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#### Timeline

- **6,000 BC** The spread of modern humans during the Ice Age
- **6,000 BC** After the ice: Human adaptations to a warmer world and the beginning of agriculture
- **4,000 BC** The spread of farming societies in the Old World
- **2,000 BC** Birth of the first civilizations in Sumer and Egypt, only farming societies in the New World
- **1,300 BC** The Roman Age empires of Egypt, the Mediterranean, Mesopotamia and China
- **1,000 BC** The Augustan and Roman-Dynastic Ages, rise of the Zhou in China
- **800 BC** Dominant Assyria and expansionist Zhou, colonizing Phoenicia
- **500 BC** ArCHA, Sychnia and the rise of Persia, fall of the Zhou kingdom
- **323 BC** Alexander the Great, Carthage and China's Warring States period
- **200 BC** The unification of China, break-up of Alexander's empire and the rise of Rome
- **1 BC** China's Han dynasty empires at its greatest extent

#### Key Dates

- **1842** The fall of the Spanish-American empire
- **1848** Nationalism and the rise of the nation states, revolutions break out in Europe
- **1861** The Civil War, abolition and social change in Japan and China
- **1871** New borders drawn in America and Europe
- **1900** The European colonial empires dominate the world
- **1912** European colonial expansion, the rise of imperial China, the rise of Japan
- **1914** The outbreak of the First World War in Europe
- **1917** The First World War continues, the Russian Revolution
- **1923** The end of the First World War and the Treaty of Versailles
- **1938** The world in the shadow of the great dictators, new government in China
- **1942** The maximum extent of Axis advance in the Second World War
- **1945** The end of the Second World War in Europe and the Asia-Pacific region
- **1950** The Cold War and the rise of anti-colonialism and communism in Asia
- **1961** New borders drawn in America and Europe
- **1962** The winds of change: the European retreat from Africa
- **1975** The world at the height of the Cold War
- **1984** The maximum extent of Arab advancement in the Second World War
- **1988** The fall of the Soviet Union
- **2010** The shifting balance of global power