

# Contextual World & U.S. History™

(in an MS-Excel Spreadsheet)

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The spreadsheet lists more than **3,750 historically important events** in (a) chronological order from the Big Bang at the top down to 2018; (b) more than **7,200 lines/rows**, and (c) **5 columns (categories of events)**. 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).

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 sample screenshots.)

## 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 sample screenshots.)

## 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.

## *Edit-Search*

The spreadsheet's *Edit-Search* function enables students to quickly and easily enter a name, date (year), or place (nation or 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)