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## Test: Major Dates in Western History

**Fill in the blanks with the century – expressed as "hundreds" – in which the event took place**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Muslim Arabs drive Crusaders out of the Middle East at the end of the century but allow new commercial + intellectual relations to continue
- \_\_\_\_\_ Cromwell establishes a short-lived Puritan Commonwealth in England
- \_\_\_\_\_ Theodosius makes Christianity the only authorized religion for Rome
- \_\_\_\_\_ Beginning of Age of Exploration – in the quest of a direct route to the wealth of East Asia
- \_\_\_\_\_ The Age of northern (Gothic) cathedrals and cathedral schools (future universities)
- \_\_\_\_\_ French *philosophes* (Voltaire, Diderot, Condorcet, etc.) call for a rule in France of Human Reason – or Human Instinct, untainted by traditional social conventions (Rousseau)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Rome burns, destroying 2/3s of the city; Christians are blamed and persecuted
- \_\_\_\_\_ Charlemagne crowned Emperor by Pope in Rome (hope for revived Rome)
- \_\_\_\_\_ The publication of Darwin's *Origin of Species* and *Descent of Man* stirs up the idea of the necessity of the strong to rule over the weak – in the West and in the world
- \_\_\_\_\_ Visigoth chief Alaric conquers the city of Rome
- \_\_\_\_\_ France comes under "Absolutist" King Louis XIV, bringing French culture to a position of dominance in Europe
- \_\_\_\_\_ Very Catholic Hapsburg Spain (Charles V and Philip I) rules supreme in Europe based on plundered wealth from Mexico + Peru
- \_\_\_\_\_ Luther and Calvin develop Protestantism as a separate Christian branch
- \_\_\_\_\_ Roman Emperor Constantine makes Christianity legal, ending persecution of Christians
- \_\_\_\_\_ Karl Marx demonstrates "scientifically" that a workers' revolution would inevitably bring about a state-less, property-less society – *Communist Manifesto* and *Capital*
- \_\_\_\_\_ The settling of English America: Puritans to New England, aristocratic "wannabes" to Virginia, other religious refugees to the Middle Colonies
- \_\_\_\_\_ England (Henry VIII and Elizabeth I) and France (Francis I) on the rise politically
- \_\_\_\_\_ Muslim Arabs are stopped by Frankish general Charles Martel at the Battle of Tours
- \_\_\_\_\_ Octavian Augustus (*not* Julius!) Caesar builds up Imperial Rome
- \_\_\_\_\_ Roman Emperor Justinian attempts to rebuild Roman (Byzantine) civilization in the East
- \_\_\_\_\_ Democratic impulses collapse France into a chaotic, bloody Revolution

- \_\_\_\_\_ Alexander the Great conquers from the Nile to the Indus and Hellenistic culture is thus born
- \_\_\_\_\_ England torn by Civil War between Royalists and Puritans
- \_\_\_\_\_ Muhammad=s Arabs conquer huge portions of Eastern (Byzantine) Rome (+ Persia)
- \_\_\_\_\_ English Absolutist "wanna-be" George III drives English colonies to rebellion
- \_\_\_\_\_ Rome is supreme in the Mediterranean: Carthage destroyed / Greece defeated
- \_\_\_\_\_ The division of Charlemagne's lands among his warring grandsons
- \_\_\_\_\_ Saxon England conquered by French Normans at Hastings
- \_\_\_\_\_ Victoria becomes queen – and symbol of mighty Victorian England
- \_\_\_\_\_ Diocletian tries to restore Roman discipline – and the purity of "original" Roman society
- \_\_\_\_\_ Cavour, Mazzini and Garibaldi birth the nation-state of Italy
- \_\_\_\_\_ The Thirty Years War between Protestants + Catholics exhausts Europe spiritually
- \_\_\_\_\_ The nation-state of Germany is founded by Bismarck
- \_\_\_\_\_ Plato and Aristotle
- \_\_\_\_\_ Fine arts and literature begin to stir (Dante, Petrarch, Boccaccio, Chaucer)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Rise of Greek philosophy in Ionia + Southern Italy / Jewish culture in the East
- \_\_\_\_\_ Socrates
- \_\_\_\_\_ The Absolutist hold of the French monarchy slips as royal wealth dries up
- \_\_\_\_\_ Hellenistic culture cynical, passive – and scientific
- \_\_\_\_\_ Spain lost to Islam
- \_\_\_\_\_ The height of the Renaissance
- \_\_\_\_\_ Black Death and Pope's "Babylonian Captivity" undermining Christianity's moral/political hold – and help end the "Middle Ages"
- \_\_\_\_\_ Medieval scholarship develops under French monks Abelard, Bernard, and Lombard
- \_\_\_\_\_ Royal families of Europe (Russia, Prussia, Austria, England) mimic French royalty
- \_\_\_\_\_ Golden Age of Greece / the "Age of Pericles" in Athens / Height of Hellenic (Greek) culture
- \_\_\_\_\_ The height of the Viking Age
- \_\_\_\_\_ The Age of Western imperial domination in the world