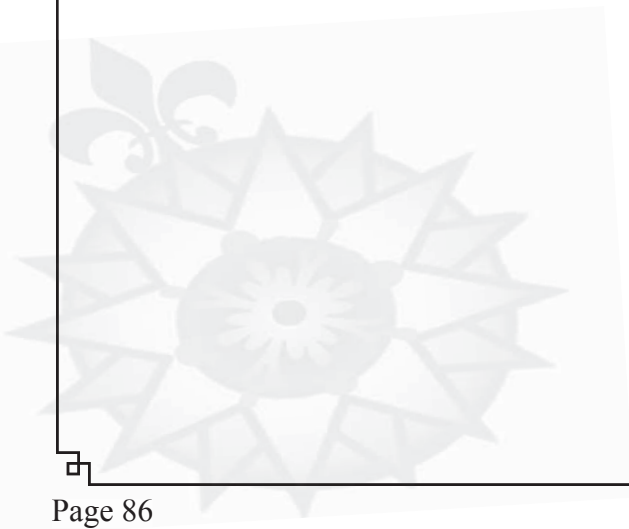


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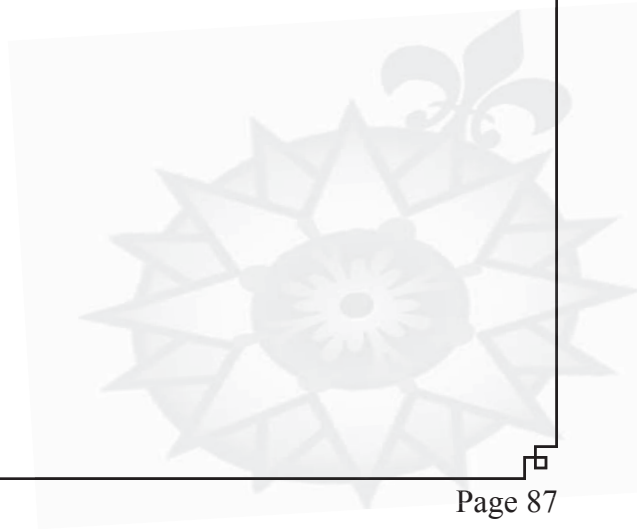




