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  - Arab arithmetical notation introduced into Europe, superseding Roman numerals, c. AD 975
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  - Triple Alliance in Mexico marks the start of the Mexico (Aztec) empire, 1427
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    - Publication of Alberti's treatise, On Painting, 1435
    - Invention of the printing press in Germany by Johann Gutenberg, c.1440

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- Vasco da Gama rounds the Cape of Good Hope, 1497
- John Cabot claims Newfoundland for England, 1497
- Portuguese discover Brazil and establish trading posts in India and Sri Lanka, 1498–1505
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- Michelangelo paints Sistine Chapel ceiling, 1508–1512

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- Dissolution of English monasteries and confiscation of their property by Henry VIII, 1538–1541
- Publication by Nicolaus Copernicus of *De Revolutionibus*, which proves that the earth circles the sun, 1543
- Protestant Reformation, 1517–1648
- First Europeans land in Japan, 1543
- Giorgio Vasari publishes *Lives of the Artists*, 1550
- Reign of Ottoman emperor Süleyman the Magnificent, 1520–1566
- Counter-Reformation, 1560–1648
- First art academy, Accademia del Disegno, founded in Florence, 1563
- Life of William Shakespeare, 1564–1616
- Englishman John White creates the first watercolour sketches of North American peoples and places, 1585–1586
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  - Nicholas Hilliard Young Man among Roses UK
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      - Europeans discover Australia, 1606
        - First permanent British colony established in America, at Jamestown, Massachusetts, 1607
          - Johannes Kepler publishes a description of the precursor of the camera lucida, 1611
            - Mayflower Pilgrims establish first British settlement in America based on religious beliefs, at Plymouth, Massachusetts, 1620
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• First public exhibition of the annual Salon in Paris, 1737
• First spinning machine patented in England, fueling the Industrial Revolution, 1738
  • Rediscovery of the ruins of Pompeii, 1748
  • Denis Diderot’s Encyclopédie published, 1751–1772
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- Napoleon invades Russia, 1812
- Final shipment of the Elgin Marbles arrives in Britain, 1812

- Greek War of Independence from Ottoman rule, 1821–1830
  - Earliest surviving photographic image, 1826
  - Academia Imperial das Belas Artes founded in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 1826
    - Discovery of electromagnetism by Michael Faraday, 1831
    - Charles Darwin visits the Galapagos Islands, 1831
  - First exhibition of the daguerreotype, by Louis-Jacques-Mandé Daguerre, 1839
  - Opium War, which opened China to Western trade; Hong Kong becomes British colony, 1840–1842
  - William Henry Fox Talbot patents the calotype method for chemically developing photographs, 1841

- First Expo (World's Fair) at the Crystal Palace, Hyde Park, London, 1851
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  - Jean-François Millet The Gleaners France
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      - Akan Kuduo Vessel Ghana
      - Auguste Renoir Ball at the Moulin de la Galette France
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- John Singer Sargent The Daughters of Edward Darley Boit USA
  - François-Auguste-René Rodin The Burghers of Calais France

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- Creation of celluloid, the first plastic material, 1855
- Sepoy Mutiny in India; British East India Company forced to cede control of India to the Crown, 1857–1858
- American Civil War, 1861–1865
  - First exhibition at the Salon des Refusés in Paris, 1863
  - Opening of the Suez Canal, 1869
- Telephone invented by Alexander Graham Bell, 1876
- Thomas Edison invents the light bulb, 1879
### 1890
- Arnold Böcklin *Island of the Dead* Switzerland
- Georges Seurat *The Models* France
- Lawrence Alma-Tadema *The Roses of Heligabalus* UK
- Vincent van Gogh *Trubuc, Attendant at Saint-Paul’s Hospital* Netherlands
- Mutuaga *Seated Male Figure* Papua New Guinea
- Ferdinand Hodler *The Night* Switzerland
- Frederic Remington *Dismounted: The Fourth Trooper Moving the Led Horses* USA
  - Henry Ossawa Tanner *Banjo Lesson* USA
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- *Paul Gauguin Savage Tales* France
  - Areogun of Osu Ilorin *Yoruba Palace Doors* Nigeria
  - Pablo Picasso *Les Demoiselles d’Avignon* France
  - Mukudji Dance Mask *Gabon*
  - Gustav Klimt *The Kiss* Austria
- Henri Matisse *Conversation* France
- *Guri Guri* Indonesia
- Henri Rousseau *The Dream* France
- Ernst Ludwig Kirchner *Self-portrait with Model* Germany

### 1895

### 1900

### 1905

### 1910

**Invention of the internal combustion engine by Daimler, 1885**
- George Eastman patents the camera, the Kodak #1, 1888
- Tokyo School of Fine Arts opens, 1889
- New Zealand becomes the first nation to give women the right to vote, 1893
- First Venice Biennale, 1895

**Exposition Universelle opens in Paris, 1900**
- Marconi transmits the first telegraphic radio messages across the Atlantic, 1901
- First silent motion picture shown in theatres, 1903
- First motorized flight, by the Wright Brothers, 1903

