

# Ancient History Timeline Figures

20,000 B.C.E.  
Lascaux Cave paintings



60,000 B.C.E.  
Diepkloof Eggshell Engravings, from ostrich eggs



10,000 B.C.E.  
Semi-permanent agricultural settlements in the Old World



4500-4000 B.C.E.  
Earliest known civilization, Sumer arises



Sumerian seal of Ad-da showing sunrise, 2500 B.C.E.

3000 B.C.E.  
King Narmer unites upper and lower Egypt



3500 B.C.E.  
Kish tablets from Sumer  
First known example of writing



2540 B.C.E.  
Great Sphinx build by Kafre



3000-1500 B.C.E.  
Indus Valley Civilization flourishes



Mohenjo-daro

3000 B.C.E.  
Epic of Gilgamesh



1324 B.C.E.  
King Tutankhamen dies



2000-1500 B.C.E.  
Peak of Minoan culture



Bull leaping: Minoan fresco from palace of Knossos

3,800-3,600 B.C.E.  
Earliest wooden wheel used



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2680 B.C.E.

Great pyramid finished for Khufu



3000 B.C.E.

Papyrus plant used to make paper for writing



2334 - 2279 B.C.E.

Sargon, first Akkadian king, builds Mesopotamian empire



10,000 B.C.E.

Oldest "calendar" (lunar-cycle marking pits) in Scotland



4241 B.C.E.

Earliest date on Egyptian calendar for writing



1193 B.C.E.

Greeks destroy Troy



1200-400 B.C.E.

Olmec civilization flourishes in Mexico



1110 B.C.E.

Phoenicians colonize Spain (Cadiz)



753 B.C.E.

Rome founded



604 B.C.E.

Lao-tzu born (Taoist leader/founder)



600-500 B.C.E.

Babylonian King Nebuchadnezzar builds empire (Ishtar Gate)



582?-507? B.C.E.

Pythagoras, Greek philosopher and mathematician



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2,000 B.C.E.

First flush toilets  
Minoan civilization, Crete



3,000 B.C.E.

Abacus invented  
(image of ancient Roman abacus)



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1700 B.C.E.

Hamurabi's Code is written



2500 B.C.E.

Stonehenge was built



770 B.C.E. - 1664 C.E.

Great Wall of China built



1050-1680 C.E.

Easter Island statues



200 B.C.E. - 1000 C.E.

Ellora Caves (temples) were created



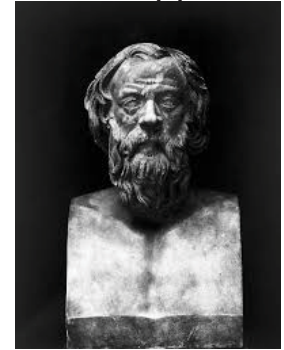
432 B.C.E.

The Parthenon was completed



460 B.C.E.

Birth of Hippocrates



551-479 B.C.E.

Confucius develops moral/ethical philosophy in China



563?-483? B.C.E.

Siddhartha Gautama founds Buddhism in India



246-209 B.C.E.

Emperor Qin ordered a terracotta army made for his tomb



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206 B.C.E. – 220 C.E.  
Emperor Kuang Wu Ti founds  
the Han Dynasty in China



71–80 C.E.  
Colosseum built in Rome



122 C.E.  
Roman Emperor Hadrian ordered  
a wall built between England and Scotland



250–299 C.E.  
Franks and Goths increasingly  
invade the Roman empire



Ulpiano Checa, Invasion of the barbarians

250–900 C.E.  
Classic period of Mayan Empire

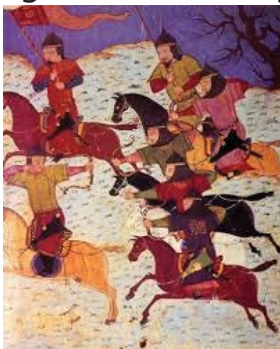


330 C.E.  
Roman Emperor moves the capital  
from Rome to Constantinople



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350-399 C.E.  
Mongols invade Europe



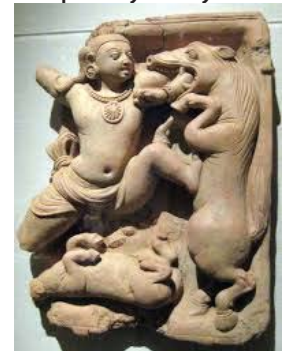
Rashid al-Din

450-499 C.E.  
Vandals destroy Rome



Luminais, The Barbarians Before Rome.

320 C.E.  
First Gupta dynasty in India



200 B.C.E.  
Nazca civilization flourishes



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The Hummingbird

221 B.C.E.  
Shi Huangdi (Qin Zheng) unites  
the Chinese states into one empire



79 C.E.  
Volcano Vesuvius erupts and  
buries the city of Pompeii



Pietro Fabris, etching

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359 - 336 B.C.E.

Philip of Macedon subdues the Greek city states,



356–323 B.C.E.

Alexander the Great conquers the known world



200 B.C.E.

Temple of the Sun at Teotihuacán,



300 B.C.E.

invention of Mayan calendar, more exact than earlier forms



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264–241 B.C.E.

First Punic War



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219–201 B.C.E.

Second Punic War



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218 B.C.E.

Hannibal crosses the Alps



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149–146 B.C.E.

Third Punic War, Rome destroys Carthage



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55 B.C.E.

Julius Caesar invades Britain



51–31 B.C.E.

Cleopatra rules Egypt



c. 100 B.C.E.

Chinese develop pulp paper



7-4 B.C.E.

Birth of Jesus estimated by Christianity



Giotto fresco,

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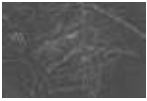
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