

15th Century Timeline

Date	Event	Significance/Notes/Contributions
1420	Brunelleschi' Dome in Florence construction begins (ends in 1434)	
1428	Joan of Arc leads French against the English	
1433	Donatello creates "David"	
1434 - 1464	Cosimo de' Medici rules Florence	
1445	Plague Strikes England	
1450	Gutenberg's Printing Press	
1451 - 1506	Christopher Columbus' lifespan	
1452 - 1519	Da Vinci's lifespan	
1453	Hundred Years War Ends	
1455- 1485	War of the Roses	
1465	Ferdinand and Isabella Marry	
1469- 1492	Lorenzo de' Medic rules Florence	
1472	Dante's Divine Comedy published	
1473 - 1543	Nicolaus Copernicus' lifespan	
1475 - 1564	Michelangelo's lifespan	
1479	Spanish Inquisition Begins	
1480	Ivan III declares himself "Tzar of Russia"	
1483 - 1546	Martin Luther's lifespan	
1484	Botticelli's Birth of Venus	
1485	Henry Tudor becomes Henry VII of England	

1487	Star Chamber Created	
1487	Bartholomeu Dias rounds the Cape of Good Hope	
1492	Spanish Reconquista	
1492	Pope Alexander VI becomes pope	
1492	Columbus "Discovered" New World	
1493	Savonarola seizes power from Piero de' Medici in Florence (burned at the stake in 1498)	
1495 - 1498	Da Vinci creates <i>The Last Supper</i>	
1497 -- 1498	Vasco de Gamma sails around the Cape of Good Hope	
1498	Durer creates <i>Knight, Death, and the Devil</i>	
1499	Slave Trade Begins in Lisbon	