

# Contextual World & U.S. History™

(in an MS-Excel Spreadsheet)

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The spreadsheet lists more than **3,700 historically important events** in (a) chronological order from the Big Bang at the top down to 2018; (b) more than **7,100 lines/rows**, and (c) **5 columns (categories of events during each year shown)**. Cell(s) for each event indicate (1) **When** (Year); (2) **Where** (nation or geographic area); (3) **What** occurred or was done, and (4) **Who** did or accomplished What. [See the sample screenshot in a pdf file.]

Column 1 (left side): **Nations, Governments, Politics; Wars & Weapons; Peace**  
Column 2: **Exploration; Transportation; Communication; Business and Trade**  
Column 3: **Nature; Health/Medicine; Science, Invention & Technology**  
Column 4 (culture): **Peoples; Customs & Activities; Books/Knowledge; Religion/Beliefs**  
Column 5 (culture): **Music; Art; Sculpture; Theater, Dance, Poetry, Film; Architecture/Building(s)**

No textbook or online reference enables students to accomplish the actions below anywhere near as quickly, easily, visually, and insightfully as this resource.

## Years

Years having one or more significant events are listed down the left side of the sheet and for each event in each of the five columns (categories of events), This enables students to scroll easily both backward and forward in time to identify changes or trends in various types of historical events. [See the sample screenshot.]

## Columns

Five columns across the spreadsheet enable students to see what was also occurring or being done during the same time frame in other areas of interest. Events in the five columns (categories) are **color-coded** for quick and easy visual search. (See the sample screenshot in a pdf file.)

## Arrows

In many cases, arrows pointing from an event to one or more other columns indicate that an event is causing, influencing, or contributing to one or more events in the other category/categories—or will do so over time.

## Edit-Search

The spreadsheet's *Edit-Search* function enables students to quickly and easily enter a name, date (year), or place (nation or geographic area) of interest . . . and be taken to the appropriate row(s) and/or column(s) in the spreadsheet.

(This reference generally complies with, and contributes to achieving, Illinois Learning Standards for Social Science (History), Grades 9-12)

