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1200	Mali Empire (1230–1315)  Marco Polo reaches China (ca. 1275)	<i>Sundiata</i> (1230–1315)	
1300	Avignon Papacy (1309–1377)  Aztec Empire (1325–1521)  Hundred Year' War (1337–1453)  Black Death (1347–1375)  <i>Jacquerie</i> (peasant uprising) 1358  Great Schism (1378–1417)	Petrarch, <i>Canzoniere</i> (ca. 1350)  Boccaccio, <i>Decameron</i> (1351)  Ibn Battuta, <i>Book of Travels</i> (1354)  Chaucer, <i>Canterbury Tales</i> (ca. 1390)	Giotto, <i>Lamentation</i> (1305–1306)  Giotto, <i>Madonna Enthroned</i> (1310)  Machaut, <i>Messe de Notre Dame</i> (Mass of Our Lady) (1364)
1400	Early Renaissance (ca. 1400–1490)  Zhu Di sponsors China's naval expeditions (1404–1424)  Council of Pisa (1409)	Christine de Pisan, <i>Book of the City of Ladies</i> (1405)  Pico, <i>Oration on the Dignity of Man</i> (1496)	Jean, Pol, and Herman Limbourg, <i>Tres Riches Heures</i> (ca. 1413–1416)  Masaccio, <i>The Tribute Money</i> (ca. 1425)  Lorenzo Ghiberti, "Gates of Paradise" (1425–1442)

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	Council of Constance heals schism (1417)		Masaccio, <i>Trinity with the Virgin, Saint John the Evangelist, and Donors</i> (ca. 1426–1427)
	Pope Leo X (1425–1521)		Donatello, <i>David</i> (completed 1432)
	Aztec Empire (1325–1521)		Jan van Eyck, <i>Man in a Turban (Self-Portrait)</i> (1433)
	Gutenberg perfects the printing press (1450)		Jan van Eyck, <i>Marriage of Giovanni Arnolfini and His Bride</i> (1434)
	Fall of Constantinople (1453)		Brunelleschi completes the dome of Florence Chapel (1436)
	Platonic Academy founded in Florence (1462)		Medici Palace (1444–1460)
	Lorenzo de' Medici ruled Florence (1469–1492)		Guillaume Dufay, <i>Missa l'homme arme</i> (ca. 1450)
	High Renaissance (ca. 1490–1530)		Benozzo Gozzoli, <i>Procession of the Magi</i> (1459)
	Columbus' first voyage (1492)		Leon Battista Alberti, Santa Maria Novella (completed 1470)
	Vasco da Gama reaches India (1498)		Andrea del Verrocchio, <i>Lorenzo de' Medici</i> (ca. 1478)
			Sandro Botticelli, <i>Birth of Venus</i> (after 1482)

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			<p>Leonardo da Vinci, <i>Last Supper</i> (ca. 1485–1498)</p> <p>Hans Holbein the Younger, <i>Dance of Death</i> (ca. 1490)</p>
1500	<p>Charles V, Holy Roman Empire (1500–1558)</p> <p>Luther posts the <i>Ninety-Five Theses</i> (1517)</p> <p>Cortes in Mexico (1519)</p> <p>German Peasant Revolts (1524)</p> <p>Henry VIII establishes the Anglican Church (1526)</p> <p>Pizarro conquers Peru (1531)</p> <p>Transatlantic slave trade begins (1551)</p> <p>First Spanish colony Florida (1565)</p>	<p>Erasmus, <i>The Praise of Folly</i> (1511)</p> <p>Machiavelli, <i>The Prince</i> (1513)</p> <p>Mores, <i>Utopia</i> (1516)</p> <p>Castiglione, <i>The Book of the Courtier</i> (1518)</p> <p>Cortes, Letters from Mexico (1520)</p> <p>Luther, <i>Address to the German Nobility</i> (1520)</p> <p>Vesalius, <i>Anatomy</i> (1543)</p> <p>Copernicus, <i>On the Revolution of the Heavenly Spheres</i> (1543)</p>	<p>Machu Picchu (ca. 1500)</p> <p>Michelangelo, <i>David</i> (1501–1504)</p> <p>Leonardo da Vinci, <i>Mona Lisa</i> (ca. 1503–1505)</p> <p>Michelangelo, Sistine Chapel (1508–1512)</p> <p>Raphael, <i>The School of Athens</i> (1509–1511)</p> <p>Matthias Grunewald, Isenheim Altarpiece (ca. 1510–1515)</p> <p>Raphael, <i>The Alba Madonna</i> (ca. 1510)</p> <p>Hieronymus Bosch, <i>The Creation of Eve: The Garden of Earthly Delights: Hell</i> (ca. 1510–1515)</p> <p>Albrecht Durer, <i>Knight, Death, and the Devil</i> (1513)</p>

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	England defeats the Spanish Armada (1588)	Vasari, <i>Lives of the Most Excellent Painters, Architects, and Sculptors</i> (1550)  Montaigne, <i>On Cannibals</i> (1580)	Raphael, <i>Portrait of Baldassare Castiglione</i> (ca. 1515)  Josquin des Prez, Motet, "Tulerunt Dominum meum" (ca. 1520)  Alejo Fernandez, <i>Our Ladies of the Navigators</i> (1535)
1600	Decline of Mayan civilization (ca. 1600)	Marinella, <i>The Nobility and Excellence of Women and the Defects and Vices of Men</i> (1600)  Shakespeare, <i>Hamlet</i> (1602)  Shakespeare, <i>Othello</i> (1604)  Cervantes, <i>Don Quixote</i> (1605–1615)  Shakespeare, sonnets (1609)	Pieter Brueghel the Elder, <i>The Wedding Dance</i> (1566)  Globe playhouse (1599–1613)