## Some Key Moments in World History

The events on this map are based on Richard Overy's The 50 Key Dates of World History. Consult that article for brief descriptions of these events and their significance.

> 1776 American Declaration of Independe 1959 Invention of the silicon chip

> > 1492 Columbus discovers the New World

1519 Cortes begins conquest of South America

1917 Russian Revolution

1066 Battle of Hastings 1215 Magna Carta 1054 The Great Schism 1453 Fall of Constantinople 1564 Shakespeare born 1588 Spanish Armada defeated 1651 Hobbes's Leviathan 1455 Movable type invented 1517 Protestant Reformation 1918 End of World War I 1676 Newton's Principia 1939 Start of World War II 1859 Darwin's Origin of Species 1989 Fall of the Berlin Wall

753 BC Rome founded 1789 French Revolution 670 BC Ironworking invented 1815 Battle of Waterloo 27 BC Roman Empire founded 312 Constantine converts to Christianity 476 Fall of Rome 1088 University of Bologna founded

1600 BC Modern alphabet invented 1600 BC Greek civilization begins 490 BC Battle of Marathon 202 BC Rome defeats Hannibal

0 Birth of Christ

3500 BC Wheel and plough invented 3200 BC Writing invented in Mesopotamia 3000 BC First cities founded in Sumeria 3500 BC Sail invented in Egypt

551 BC Birth of Confucius

1945 Nuclear bomb detonated

105 First use of modern paper 280 Western Jin Dynasty unifies China

730 Printing invented in China

1206 Genghis Khan begins conquest of Asia 1949 Communist China founded

486 BC Birth of Buddha

327 BC Alexander reaches India

1893 Women's suffrage in New Zealand →