

<b>-3500</b>	First formal writing system invented	
<b>-2700</b>	Oldest known piece of literature	
<b>-2560</b>	Great Pyramid of Giza is completed	
<b>-2500</b>	Egyptians invent papyrus and use it for writing	
<b>-2000</b>	First dingoes are brought to Australia	
<b>-2000</b>	Stonehenge built	

<b>-1600</b>	<b>Civilisation in Minoan Crete destroyed</b>	
<b>-1400</b>	<b>Invention of water clocks</b>	
<b>-1150</b>	<b>First zoo in made in China</b>	
<b>-753</b>	<b>Traditional date for founding of Rome</b>	
<b>-710</b>	<b>Sundial is invented</b>	
<b>-551</b>	<b>Confucius is born in China</b>	

<b>-490</b>	<b>First Marathon (battle and race!)</b>	
<b>-483</b>	<b>Death of Buddha</b>	
<b>-460</b>	<b>First known book about aquaculture</b>	
<b>-447</b>	<b>Building of the Parthenon in Athens</b>	
<b>-400</b>	<b>Invention of the catapult</b>	
<b>-323</b>	<b>Death of Alexander the Great</b>	

<b>-280</b>	King Ptolemy III builds the Lighthouse of Pharos (one of the 7 Wonders)	
<b>-221</b>	China is unified for the first time.	
<b>-214</b>	Great Wall of China is started	
<b>-200</b>	Tofu is first made from soybeans	
<b>-44</b>	Death of Julius Caesar	
<b>-30</b>	Death of Cleopatra, Queen of Egypt	

<b>32</b>	<b>Death of Jesus Christ</b>	
<b>79</b>	<b>City of Pompeii is destroyed by a volcano</b>	
<b>100</b>	<b>Soap is invented and starts to become commonly accepted</b>	
<b>105</b>	<b>Tsai Lun invented paper</b>	
<b>313</b>	<b>Christianity becomes the official religion of the Roman Empire</b>	
<b>476</b>	<b>With the capture of Emperor Romulus Augustus the Roman Empire ends</b>	

610	Mohammed produces the Koran	
700	First Easter Island statues start to be made	
700	Stirrup for horses invented	
1050	Tower of Pisa is built	
1100	Game of draughts is invented	
1200	The chimney is invented	

1206	Genghis Khan begins his reign	
1231	Start of the Spanish Inquisition	
1250	Invention of the button hole	
1269	First recorded use of eye glasses	
1298	Marco Polo writes his account of travels to China	
1305	Invention of standard shoe sizes makes it possible to mass produce shoes	

<b>1335</b>	<b>First mechanical clock was made</b>	
<b>1347</b>	<b>Black Death arrives in Europe</b>	
<b>1431</b>	<b>Joan of Arc is burned at the stake</b>	
<b>1521</b>	<b>End of the Aztec Empire</b>	
<b>1570</b>	<b>First printed atlas</b>	
<b>1616</b>	<b>Death of William Shakespeare</b>	



<b>1628</b>	<b>Discovery of the circulation of blood</b>	
<b>1668</b>	<b>First reflecting telescope built by Sir Issac Newton</b>	
<b>1688</b>	<b>William Dampier sails to Western Australia</b>	
<b>1695</b>	<b>Invention of the clarinet</b>	
<b>1712</b>	<b>Thomas Newcomen develops the first practical steam engine</b>	
<b>1760</b>	<b>First bi-focal glasses</b>	

<b>1770</b>	Captain Cook wrote "all they (the Aboriginies) seemed to want was for us to be gone"	
<b>1770</b>	Captain James Cook explores the east coast of Australia	
<b>1775</b>	Invention of the S-bend for toilets	
<b>1776</b>	The American colonists won the War of Independence against England	
<b>1779</b>	Captain Cook killed in Hawaii	
<b>1780</b>	Roulette is invented	

<b>1783</b>	First human flew (in a hot air balloon) completing a flight of 25 minutes	
<b>1785</b>	First jigsaw puzzles invented	
<b>1786</b>	British government decided to make Botany Bay a penal colony	
<b>1787</b>	First Fleet sailed from Portsmouth to Australia carrying 756 convicts	
<b>1788</b>	Governor Philip issued Australia's first tree preservation law	
<b>1788</b>	The first European plants and animals brought to Australia to change the environment	

<b>1789</b>	<b>First Australia school opened</b>	
<b>1789</b>	<b>First play in a theatre performed in Australia</b>	
<b>1789</b>	<b>First smallpox reported in Indegenous Australians</b>	
<b>1790</b>	<b>Invention of the first nail making machine</b>	
<b>1791</b>	<b>First effective and hygenic and false teeth</b>	
<b>1795</b>	<b>First canning factory in the world opens</b>	

1797	The Marylebone Cricket Club (the MCC) starts	
1798	Bass and Flinders circumnavigated Van Deimen's Land (Tasmania) proving it to be an island	
1799	Invention by Volta of the battery	
1800	Invention of the Nitrous Oxide Anesthetic – “laughing gas”)	
1802	Invention of powdered milk	
1803	Matthew Flinders finished his circumnavigation of Australia	