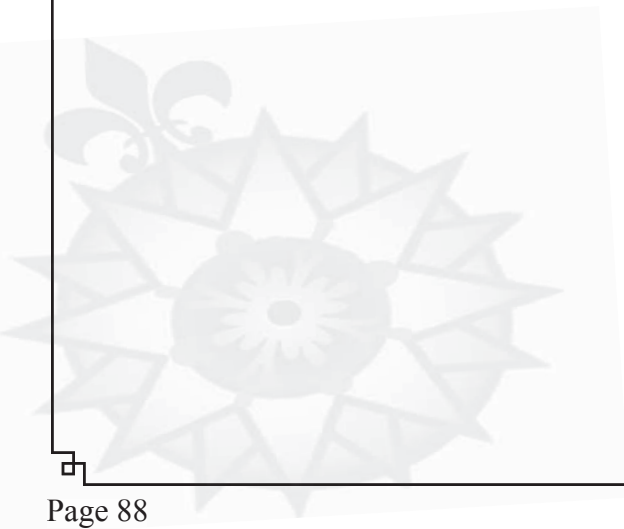
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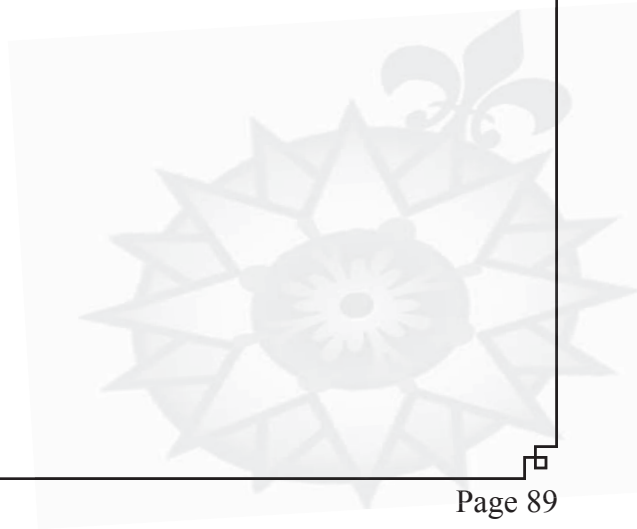
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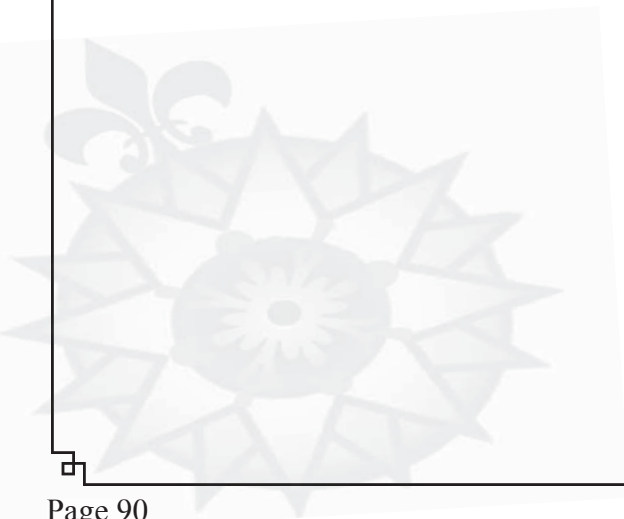
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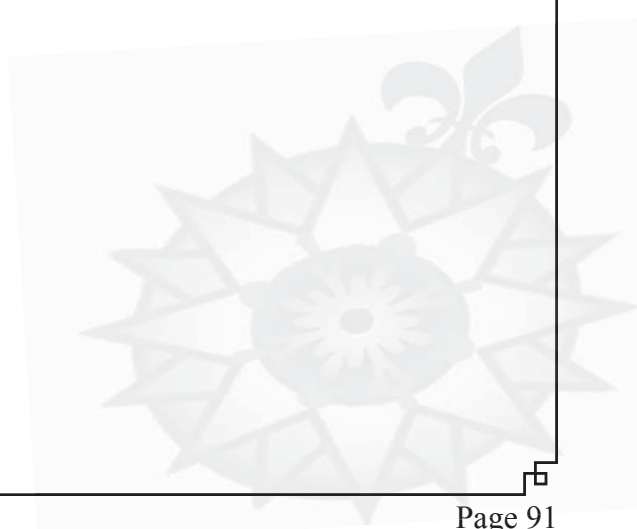
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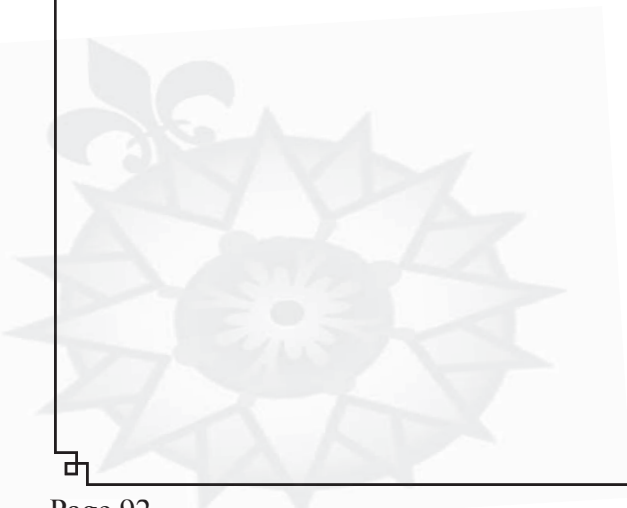
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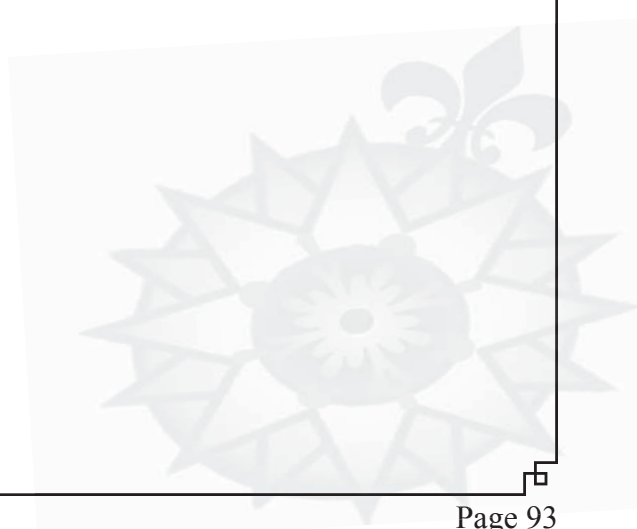
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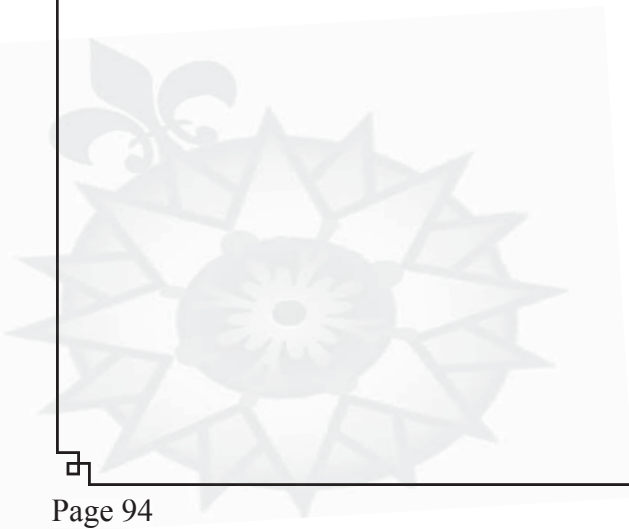


