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World events	<p>1452 Leonardo da Vinci born</p> <p>1453 Turks capture Constantinople</p> <p>1455 Gutenberg completes printing the Bible using movable type</p> <p>1470 Portuguese explorers discover Gold Coast of Africa</p> <p>1473 Copernicus born</p> <p>1478 Spanish Inquisition set up</p>	<p>1485 Treaty of Leipzig divides Saxony</p> <p>1492 Columbus' first voyage to the Americas</p> <p>1493 the pope divides the New World between Spain and Portugal</p> <p>1495 Leonardo da Vinci's 'Last Supper'</p> <p>1497 Vasco de Gama discovers west coast of India</p> <p>1499 Swiss gain independence</p>	<p>1502 Frederick, elector of Saxony founds the Wittenberg University</p> <p>1506 Pope Julius orders work on St Peter's dome</p> <p>De Vinci's Mona Lisa</p> <p>1508 Michelangelo begins painting Sistine Chapel ceiling</p>	<p>1510 first shipload of African slaves arrives in Hispaniola (Haiti)</p> <p>1513 Leo X (Giovanni Medici) pope; Balboa discovers the Pacific Ocean</p> <p>Albert of Brandenburg becomes elector and archbishop of Mainz</p> <p>1516 Thomas More publishes Utopia</p> <p>1517 Tetzel hired by Albert of Mainz to sell indulgences</p> <p>1519 Charles I of Spain is elected Holy Roman Emperor Charles V; Cortes enters Aztec capital, Tenochtitlan</p>	<p>1520 Suleiman I becomes sultan of the Ottoman Empire (Turks)</p> <p>1521 Pope Leo X dies, succeeded Hadrian VI</p> <p>1522 Magellan's expedition completes circumnavigation of the globe; German knights organise against the emperor, France attacks Charles V</p> <p>1523 Clement VII becomes pope</p> <p>1524 Peasant wars begin; Diet of Nuremberg fails to enforce Edict of Worms condemning Luther</p> <p>1525 Charles V defeats Francis I; Elector Frederick the Wise dies; France makes pact with Suleiman I</p> <p>1527 Imperial troops sack Rome; plague strikes Wittenberg</p> <p>1529 Turks lay siege to Vienna</p>	<p>1531 Schmalkaldic League, a body of German Protestant groups forms in self defence against Charles V</p> <p>1532 Diet of Regensburg and Peace of Nuremberg guarantee religious toleration in the face of Turkish threat</p> <p>1533 Ivan 'the Terrible' (age 3) ascends the Russian throne</p> <p>1534 Paul becomes pope</p> <p>1539 Frankfurt Truce declared between Catholic and Protestant territories</p>	<p>1540 Conferences at Hagenau and Worms fail to reconcile Protestants and Catholics</p> <p>1541 at Conference of Regensburg, Melancthon and Bucer reach agreement with Catholics on most doctrines, but Luther and Rome reject their work,</p> <p>1543 Copernicus writes that earth revolves around sun; John Eck dies</p> <p>1545 Ferdinand I and Suleiman I agree to truce; Council of Trent, for reform of Catholic Church, opens</p> <p>1555 Peace of Augsburg allows rulers to determine religion of their region</p>

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