APWH “Must-Know” Dates

**Foundations (8000 B.C.E. - 600 CE)**

8000 B.C.E. - Beginnings of agriculture
3000 B.C.E. - Beginnings of Bronze Age - early civ’s
1300 B.C.E. - Iron Age
6th century B.C.E. - life of Buddha, Confucius, Lao Tsu
5th C. B.C.E. - Greek Golden Age - philosophers.
323 B.C.E. - Alexander the Great
221 B.C.E. - Qin unified China
32 C.E. - Beginnings of Christianity
180 C.E. - end of Pax Romana
220 C.E. - end of Han Dynasty
333 - Roman capital moved to Constantinople
4th C. - Beginning of Trans-Saharan Trade Routes
476 - Fall of Rome
527 - Justinian rule of Byzantine Empire

600-1450

632 - Rise of Islam
732 - Battle of Tours (end of Muslim move into France)
1054 - 1st Schism in Christian Church
1066 - Norman conquest of England
1071 - Battle of Manzikert (Seljuk Turks defeat Byz)
1095 - 1st Crusade
1258 - Mongols sack Baghdad
1271-1295 - Marco Polo travels
1324 - Mansa Musa’s pilgrimage
1325-1349 - travels of Ibn Battuta
1347-1348 - Bubonic plague in Europe
1433 - end of Zheng He’s voyages/Rise of Ottomans

1450-1750

1453 - Ottomans capture Constantinople
1488 - Dias rounded Cape of Good Hope
1492 - Columbus sailed the ocean blue/ Reconquista of Spain
1502 - Slaves to Americas
1517 - Martin Luther/95 theses
1521 - Cortez conquered the Aztecs
1533- Pizarro toppled the Inca
1571 - Battle of Lepanto, (naval defeat of Ottomans)
1588 - defeat of the Spanish Armada by the British
1600 - Battle of Sekigahara - beginning of Tokugawa
1607 - foundation of Jamestown
1618-1648 - 30 years war
1683 - unsuccessful Ottoman siege of Vienna
1689 - Glorious Revolution/English Bill of Rights

1750-1914

Industrial Revolution
1756-1763 -7 years war/French and Indian War
1776 - American Revolution/Smith writes Wealth of Nations
1789 - French Revolution
1804 - Haitian independence
1815 - Congress of Vienna
1820s - Independence in Latin America
1839 - 1st opium war in China
1848 - European revolutions/ Marx & Engels write Communist Manifesto
1853 - Commodore Perry opens Japan
1857 - Sepoy Mutiny
1861 - end of Russian serfdom/Italian unification
1863 - Emancipation Proclamation in US
1871 - German unification
1885 - Berlin Conference - division of Africa
1898 - Spanish-American War - US acquires Philippines, Cuba, Guam, & Puerto Rico
1899 - Boer War - British in control of South Africa
1905 - Russo-Japanese war
1910 -1920 - Mexican Revolution
1911 - Chinese Revolution

1914-present

1914 - WWI
1917 - Russian Revolution
1919 - Treaty of Versailles - end of WWI
1929 - stock market crash
1931 - Japanese invasion of Manchuria
1935 - Italian invasion of Ethiopia
1939 - German blitzkrieg in Poland
1941 - Pearl Harbor, entry of US into WWII
1945 - end of WWII
1947 - independence & partition of India
1948 - birth of Israel
1949 - Chinese Communist Revolution
1950-1953 - Korean War
1954 - Vietnamese defeat French at Dien Bien Phu
1956 - de-Stalinization/nationalization of Suez Canal
1959 - Cuban Revolution
1962 - Cuban missile crisis
1967 - 6-day war/Chinese Cultural Revolution
1973 - Yom Kippur war
1979 - Iranian Revolution
1987 - 1st Palestinian Intifada
1989 - Tiananmen Square/fall of Berlin Wall
1991 - fall of USSR/1st Gulf war
1994 - genocide in Rwanda/1st all race elections in S. Africa
2001 - 9/11 Attacks