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- History:
 - A record of the past using evidence such as documents, artifacts, and artworks.
- History really only started 5,000 years ago when people first started to write and keep records.

Why do we need to know history?

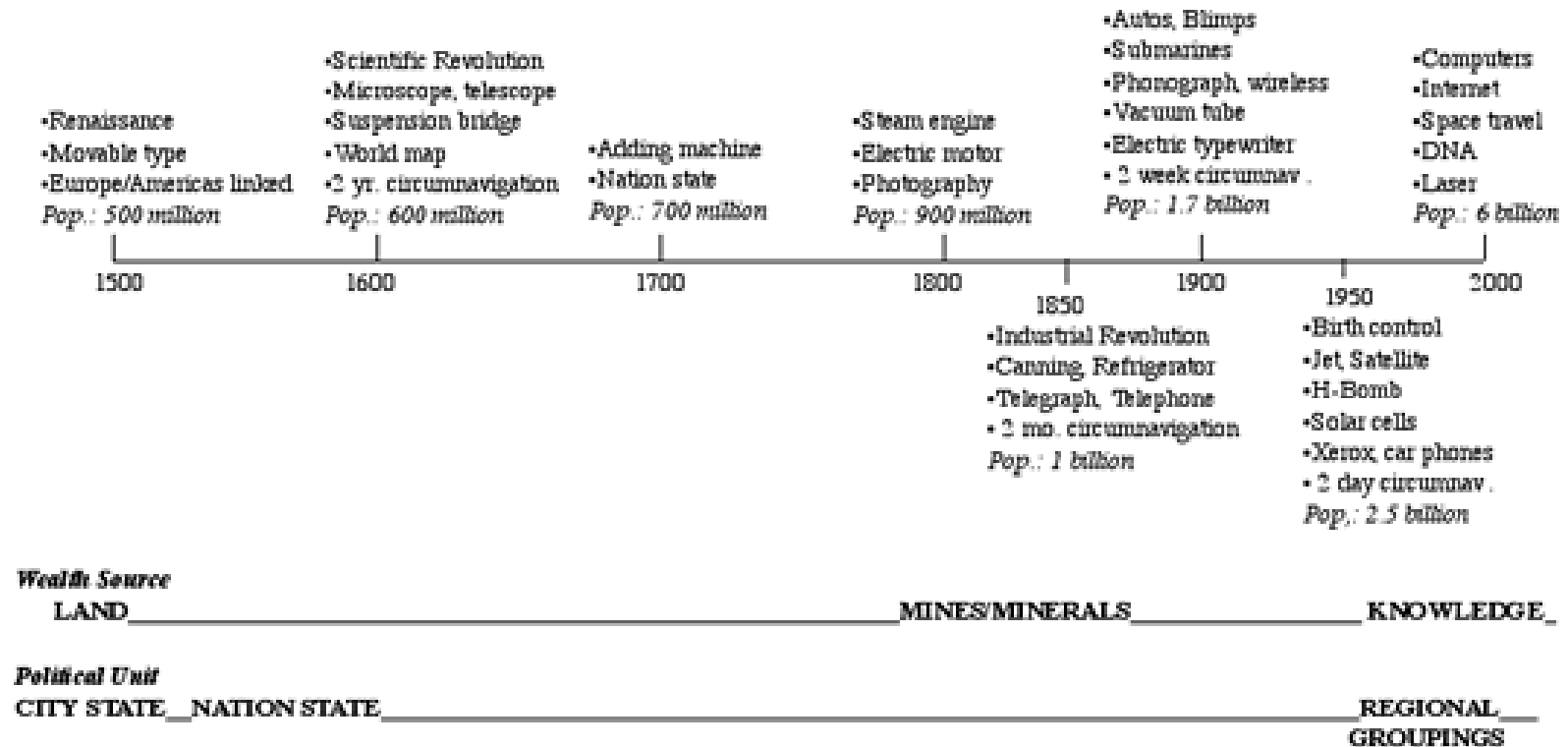
- Learning about the past helps us understand the present and make decisions about the future.

To learn history, we use place and time to guide us. This is usually tracked on a timeline.

What is a timeline?

- A timeline shows different periods in history.

