

## AP World History Timelines

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Setting the Stage

I assigned these timelines this year for the first time, and I have yet to see how effective they are in helping my students organize APWH content. (Note: I use Bentley & Zeigler's *Traditions & Encounters*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed. so the chapters numbers are all keyed to that textbook.)

I use this timeline together with the "Must-Know Dates." Basically I require students to place the selected information on the timeline. Students tell me it helps them visualize where and when each event is located in the "tapestry" of world history. Students will often ask, "Where [in what geographic region] does NATO belong? Americas or Europe?" I usually reflect the question right back to them and ask them to interpret the evidence for themselves. This is an important step in them discovering their own interpretive "voice" re: history.

Ideally, if students complete the timelines for all five eras (Foundations, 600-1450, etc.) they should have a chronological "map" that they should be able to use at the end of the year for review. Note that the timelines themselves are printed on 8-1/2" x 14" (legal size) paper. When I use this in class, I enlarge the legal size paper to 11" x 17" (tablet) size so students have more room to write.

For the last page, "World History Empires at a Glance" I tried to give a condensed version of all the information on all the timelines. I created this page *just* before the Lesson Jamboree deadline, and I haven't used it in class yet, so I don't know how effective it will be. It's obviously not a list of *all* empires, just the ones I've spent class time studying.

Teachers should feel free to add, delete, edit any/all names to suit their own emphasis and historical interpretation.

Hope this helps,

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Chapter	People	Gov't/ Empires	Events
Ch 1 Prehistory - Ancient Mesopotamia <sup>1</sup>	Neandertal Sargon Abraham pastoralists	Cro-Magnon Hammurabi	Agricultural Rev. Çatal Hüyük Epic of Gilgamesh bronze iron
Ch 2 Egypt <sup>1</sup>	Menes	Old, Middle, New Kingdoms	
Ch 3 Ancient India & China <sup>1</sup>		Harappa Mohenjo-Daro Shia (Xia), Shang, & Zhou Dynasties Era of Warring States	Vedas Upanishads “Solidification” of Caste System oracle bones
Ch 4 Ancient Americas & Oceania <sup>1</sup>	Olmecs Chavín Mochica Nazca	Maya(n)	“land bridge” migration to Americas <i>Popul Vuh</i> settlement of islands throughout Oceania
Ch 7 Persia	Darius Cyrus	Achaemenid Empire	
Ch 8 Classical China	Confucius Mencius Laoze Ban Zhao Qi Shuhuangdi	Qin Dynasty Han Dynasty	Confucianism Daoism Legalism Yellow Turban Rebellion
Ch 9 Classical India	Ashoka Maurya Chandra Gupta Siddhartha Gautama	Mauryan Dynasty Gupta Dynasty	Buddhism
Ch 10 Greece	Pericles Socrates Plato Aristotle Alexander the Great		
Ch 11 Rome	Julius & Augustus Caesar Trajan Constantine Jesus of Nazareth	Roman Republic Roman Empire	<i>Pax Romana</i> Christianity “split” of Roman Empire
Ch 12 Silk Roads	Diocletian Attila		Germanic Invasions “Fall” of Rome

<sup>1</sup>These chapter number are from the “Bentley Brief” textbook packets.