<b>1803</b>	<b>The first newspaper in Australia is printed</b>	
<b>1804</b>	<b>The Castle Hill convict rebellion</b>	
<b>1807</b>	<b>First merino wool shipped from Australia to England</b>	
<b>1809</b>	<b>Australia's first post office opened in Sydney</b>	
<b>1810</b>	<b>Australia's first horse race</b>	
<b>1814</b>	<b>Matthew Flinders, in a book published on the day of his death, suggests the name Australia</b>	

<b>1817</b>	Bank of New South Wales, Australia's first bank, opens	
<b>1817</b>	Invention of the cardboard box	
<b>1819</b>	First book is published in Australia	
<b>1821</b>	The Mouth Organ (aka the wind harmonica) is invented	
<b>1824</b>	Braille, the system for helping blind people, is invented by Louis Braille	
<b>1824</b>	Invention of modern cement	

1826	First photography	
1827	First friction match	
1830	First lawn mower invented	
1834	First industrial sewing machine invented	
1835	The 6 shooter Colt pistol invented	
1836	First passenger ships leave England to settle South Australia	



1836	The city of Adelaide is started	
1837	First hospital in South Australia	
1837	Invention of the industrial steam hammer	
1839	Invention of celluloid (which was used for movie making)	
1842	First fax machine	
1843	First typewriter)	

1844	Morse Code is invented	
1845	The first pneumatic tyre (one filled with air)	
1845	The rubber band is invented	
1848	Invention of chewing gum)	
1849	First commercial dry cleaning)	
1849	First postage stamp	

<b>1851</b>	<b>Singer released the first home sewing machine</b>	
<b>1851</b>	<b>Start of the Victorian Gold Rushes</b>	
<b>1852</b>	<b>First commerical elevator installed in a building</b>	
<b>1854</b>	<b>Eureka Stockade</b>	
<b>1856</b>	<b>First telegraph line between Adelaide and Melbourne opened</b>	
<b>1859</b>	<b>Flying trapeze is invented and becomes a circus act</b>	

1859	Leotard, a French wire walker and trapeze artists, invents the leotard.	
1862	Invention of the Gatling gun	
1863	First underground urban railway in the world built in London	
1866	Alice in Wonderland is published	
1866	Nobel invents dynamite	
1867	Invention of barbed wire	

1867	Lister pioneers antiseptic surgery)	
1868	Invention of the stapler)	
1868	Last convicts transported to Austarlia	
1868	Mr Knight invents the paper bag)	
1869	Opening of the Suez Canal	
1872	Yellowstone is declared the first national park in the world	

<b>1873</b>	<b>Strauss invents Blue Jeans</b>	
<b>1874</b>	<b>First electric tram</b>	
<b>1878</b>	<b>Invention of the phonograph by Thomas Edison</b>	
<b>1883</b>	<b>First skyscraper in the world started</b>	
<b>1883</b>	<b>Whitcomb Judson invented the zipper</b>	
<b>1886</b>	<b>First oil tanker was built</b>	

1891	Dr James Naismith invents basketball	
1894	First electric iron	
1895	First x-ray machine	
1895	Marconi produces the first wireless telegraph system	
1898	Pepsi Cola is introduced this year	
1899	Freud writes about Dreams and starts pyschoanalysis	

<b>1899</b>	<b>Spain grants Cuba Independence</b>	
<b>1901</b>	<b>Edmund Barton becomes first Prime Minister of Australia</b>	
<b>1901</b>	<b>First hearing aid</b>	
<b>1905</b>	<b>First animated cartoon</b>	
<b>1911</b>	<b>First people reach the South Pole</b>	
<b>1912</b>	<b>Cellophane is invented</b>	



<b>1912</b>	<b>Titanic sinks</b>	
<b>1914</b>	<b>Start of the First World War</b>	
<b>1915</b>	<b>Attack on Gallipoli by ANZAC and British troops</b>	
<b>1915</b>	<b>First Aspirin</b>	
<b>1917</b>	<b>First film shot in technicolour</b>	
<b>1917</b>	<b>Russian Revolution sees the death of the Tsar and formation of a Communist government</b>	

<b>1918</b>	<b>Armistice ends the First World War</b>	
<b>1918</b>	<b>Spanish flu kills 20 million people world wide</b>	
<b>1920</b>	<b>Establishment of QANTAS</b>	
<b>1920</b>	<b>First non-stop plane flight from Australia to England</b>	
<b>1920</b>	<b>Income tax starts to pay off the First World War</b>	
<b>1921</b>	<b>Edith Cowan, first female is elected member of Federal Parliament.</b>	

<b>1921</b>	First Archibald prize is awarded in Australia and become our richest art prize	
<b>1921</b>	The word "ANZAC" is protected from commercial use in this year	
<b>1922</b>	Discovery of the tomb of King Tutankhamen	
<b>1923</b>	Radio broadcasting begins in Australia	
<b>1923</b>	Sydney and Brisbane first connected by telephone	
<b>1923</b>	Vegemite is first produced	

