A HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

B.C. A.D.

Up to 2000 B.C. | 2000 | 1900 | 1800 | 1700 | 1600 | 1500 | 1400 | 1300 | 1200 | 1100 | 1000 | 900 | 800 | 700 | 600 | 500 | 400 | 300 | 200 | 100 | 0 | 100 | 200 | 300

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KARNATAKA

PRE-HISTORY
- Old Stone Age, New Stone Age and Bronze Age Settlements

EARLY HISTORY
- A province in the Mauryan Empire
- Emperor Chandragupta takes up Satyasa at the Jaina Shrine at Shravanabelagola
- Emperor Asoka's rock edicts at Brahmagiri and other places
- Karnataka region mentioned in Mahabharata
- Karnataka region becomes a province of the Satavahana Empire

INDEPENDENT KANNADA KINGDOMS
- **Kadambas rule Central** western and north-western Karnataka
- **Gangas rule southern** Karnataka and parts of Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu
- A unified empire with the Karnataka identity established.
- **Chalukyas of Badami**
- Chalukyan architecture and sculpture at Badami, Aihole and Pattadakal
- Earliest extant Kannada inscription
- **Rashtrakutas of Malkhed**
- Architecture and sculpture at Ellora and Elephanta
- First extant Kannada book

GREAT EMPIRE
- **Chalukyas of Kalyana**
- The first great epic in Kannada
- Gomateswara Statue

DIVISION OF THE EMPIRE
- **Hoysalas of Dorasamudra** in the south
- Hoysala temples at Belur, Halebid and Somnathpur
- **Yadavas of Devagiri** in the north

MUSLIM INVASIONS
- Malik Kafur's conquest of all of South India except the Hoysala Kingdom

VIJAYANAGAR AND BAHAMANI
- **Vijayanagar Empire**
- The Great City of Hampi
- **Bahamani Empire**
- Bidar centre of art, architecture and learning
- Mohammed Gawan's Madarasah

REGIONAL KINGDOMS
- Foundation of Bangalore
- **Nayaks of Keladi**
- **Wodeyars of Mysore**
- **Bijapur Sultanate**
- Gol Gumbaz and Ibrahim Rauza built at Bijapur
- King Chikkadevaraja Wodeyar buys back Bangalore from Moghuls for Rs.3 lakhs

DISINTEGRATION
- **Tipu Sultan**
- Karnataka re-unified
- Partition Treaty
- Wodeyars of Mysore
- Mysore run as a model state
- British Commissioners rule Mysore

RE-UNIFICATION
- Mysore becomes part of Indian Republic
- Mysore renamed Karnataka

INDIA

INDUS VALLEY CIVILIZATIONS
- Dravidian culture
- Agricultural communities of Mehrgarh
- City communities of Harappa and Mohenjo-daro

ARYAN IMMIGRATION
- Aryans subjugate Dravidians, settle in Punjab, and intermarry
- Aryans expand to the Gangetic plains
- Composition of the Hymns of Rig Veda

VEDIC PERIOD
- Principles of mathematics and astronomy
- Caste System
- Growth of Vedic religion

MAURYAN DYNASTY
- Unified India
- Chandragupta Maurya
- Asoka the Great
- Composition of the Mahabharata
- Panini's great grammar of Sanskrit
- Upanishads
- Gautama Buddha
- Magadha Empire in the north
- Invasion by Alexander the Great

FOREIGN INVASIONS
- Buddhist art and architecture at Amaravati, A.P.
- Kushanas invade N.W. India
- King Kanishka
- Great Buddhist paintings at Ajanta
- Greek kingdom in the North-West
- Sunga dynasty
- Sakas invade N.W. India
- **Satavahanas** rule the south

GUPTA DYNASTY
- Chandragupta Vikramaditya
- Gupta Empire in the north and parts of Deccan
- Golden Age of Indian literature, art and science
- Kalidasa
- Classics of Sanskrit literature
- Aryabhata's theory of rotation of earth and epicyclic theory of planetary motions

MEDIEVAL DYNASTIES
- **Pallavas of Kanchi**
- Pallava architecture at Mamallapuram and Kanchi
- Emperor Harshavardhana of Kanyakubja
- Decimal system. Use of zero
- Break up of Gupta Empire
- Huna and early Arab invasions
- **Cholas of Tanjore**
- Chola architecture at Tanjore and bronze art
- **Chandellas of Bundelkand**
- Temples at Khajuraho, Konark, Bhubaneswar
- Mahmud of Ghazni sacks Somnath

MUSLIM DYNASTIES
- Muhammad Ghori
- Qutub-ud-din Aibek's slave Dynasty
- Qutub Minar
- Khilji Dynasty at Delhi
- Marco Polo's visits
- **Kakatiyas of Warangal**
- **Pandyas of Madurai**
- Tughlak Dynasty
- Arab traveller Ibn Batuta's visit
- Timur's invasion
- Lodi Dynasty at Delhi
- Vasco da Gama at Calicut
- Portugese capture Goa

MUGHAL EMPIRE
- Babar's Mughal Dynasty
- Death of Guru Nanak
- Emperor Akbar
- Fatehpur Sikri
- Dini Ilahi or Divine Faith
- Emperor Shah Jehan
- Taj Mahal
- English East India Company
- Chatrapati Shivaji of Marathas
- Emperor Aurangzeb
- Persia's Nadir Shah conquers Delhi

BRITISH RULE
- Beginning of British conquest in India
- First Indian Railway
- Governor General Lord William Bentick's social reforms
- First War of Indian Independence
- Gandhiji's Civil Disobedience Movement
- Quit India Movement
- **Independence**

CHINESE

EARLY AGES
- Beginnings of Chinese civilization, the world's oldest living civilization
- Development of farming and harnessing of rivers.