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Ch 13 Byzantium	Justinian & Theodora Charlemagne Prince Vladimir	Byzantine	Justinian's Code Hagia Sophia Great Schism
Ch 14 Islam	Muhammad Khadija Abu Bakr	Abbasid Caliphate Umayyad Caliphate	<i>hijra</i>
Ch 15 Tang/Song China	Song Taizu Tang Taizong	Sui Dynasty Song Dynasty Tang Dynasty Nara Japan Heian Japan	block printing Neo-Confucianism civil service examinations "flying cash" fast-ripening rice Grand Canal
Ch 16 Post- Classical India		Sultanate of Delhi Angkor Wat	Islam → India Bhakti movement
Ch 17 Feudal Europe	Charlemagne Vikings		
Ch 18 Mongols	Temujin (Genghis Khan) Khubilai Khan Marco Polo Mehmet the Conqueror Tamerlane	Yuan Dynasty Ottoman Empire	Battle of Manzikert Bubonic Plague(s)
Ch 19 pre-1500 Africa	Mansa Musa Bantus	Axum Great Zimbabwe	
Ch 20 Medieval Europe	Leif Ericsson Thomas Aquinas Pope Urban II William the Conqueror	Holy Roman Empire	<i>reconquista</i> scholasticism
Ch 21 Pre-1500 Americas	Montezuma Atahualpa	Aztec Empire Inca Empire	
Ch 22 Silk Routes (trans- regional)	Bartelomeo Dias Vasco da Gama Christopher Columbus Ibn Battuta Michelangelo	Location(s) of Portuguese, Spanish, Dutch, French, English, & Chinese explorations	Black Plague(s) Hundred Years War Yongle Encyclopedia

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Ch 23 Age of Exploration	Vasco de Balboa Christopher Columbus Vasco da Gama Bartolomeu Dias Prince Henry the Navigator Ferdinand Magellan	Spain Portugal France England	Columbian Exchange joint stock company 7 Years' War East India company
Ch 24 Early Modern Europe	Louis XIV Peter/Catherine the Great Gutenberg Machiavelli Smith Locke Hobbes Voltaire Rousseau Copernicus Galileo Martin Luther Loyola John Calvin	HRE France England Russia	Protestant Reformation Catholic (Counter) Reformation Council of Trent Enlightenment Spanish Inquisition
Ch 25 Colonial Americas	Atahualpa Cortes Montezuma Pizarro	Aztec Inca	Treaty of Tordesillas Jamestown Quebec
Ch 26 Early Modern Africa	Sunni Ali	Songhay	Triangle Trade diaspora
Ch 27 Early Modern E. Asia	Kangxi Qianlong Tokugawa Ieyasu Matteo Ricci Zheng He	Ming Qing Tokugawa Shogunate	Neo-confucianism Forbidden City “Dutch learning”
Ch 28 Muslim “Gunpowder” Empires	Akbar Shah Ismail Mehmed II Süleyman	Ottoman Safavid Mughal	Constantinople → Ottomans Battle of Chaldiran

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Ch 30 Age of Revolution	Simón Bolívar José de San Martín George Washington Napoleon Bonaparte Otto von Bismarck Maximilien Robespierre Alfred Dreyfus Olympe de Gouges Elizabeth Cady Stanton Prince Klemens von Metternich Theodore Herzl		7 Years War American Revolution/ Independence Struggle French Revolution Trafalgar Russian invasion Waterloo Haitian Revolution Congress of Vienna Age of Metternich Latin American Revolutions
Ch 31 Industrial Revolution	Henry Ford		Industrial Revolution Whitney's cotton gin Marx's <i>Communist Manifesto</i>
Ch 32 1800s Americas	Abraham Lincoln Benito Juárez Juan Manuel de Rosas Porfirio Díaz "Pancho" Villa John MacDonald	Canada (Dominion of Canada)	Louisiana Purchase Manifest Destiny Mexican Revolution 1823 La Reforma Mexican Revolution, 1910
Ch 33 1800s Asian Empires	Muhammad Ali Alexander II Dowager Empress Cixi "Young Turks"	Qing Dynasty	Tanzimat Reforms Taiping Rebellion Meiji Restoration Boxer Rebellion Russo-Japanese War
Ch 34 Imperialism	Charles Darwin Queen Victoria		Social Darwinism "White Man's Burden" Spanish-American War Suez Canal Panama Canal Monroe Doctrine Opium War(s) Battle of Omdurman Berlin Conference Open Door Policy