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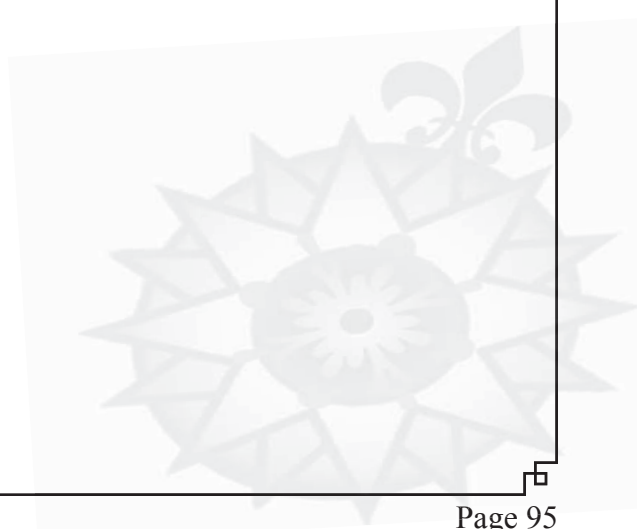




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- 1845 Potato blight in Ireland causes widespread famine
- 1850 The Taiping Rebellion in China (until 1864)
- 1851 The Great Exhibition (Britain)
- 1851 Gold Rush starts in New South Wales (Australia)
- 1852 Napoleon III becomes emperor of France
- 1853 The Crimean War between Russia and Turkey (until 1856)
- 1854 Japan signs a trading agreement with the United States
- 1857 The Indian Mutiny (until 1858)
- 1857 The last Mogul Emperor gives up his throne
- 1858 The British government takes control of India
- 1860 Abraham Lincoln becomes President of the United States
- 1860 Native Americans fight the US army for their land (until 1890)
- 1861 The Italian states join together to form Italy
- 1861 Civil War breaks out in the United States
- 1863 The Battle of Gettysburg
- 1865 Slavery is made illegal throughout the United States
- 1865 The Civil War ends
- 1865 Abraham Lincoln is assassinated
- 1865 George Pullman invents the railroad sleeping car
- 1867 Nobel invents dynamite
- 1869 The birth of Mahatma Gandhi – death 1948
- 1869 The Suez Canal is completed
- 1869 Jules Verne writes *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*
- 1871 Germany is united under Wilhelm I
- 1875 First telephone call made by Alexander Graham Bell
- 1876 The Battle of Little Bighorn (United States)
- 1879 Thomas Edison demonstrates the electric light bulb
- 1882 British occupy Egypt to protect the Suez Canal
- 1884 European leaders meet to divide Africa between them
- 1888 Slavery ends in the Americas
- 1888 George Eastman's Kodak box camera makes photography available to all
- 1889 The Eiffel Tower built in Paris
- 1890 The Native Americans are defeated at the Battle of Wounded Knee
- 1893 New Zealand becomes the first country to grant women the right to vote
- 1894 Japan fights China (until 1895)
- 1894 Nicholas II becomes tsar of Russia
- 1900 The Boxer Rebellion in China
- 1901 Commonwealth of Australia declared
- 1902 The British defeat the Boers