HSIA DYNASTY

SHANG DYNASTY
- Equinoxes and solstices determined
- Use of bronze vessels

CHOU DYNASTY : Golden Age
- Discovery of silk, ivory and jade artefacts
- Great Philosophers:
- Lao Tse
- Confucius
- Mencius

SHIN DYNASTY
- Great Wall of China
- Colleges to train civil servants

HAN DYNASTY
- Civil service examinations instituted
- Arrival of Buddhism
- Paper first used

DARK AGES
- Civil War

TANG DYNASTY
- Golden Age of literature, art and science

SUNG DYNASTY
- First printed book in the world
- Contact with India and Arab countries
- Chinese painting flourishes
- Reforms of Wang-Ani-Shih

MONGOLS
- Mongols overrun China and Kublai Khan rules

MING DYNASTY
- Revival of Confucianism
- Renaissance in art and knowledge

MANCHU DYNASTY
- Most of south east Asia under Chinese overlordship

REPUBLIC OF CHINA
- Revolution and end of the Imperial Era
- Communist Revolution

MESOPOTAMIAN

EARLY CIVILIZATIONS
- **Sumerian**
- Beginnings of Irrigation
- Copper smelting and development of bronze
- Cuneiform writing
- Numerical system and sexagesimal system
- Lunar calendar
- Astronomical observations

BABYLONIAN EMPIRE
- Hammurabi's Code of Law

ASSYRIAN EMPIRE
- Assyrians conquer Eastern Mediterranean and rule from Nineveh

GREEK

GOLDEN AGE
- Adoption of Minoan Culture
- Trojan war
- City States
- Homer's Iliad and Odyssey written
- Philosophy, literature, science and architecture flourish
- Pythagoras
- Socrates
- Plato
- Aristotle
- Sophocles
- Pericles
- **Alexander the Great** conquers Persia. His empire reaches up to the Punjab.
- Founding of Alexandria (Egypt), the intellectual centre of the world.
- Construction of Parthenon
- Euclid's Geometry
- Archimedes

EGYPTIAN

- Early farming
- Use of papyrus for writing
- First pyramids, based on mathematical principles
- Hieroglyphy
- 365-day year
- Great architecture and literature flourish
- Egypt conquered by Assyrians

JEWISH

- Jewish Nation
- Moses leads Exodus from Egypt
- Ten Commandments
- Israelite rule of David and Salomon
- Old Testament completed
- Birth of Jesus Christ
- Crucifixion
- New Testament

WESTERN

EARLY CHRISTIAN ERA

DARK AGES
- After decline of the Roman Empire, the Church preserves order amid chaos. Conflict between Pope and Emperor
- Charlemagne, Holy Roman Emperor
- Feudalism

MIDDLE AGES
- Crusades
- Founding of great universities:
- Bologna
- Paris
- Oxford
- Gothic Architecture

RENAISSANCE AND REFORMATION
- Merchant and Craft Guilds
- Cambridge
- Magna Carta in England
- Chaucer
- Revolution in art, literature, philosophy and science
- Dante
- English made official language
- First printing press
- Joan of Arc leads French army
- Leonardo da Vinci
- Columbus discovers West Indies
- Vasco da Gama reaches India
- Michaelangelo
- Martin Luther's Reformation of the Church
- Elizabeth I, Queen of England
- Authorised Version of the English Bible
- Isaac Newton
- Gregorian Calendar
- Shakespeare
- Galileo
- Cromwell, Protector of England
- Peter the Great, Czar of Russia
- Rembrandt's paintings
- Voltaire
- French Revolution
- Napolean Bonaparte
- Queen Victoria
- Penny postage introduced in England
- Karl Marx
- Bismarck, Chancellor of Prussia
- Bach
- Beethoven
- Bolshevik Revolution in Russia

ARAB

- Mohammed the Prophet
- Muslim conquests in Europe and up to India
- Harun-al-Rashid
- Centres of Arab knowledge and culture: Baghdad, Damascus, Cardoya
- Golden Age of Arab mathematics, astronomy, alchemy and geography
- Muslim invasions of India
- Import of decimal system and zero from India

ROMAN

GREAT ROMAN EMPIRE
- Roman Republic
- Cicero
- Julius Caesar
- Virgil
- Horace
- Livy
- Roman literature and architecture
- Emperor Augustus

EASTERN ROMAN EMPIRE
- Decline and Fall
- Justinian codifies Roman Law, builds St. Sophia and Constantinople
- Byzantine art and architecture
- Turks capture Constantinople

AMERICAN

THE GREAT AMERICAN-INDIAN CIVILIZATIONS
- Asian immigrations to the Americas for thousands of years
- The Olmec civilization in Central America
- The Zapotec civilization in Mexico
- Teotihuacan Culture in Mexico
- The great Indian Pyramids
- Geometric art of high order, derived from religious resources
- Tiahuanaco civilization in South America
- Mayan civilization in Central America
- Achievements in art and arithmetical systems, use of calendar
- Toltec civilization in South America
- Mayan civilization in Mexico
- Aztec Civilization in Mexico
- Inca Empire in South America
- European colonization of the Americas
- Declaration of Independence by U.S.A.