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700,000 BC



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First phase of building Stonehenge

2,800 BC



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Emperor Hadrian builds a wall on the Scottish Border

122 - 128



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First invasions of the Jutes, Angles and Saxons

450



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St Patrick returns to convert Ireland.

460



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The invading Normans defeat the Saxons at The Battle of Hastings

1066



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Oxford University is founded

1096



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Henry II, the first 'Plantagenet' king, accedes to the throne

1154



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University at Cambridge is established

1209



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The **Magna Carta** is signed by King John and his barons

1215



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Millions die in the Great European Famine

1315 - 1322



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Hundred Years' War with France

1337 - 1453



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1348 - 1349



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1534



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Elizabeth I accesses the throne

1558



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The English defeats the Spanish Armada

1588



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James VI of Scotland crowned James I of England, uniting the two kingdoms.

1603



James's accession meant that the three separate kingdoms of England, Scotland and Ireland were now united, for the first time, under a single monarch.



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1620

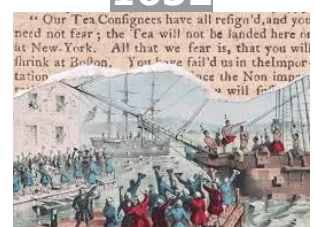


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Tea arrived in Britain

1652



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1649 - 1660



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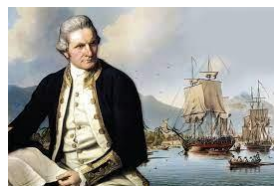
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Sir Robert Walpole becomes the 1st Prime Minister



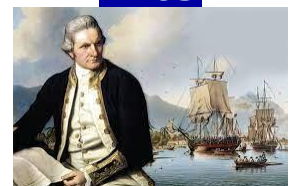
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1759
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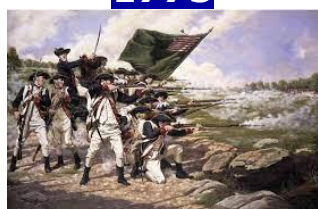
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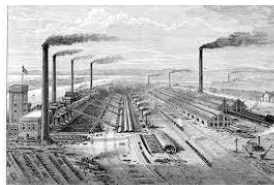
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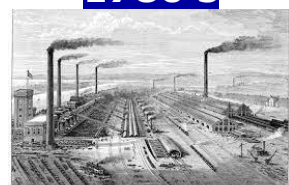
American War of Independence begins



1775
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Industrial Revolution begins



1780's
Industrial Revolution begins



First fleet of convicts sails to Australia

1787



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Lord Nelson defeats Napoleon at the Battle of Trafalgar

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Victoria becomes Queen at the age of 18

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Slavery is abolished in the British Empire

1838



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Education becomes compulsory for children under 10

1880



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'Titanic' sinks with the loss of 1,503 lives

1912



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THE COMMONWEALTH OF NATIONS
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Creation of the Commonwealth of nations

1926

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British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) is created



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Edward VIII abdicates in order to marry Wallis Simpson



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Winston Churchill becomes prime minister



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India gains independence from Britain



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Republic of Ireland comes into being



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Britain joins the European Community



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Margaret Thatcher becomes Britain's 1st woman Prime Minister



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1994



Britain hands Hong Kong back to China, after more than 150 years of British rule
Symbolic end of the British Empire

1992



Channel Tunnel opens, linking London and Paris by rail



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2002



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2005



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