

Middle Ages Timeline Events

A.D. 476 Fall of the Western Roman Empire

A.D. 570 Muhammad, prophet of Islam is born

A.D. 732 Battle of Tours. Franks defeat the Muslims turning back Islam from Europe

A.D. 800 Charlemagne, King of the Franks, is crowned the Emperor of Rome by Pope Leo III

A.D. 835-1042 Vikings from Scandinavian lands begin to invade Northern Europe

A.D. 1000 European Feudalism begins

A.D. 1066 William of Normandy conquers England in the Battle of Hastings and becomes king of England.

A.D. 1096-1291 Crusades begin. Wars between the Roman Empire and the Muslims fought over the Holy Land. These would last 200 years.

A.D. 1206 Mongol Empire is founded by Genghis Khan

A.D. 1215 King John of England forced to sign the Magna Carta

A.D. 1271 Marco Polo leaves on his journey to explore the Silk Road across Asia.

A.D. 1347 Black Death begins in Europe, it would cause the death of over 25 million people, about $1/3^{\text{rd}}$ of the population of Europe.

A.D. 1444 Johannes Gutenberg invents the printing press, this marks the beginning of the Renaissance

A.D. 1453 The Ottoman Empire captures the city of Constantinople, this is the end of the Byzantine (Eastern Roman) Empire

A.D. 1482 Leonardo Da Vinci paints the famous "Last Supper"