

# Age of Renaissance, Reformation, Revolution and Reason Timeline (1400-1900)

**1434** – The de 'Medici family takes control of Florence

**1450** – Gutenberg invents the Printing Press

**1474** – First book printed in English

**1492**- Columbus reaches America

**1503** – Da Vinci paints the Mona Lisa

**1508** – Michelangelo begins painting the Sistine Chapel

**1517** – Martin Luther Posts his 95 Theses; Spanish begins conquest of Aztecs in central America

**1521** – Edict of Worms, Martin Luther declared an outlaw

**1531** – Henry VIII becomes Supreme Head of the Church of England

**1453** – Copernicus prints a book about the sun-centered universe

**1564** – William Shakespeare born

**1596**- Galileo invents the thermometer

**1607** – First permanent English settlement in America at Jamestown

**1608** – Galileo constructs astronomical telescope

**1611** – King James Bible published

**1756** – Mozart born in Germany

**1770** – Beethoven born in Germany

**1775** – American Revolution begins

**1789-1799** - French Revolution

**1791** – U.S. Bill of Rights ratified

**1799** – Rosetta Stone found in Egypt

**1861** – Civil War begins in the United States

**1877** – Thomas Edison invents the phonograph