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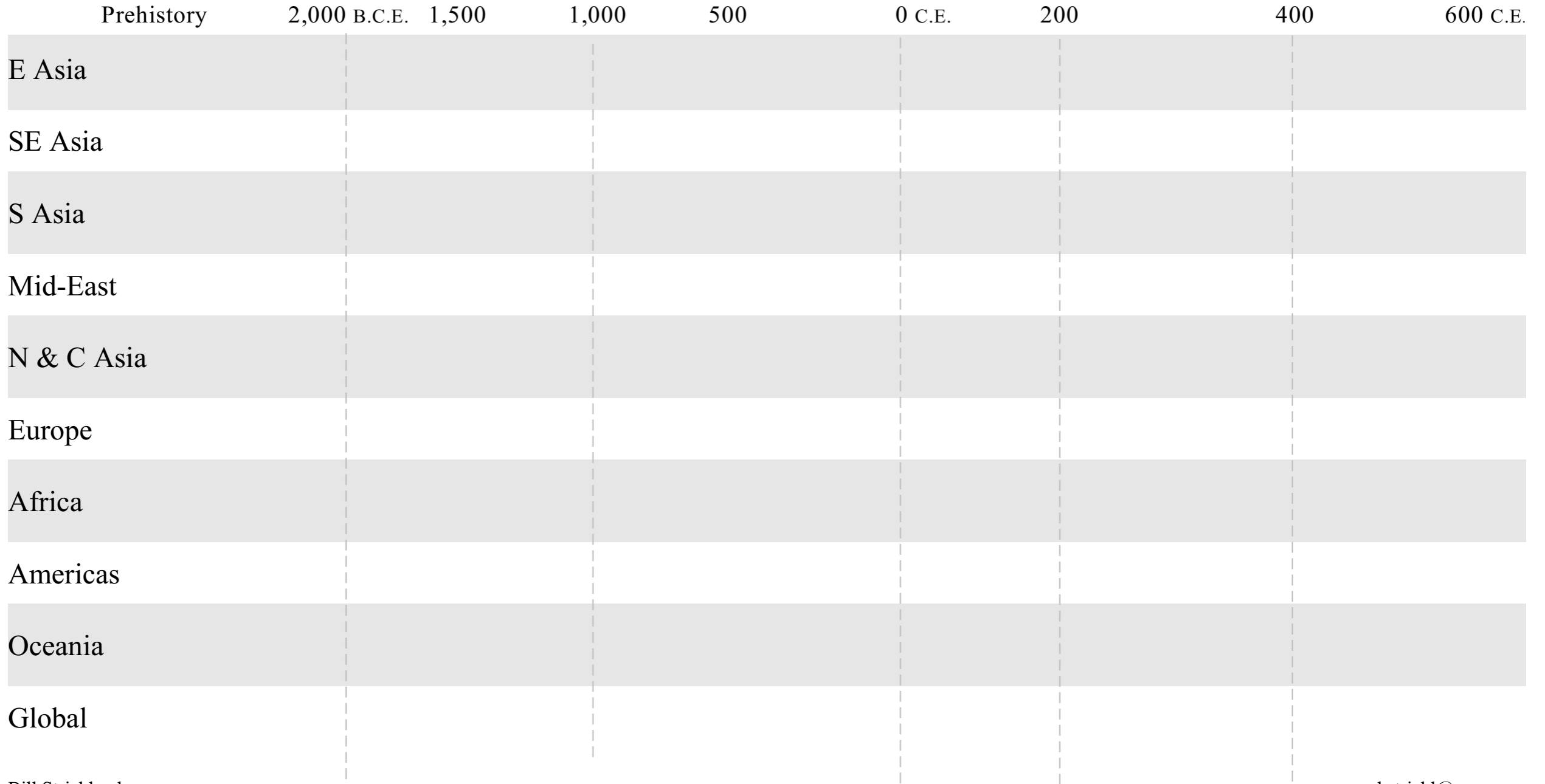
Chapter	People	Events
Ch 35 World War I	Kaiser Wilhelm I Mustafa Kemal “Ataturk” Nicholas I Vladimir Lenin Woodrow Wilson	Schlieffen Plan Easter Rebellion February Revolution Wilson’s 14 Points League of Nations Sinking of the <i>Lusitania</i> Treaty of Brest-Litovsk October Revolution Treaty of Versailles
Ch 36 Age of Anxiety	Sigmund Freud John Maynard Keynes Joseph Stalin Mohandas Gandhi Muhammad Ali Jinnah Sun Yatsen Mao Zedong Chiang Kai-shek (Jiang Jieshi) Augusto César Sandino Anastacio Somoza Garcia	Russian Civil War Mein Kampf May Fourth Movement Three Principles of the People Great Depression Mukden Incident Stalin’s 5-Year Plan(s) Amritsar Massacre the “Long March” Good Neighbor Policy
Ch 37 World War II	Winston Churchill Franklin Roosevelt Harry Truman Hideki Tojo Benito Mussolini Joseph Stalin Adolf Hitler	Spanish Civil War Munich Conference Battle of Stalingrad Hiroshima/Nagasaki Austrian <i>Anschluss</i> Rape of Nanjing D-Day
Ch 38 The Cold War	Nikita Khrushchev Leonid Brezhnev Mikhail Gorbachev Boris Yeltsin Ho Chi Minh Kim Il Sung Vladimir Putin	Yalta & Potsdam Conf’s Truman Doctrine Berlin Blockade/Airlift NATO & Warsaw Pact China → communist Korean War Berlin War Vietnam War United Nations Marshall Plan Russian A-bomb Cuban Missile Crisis
Ch 39 Retreat from Empire	Jomo Kenyatta Nelson Mandela Jawaharlal Nehru Ayatollah Khomeini Saddam Hussein Richard Nixon Deng Xiao Ping Gamal Nassar Anwar Sadat Yasser Arafat	Independence of India Bandung Conference Cultural Revolution Independence of (much/most) of African colonies Birth of Israel Great Leap Forward Tiananmen Square
Ch 40 World without Borders	Osama bin Laden Indira Gandhi	Globalization World Trade Org. (WTO) N. Am. Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) European Union (EU)