- 1903 Orville and Wilbur Wright make their first powered flight
- 1904 Japan fights Russia (until 1905)
- 1905 The Treaty of Portsmouth – Japan controls Korea
- 1907 New Zealand becomes a dominion within the British Empire
- 1908 Henry Ford produces Model T automobiles using an assembly line
- 1911 The Kuomintang starts a revolution in China
- 1912 The first Balkan War (2<sup>nd</sup> in 1913)
- 1914 Archduke Franz Ferdinand is murdered
- 1914 Austria-Hungary declares war on Serbia
- 1914 The Germans are defeated by the Allies at the Battle of the Marne
- 1917 The United States joins the First World War
- 1917 Riots break out in Petrograd and the tsar gives up his throne
- 1917 The Bolsheviks in Russia seize power
- 1918 The last Habsburg emperor gives up his throne
- 1918 The end of WWI
- 1918 Civil war in Russia (until 1921)
- 1918 Tsar Nicholas II and his family are shot by a group of Communists
- 1919 Benito Mussolini sets up the Fascist Party in Italy
- 1920 The Prohibition goes into effect in the United States (until 1933)
- 1920 The first radio stations are set up in the United States
- 1921 Vladimir Ilyich Ulyanov (better known as Lenin) controls Russia
- 1921 Albert Einstein wins the Nobel Prize for Physics (1879 – 1955)
- 1922 Russia is renamed the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR)
- 1922 Mussolini comes to power
- 1924 The death of Lenin
- 1928 Josef Stalin takes control of Russia
- 1929 The Wall Street stock market crashes
- 1929 The Great Depression (until 1939)
- 1932 Franklin D. Roosevelt becomes President
- 1933 Roosevelt launches the New Deal
- 1933 Adolf Hitler becomes chancellor of Germany
- 1934 Stalin's purges begin
- 1934 The Long March (until 1935)
- 1934 Hitler takes complete control of Germany as *Führer*
- 1937 Frank Whittle designs the first jet engine
- 1938 *Kristallnacht* – Nazis attack thousands of Jewish homes, shops and synagogues
- 1939 Britain and France declare war on Germany
- 1940 Hitler occupies most of western Europe
- 1940 The Battle of Britain
- 1941 Germany invades the Soviet Union
- 1941 Japan attacks US ships at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii
- 1944 The Allies land in France (D-Day)

## The Modern World

- 1945 Adolf Hitler commits suicide
- 1945 Germany surrenders
- 1945 Hiroshima is destroyed by an atomic bomb
- 1945 The end of WWII
- 1945 The United Nations is formed to encourage world peace and protect rights
- 1947 India becomes independent
- 1948 Israel becomes a country
- 1949 Mao Zedong sets up the People's Republic of China
- 1949 NATO is formed – Germany is divided into East and West
- 1949 Apartheid is introduced in South Africa
- 1950 The Korean War (until 1953)
- 1953 Soviet Communist leader Josef Stalin dies
- 1954 The Vietnam War (until 1973)
- 1955 The Warsaw Pact is signed
- 1957 *Sputnik 1*, the first satellite, is launched
- 1958 Jack Kilby invents the first computer microchip
- 1961 The Berlin Wall is built
- 1961 Yuri Gagarin is the first person in space
- 1962 The Cuban Missile Crisis
- 1964 Palestinians form the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO)
- 1964 Civil rights laws are passed in the United States
- 1965 Rhodesia becomes independent (renamed Zimbabwe in 1980)
- 1966 Mao Zedong starts the Cultural Revolution
- 1969 *Apollo 11* reaches the moon – Neil Armstrong walks on the moon
- 1971 E. Pakistan breaks away from W. Pakistan and is renamed Bangladesh
- 1971 The Soviets launch the world's first space station, *Salyut 1*
- 1975 The first small home computer is sold
- 1976 Mao Zedong dies
- 1979 Revolution in Iran
- 1979 The Soviet Union invades Afghanistan
- 1980 Most African states gain independence
- 1980 Iran – Iraq War (until 1988)
- 1981 The space shuttle makes its first flight
- 1981 The first PC is produced by IBM
- 1985 Mikhail Gorbachev becomes the leader of the Soviet Union
- 1986 The space shuttle *Challenger* explodes after lift-off
- 1989 East Germans cross the Berlin Wall
- 1989 Massacre in Tiananmen Square in Beijing, China
- 1989 British scientist Tim Berners-Lee creates the World Wide Web
- 1990 Hubble Telescope launched into space
- 1990 Iraq invades Kuwait
- 1990 East and West Germany become united

- 1990    Apartheid ends in South Africa
- 1991    The Gulf War
- 1991    The Cold War ends
- 1991    The Soviet Union becomes divided
- 1998    The first two parts of the International Space Station link up
- 2001    9-11 – hijacked planes crash deliberately into the World Trade Center
- 2003    Saddam Hussein captured by US troops in Iraq (December)











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