

## Outline of Political Events in European History

### Late Medieval Period (1300 – 1450)

- Hundred Years' War begins (1337)
- Black Death (1347-1350)
- Fall of Constantinople to Turks (1453)

### First Early Modern Period (1450 – 1648)

#### New Monarchies

- Hundred Years' War ends (1453)
- Union of Ferdinand and Isabella in Spain (1469)
- End of the War of the Roses in England (1485)
- Christopher Columbus sails to New World (1492)

#### Protestant Reformation/Wars of Religion

- Martin Luther's *95 Theses* (1517)
- Charles V becomes Holy Roman Emperor (1519)
- Diet of Worms (1521)
- Council of Trent (1545 – 63)
- Peace of Augsburg (1555)
- St. Bartholomew's Day Massacre (1572)
- French Wars of Religion (1559 – 89)
- Spanish Armada defeated by Elizabeth I (1588)
- Edict of Nantes (1598)
- Thirty Years' War (1618 – 48)
- Treaty of Westphalia (1648)

### Second Early Modern Period (1648 – 1789)

#### Constitutionalism/Absolutism

- English Civil War (1642 – 49)
- Puritan Republic (1653 – 58)
- Restoration (1660)
- Glorious Revolution (1688)
- English Bill of Rights (1689)
- Ancien Regime (1648 – 1789)
- Age of Absolutism (1650 – 1750)
- Age of Louis XIV (1643 – 1715)

#### Enlightenment (1650 – 1800)

#### First Industrial Revolution

#### French Revolution

- Liberal Phase: National Assembly (1789 – 91), Legislative Assembly (1791 – 92)
- Radical Phase: National Convention (1792 – 95)
- Moderate Phase: Directory (1795 – 99)

#### Napoleon

- Consulate (1799 – 1804), Empire (1804 – 1815)

#### Romanticism (1798 – 1832)

### **First Modern Period (1815 – 1871)**

Congress of Vienna (1814 – 15)

Age of Metternich (1815 – 48)

Nationalism

Conservatism (aristocratic)

Liberalism (laissez-faire)

Socialism (utopian)

July Monarchy in France (1830)

Great Reform Bill (1832)

Revolutions of 1848

Second Republic in France (1848 – 1852)

Crimean War (1854 – 1856)

Realpolitik (Napoleon III and Bismarck)

Second Napoleonic Empire (1848 – 1870)

Unification of Italy (1870)

Franco-Prussian War (1871)

Unification of Germany (1871)

### **Second Modern Period (1871 – 1991)**

Socialism (scientific)

Liberalism (welfare-state)

Second Industrial Revolution (steel, oil, electricity, chemicals)

Age of Imperialism (Scramble for Africa)

Mass Politics (1871 – 1914)

Third Republic in France (1870 – 1940)

World War I (1914 – 1918)

Russian Revolution (1917)

Fascism and Nazism

Great Depression

Spanish Civil War (1936 – 1939)

World War II (1939 – 1945)

Cold War (1945 – 1991)

Marshall Plan (1948)

Decolonization (1940s – 1970s)

European Economic Community: Treaty of Rome (1957)

European Union: Treaty of Maastricht (1991)

Fall of the Soviet Union (1991)