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### World Empires at a Glance

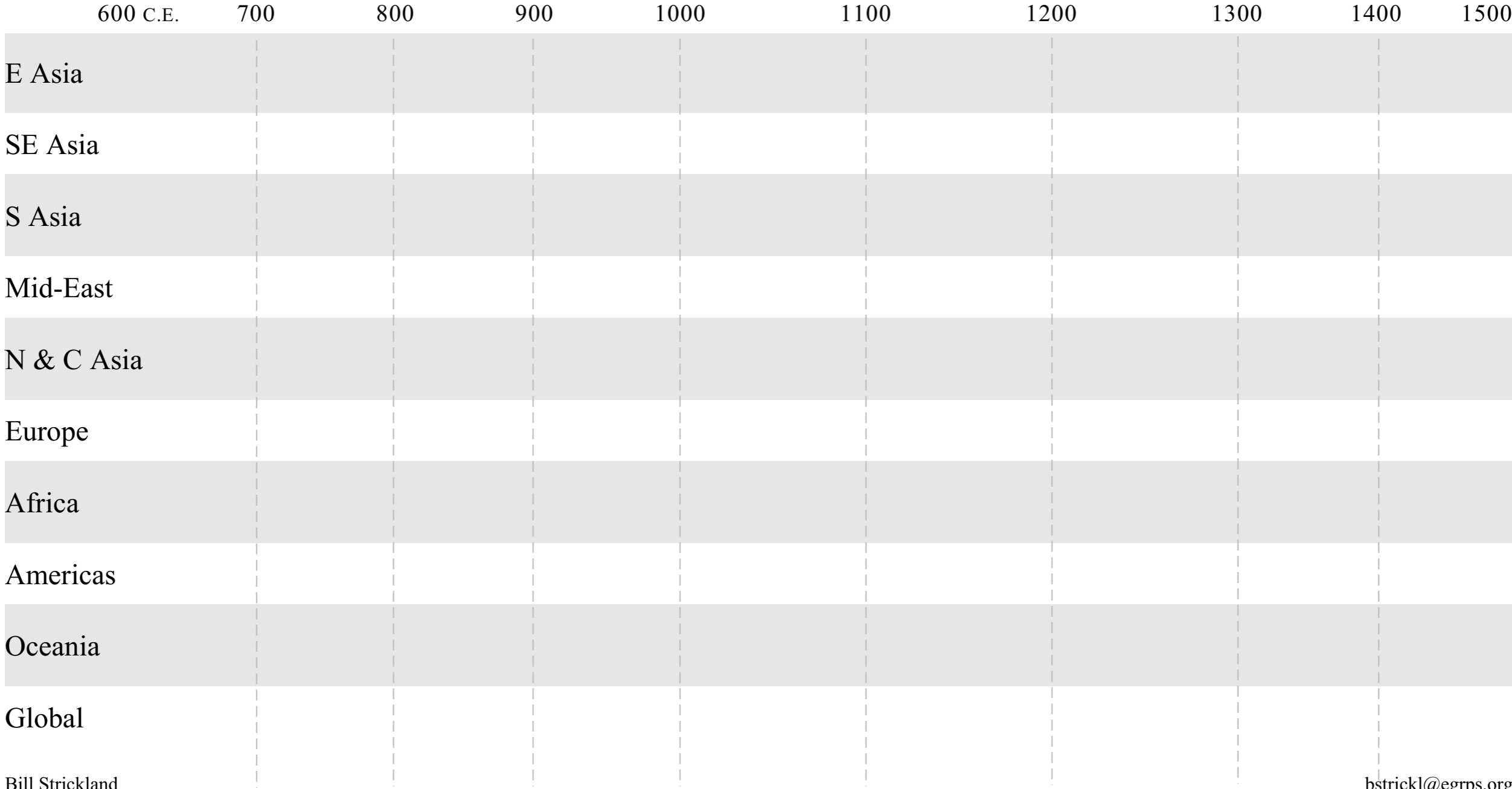
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<b>Global</b>			Portugal Spain Dutch Britain France	Britain France Germany U.S.	Britain France U.S.
<b>East Asia</b>	Shang Zhou Qin Han Sui	Tang Song	Ming Qing	Qing	
<b>South Asia</b>	Maurya Gupta	Delhi Sultanate	Mughal		
<b>SE Asia</b>		Angkor			
<b>SW Asia (Middle East)</b>	Sumer Egypt Persia	Umayyad Abbasid	Ottoman Safavid	Ottoman	
<b>N &amp; Central Asia</b>		Mongol			
<b>Sub-Saharan Africa</b>		Ghana Mali Sahel Zimbabwe			
<b>Europe</b>	Greece Rome		Portugal Spain Britain Holy Roman Empire	Holy Roman Empire Britain Germany	
<b>N. America</b>	Olmec Toltec	Mayan Aztec			
<b>S. America</b>	Chavín Mochica Nazca	Inca			