*Students of the Fine Arts Academy in Istanbul establish the Association of Ottoman Painters, 1908*  
The Ford Company produces the first Model T automobile, 1908
1915
- Georges Braque, *Le Portugais*, France
  - Olowe of Ise, Yoruba Veranda Post, Nigeria
  - Dan Mask, Liberia
  - Baulie Twin Mask, Ivory Coast
  - Emil Nolde, *The Prophet*, Germany
  - Egon Schiele, *Self-portrait with Chinese Lanterns*, Austria
    - Umberto Boccioni, *Unique Forms of Continuity in Space*, Italy
    - Vasily Kandinsky, *Composition VII*, Russia
    - Giorgio de Chirico, *The Mystery and Melancholy of a Street*, Italy
  - Marcel Duchamp, *Fountain*, France
  - George Grosz, *Dedication to Oskar Panizza*, Germany
  - Kazimir Malevich, *Suprematist Composition: White on White*, Russia
    - Constantin Brancusi, *Golden Bird*, Romania
    - Kurt Schwitters, *The Worker Picture*, Germany
  - Joan Miró, *The Hunter (Catalan Landscape)*, Spain
  - Max Ernst, *Two Children Are Threatened by a Nightingale*, Germany
  - Isaak Brodsky, *Lenin in Red Square*, Russia
    - Hayami Gyoshu, *Fire Dance*, Japan

1920
- Paul Klee, *Highroad and Byroads*, Switzerland
  - Edward Hopper, *Early Sunday Morning*, USA
  - Grant Wood, *American Gothic*, USA
  - Salvador Dali, *Persistence of Memory*, Spain

1925
- José Clemente Orozco, *Modern Migration of the Spirit*, Mexico
  - René Magritte, *The Human Condition*, Belgium
  - Diego Rivera, *Man Controller of the Universe*, Mexico

1930
- Stock market crash, start of the Great Depression, 1929
- Museum of Modern Art opens in New York, 1929
- First Technicolor film released, 1922

1935
- Premier of Igor Stravinsky’s ballet, *Rite of Spring*, 1913
- Armory Show in New York City introduces Cubism to the United States, 1913
  - Panama Canal opened, 1914
  - World War I, 1914–1918
  - Russian Revolution, 1917
  - First public radio broadcasts, 1922
  - Discovery of the tomb of Tutankhamun in Egypt, 1922
### 1940
- David Alfaro Siqueiros *Echo of a Scream* Mexico
- Pierre Bonnard *Nude in the Bath* France
  - Henry Moore *Recumbent Figure* UK
  - Marc Chagall *White Crucifixion* France
  - Frida Kahlo *The Two Fridas* Mexico
- Alexander Calder *Arc of Petals* USA
- Piet Mondrian *Broadway Boogie Woogie* USA
  - Arshile Gorky *The Liver is the Cock’s Comb* USA
- Andrew Wyeth *Winter 1946* USA
- Sidney Nolan *Ned Kelly* Australia
  - Giorgio Morandi *Still Life* Italy
  - Clyfford Still *1947-R No. 2* Canada
  - Alberto Giacometti *Piazza* France
- Qi Baishi *Prawns and Sagittaria* China
- Jackson Pollock *Number 1 1950 (Lavender Mist)* USA
- Naum Gabo *Linear Construction in Space No. 2 (Variation No. 1)* USA
- Jean Dubuffet *Corps de Dame – Château d’Etupe* France
- David Smith *Hudson River Landscape* USA
  - Barnett Newman *Onement VI* USA
  - Francis Bacon *Study After Velázquez’s Portrait of Pope Innocent X* UK
  - Fernand Léger *The Great Parade* France
  - Mark Rothko *Homage to Matisse* USA
  - Robert Rauschenberg *Monogram* USA

*Richard Hamilton *Just What Is it That Makes Today’s Homes So Efficient, So Appealing?* UK*

*Ben Nicholson 1959, August (Argolis) UK*

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### 1945

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### 1955

### 1960

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**Timeline:**
- Spanish Civil War, 1936–1939
- Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum opens in New York, 1937
- World War II, 1939–1945
  - First programmable computer developed in England, 1942
  - India gains independence; partition of the sub-continent into India and Pakistan, 1947
  - Berlin Wall constructed; partition of Germany, 1949
  - Opening of the first São Paulo Bienal, 1951
  - European Economic Community founded, 1957
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- Civil rights and anti-Vietnam War protests in the United States and elsewhere, 1965–1975
- Cultural Revolution in China, 1966–1976
- Neil Armstrong becomes the first man on the moon, 1969
- Personal computer is launched, 1980
- Berlin Wall falls; reunification of Germany, 1989
- Dissolution of the USSR, 1991
- CERN releases the World Wide Web project, the first public face of the internet, 1991
- Hong Kong returned by Britain to China, 1997
- Hijacked airliners destroy the World Trade Center in New York and attack the Pentagon in Washington, DC, 2001