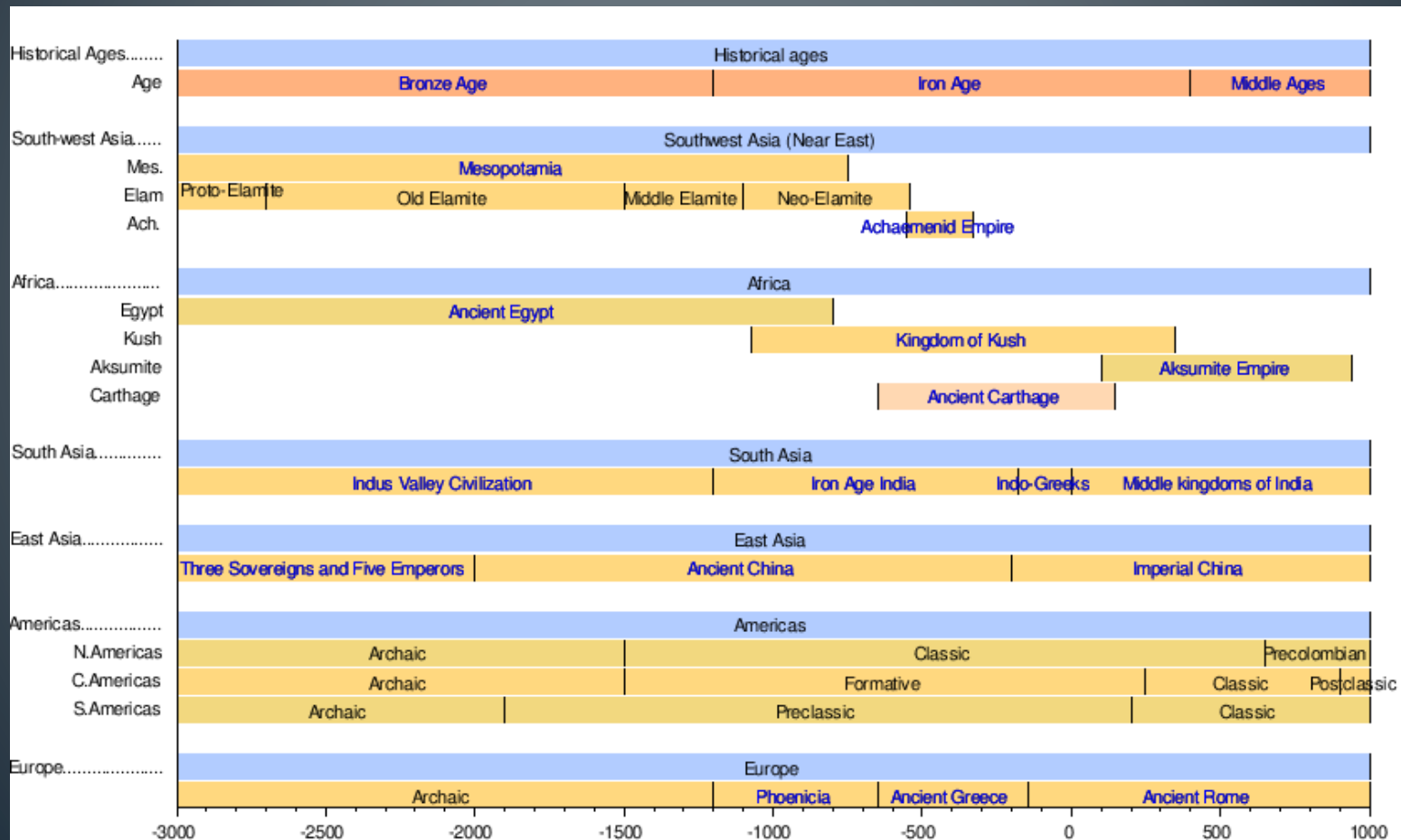
Human History Timeline: 500 Years



Why timelines?

- Chronology -- The arrangement of events or dates in the order in which they occurred.
- They help us understand change over time.
- They help us establish a chronology of events.
- Like a map helps you know where you are, a timeline can help you figure out when something was happening.
- This gives us valuable context which gives historical events meaning.

Timeline of Ancient History



Civil Rights Timeline

February 4, 1817 [Frederick Douglass is born](#)

March 6, 1857 [Supreme Courts hands down decision in Dred Scott Case](#)

October 16, 1859 [John Brown's Raid on Harper's Ferry](#)

September 22, 1862 [First Emancipation Proclamation issued](#)

December 18, 1865 [Thirteenth Amendment proclaimed, ending slavery in the United States](#)

July 2, 1908 [Thurgood Marshall is born](#)

February 12, 1909 [National Association for Colored People is founded](#)

March 10, 1913 [Harriet Tubman dies](#)

August 25, 1919 [George Wallace is born](#)

January 15, 1929 [Martin Luther King Jr. is born](#)

February 19, 1942 [FDR signs Executive Order 9066](#)

April 15, 1947 [Jackie Robinson plays for Brooklyn Dodgers, first black in major leagues](#)

October 1, 1951 [NAACP appeals to US Supreme Court in Brown case](#)

May 17, 1954 [Supreme Court rules 'separate but equal' illegal in Brown v Board of education](#)

December 5, 1955 [Boycott of Montgomery AL buses](#)

September 24, 1959 [Eisenhower sends 101 Airborne to ensure integration of Central High](#)

August 28, 1963 [King delivers "I have a dream" speech in Washington DC](#)

September 15, 1963 [Members of Ku Klux Klan bomb 16th Street Baptist Church](#)

July 2, 1964 [President Johnson signs Civil Rights Act](#)

July 2, 1964 [Civil Rights Act of 1964 is signed into law](#)

June 13, 1967 [President Johnson appoints Thurgood Marshall to Supreme Court](#)

April 4, 1968 [Martin Luther King Jr assassinated in Memphis](#)

Your Timeline