# AP World History Timeline - Foundations





**AP World History Timeline 600-1450 C.E.**



# AP World History Timeline 1450-1750 C.E.

1450 C.E.

1500

1550

1600

1650

1700

1750

E Asia

SE Asia

S Asia

Mid-East

N & C Asia

Europe

Africa

Americas

Oceania

Global

# AP World History Timeline 1750-1914 C.E.

1750 C.E.

1775

1800

1825

1850

1875

1900

E Asia

SE Asia

S Asia

Mid-East

N & C Asia

Europe

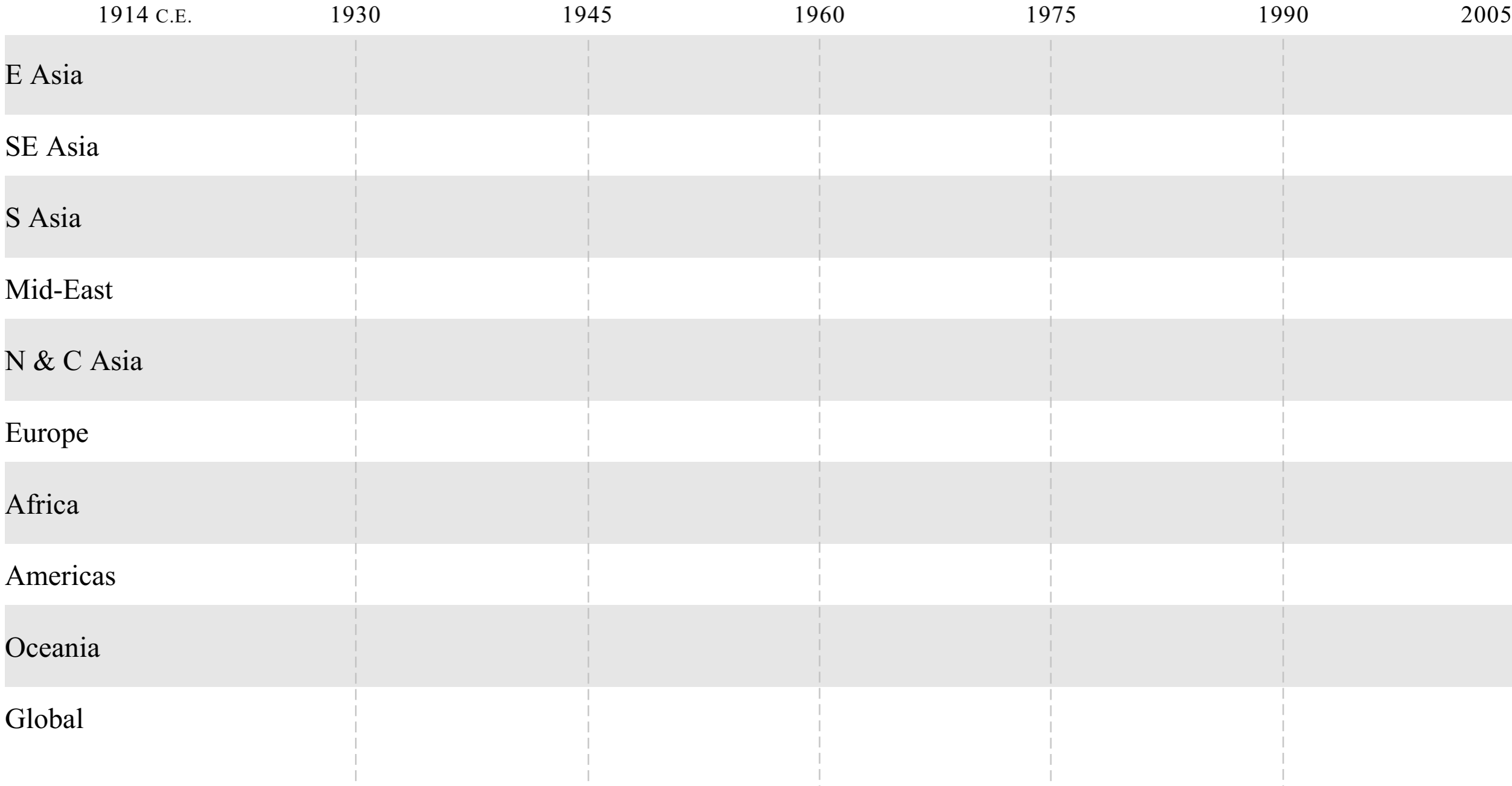
Africa

Americas

Oceania

Global

# AP World History Timeline 1914-Present



# World History Empires at a Glance

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