<b>1924</b>	First disposable paper tissues	
<b>1924</b>	First self winding wrist watch	
<b>1924</b>	Invention of the popcicle (frozen icecream)	
<b>1925</b>	Population of Sydney reaches 1 million - first city in Australia to be this big	
<b>1926</b>	Sir Jack Brabham the motor racing legend was born	
<b>1927</b>	Canberra sees the first sitting of the Federal Parliament	

1927	Mickey Mouse is created	
1927	First flight across the Atlantic Ocean	
1928	Flying Doctor Service is created	
1929	First electric shaver invented	
1929	Invention of penicillin	
1929	Start of the Great Depression	

<b>1930</b>	World population hits 2 billion: now over 7	
<b>1932</b>	Death of Phar Lap	
<b>1932</b>	Sydney Harbour Bridge opens	
<b>1933</b>	Game of Monopoly invented	
<b>1935</b>	Invention of RADAR	
<b>1937</b>	Tolkien published the Hobbit	

<b>1938</b>	First nylon bristle toothbrush manufactured this year	
<b>1938</b>	Superman makes his first appearance in a cartoon book	
<b>1939</b>	Start of the Second World War	
<b>1939</b>	The worst Black Friday bushfire	
<b>1940</b>	M and M's invented by the Mars Company	
<b>1941</b>	Australian women admitted to the armed forces	

<b>1942</b>	<b>Battle of the Coral Sea</b>	
<b>1942</b>	<b>Japanese bomb Darwin</b>	
<b>1942</b>	<b>Japanese submarines attack Sydney Harbour</b>	
<b>1943</b>	<b>Invention of SCUBA gear</b>	
<b>1944</b>	<b>First jet powered aircraft fly</b>	
<b>1945</b>	<b>End of the Second World War</b>	



<b>1945</b>	United Nations was created	
<b>1946</b>	French fashion designer Louis Reard presents the bikini	
<b>1946</b>	Great South African Mine Workers Strike	
<b>1947</b>	Chuck Yeagar is the first person to break the sound barrier	
<b>1947</b>	Lego is invented	
<b>1947</b>	The 40 hour working week is introduced in Australia	

<b>1948</b>	<b>Apartheid is introduced into South Africa</b>	
<b>1948</b>	<b>Black Peril election brings Malan and the National Party to power in South Africa</b>	
<b>1948</b>	<b>First Australian Holden Car is built</b>	
<b>1950</b>	<b>Disposable nappies are invented</b>	
<b>1950</b>	<b>Suppression of Communism Act in South Africa</b>	
<b>1951</b>	<b>Mandela elected President of the ANC Youth League</b>	

1952	Australia's millionth migrant arrives	
1952	British atomic bomb is tested in Australia	
1953	Castro delivers his famous "History will absolve me" speech	
1953	Fidel Castro leads a revolt at the Moncada Barracks in Cuba	
1953	First time Mt Everest was climbed	
1953	One hundred thousand Holdens have been sold	

<b>1953</b>	<b>Overthrow of Mosaddeq in Iran by the CIA</b>	
<b>1954</b>	<b>Korean War</b>	
<b>1955</b>	<b>First atomic clock invented</b>	
<b>1955</b>	<b>Melbourne Olympic Games</b>	
<b>1956</b>	<b>Castro invades Cuba in the yatch Granma</b>	
<b>1956</b>	<b>Disneyland is opened in California</b>	

<b>1956</b>	<b>Elvis Presley releases his first record</b>	
<b>1956</b>	<b>World's first nuclear power plant opens</b>	
<b>1957</b>	<b>Alexandra bus boycotts in South Africa</b>	
<b>1957</b>	<b>First man made object to orbit the earth</b>	
<b>1957</b>	<b>Windsurfing invented</b>	
<b>1958</b>	<b>Sir Douglas Mawson dies</b>	

<b>1959</b>	<b>Antarctic Treaty signed</b>	
<b>1959</b>	<b>First Barbie Doll is released</b>	
<b>1959</b>	<b>First working hovercraft</b>	
<b>1960</b>	<b>Banning of the ANC, PAC and SACP in South Africa</b>	
<b>1960</b>	<b>First supermarket opens in Australia</b>	
<b>1960</b>	<b>Rome Olympic Games</b>	

1960	The Sharpeville Massacre in South Africa	
1961	Introduction of the contraceptive pill	
1961	Ken, a friend for Barbie, is released	
1961	Mandela becomes Commander in Chief of Umkhonto we Sizwe (Spear of the Nation)	
1961	Parkes radio telescope is opened	
1961	Population of Australia reaches ten million	

<b>1961</b>	Yuri Garagin becomes the first human to orbit the earth	
<b>1962</b>	Cuban Missile Crises	
<b>1962</b>	Start of the White Revolution in Iran	
<b>1963</b>	First push button telephone	
<b>1963</b>	The Parkes Radio Telescope identifies the first quasar	
<b>1964</b>	Start of the exile of Ayatollah Khomeini	



1964	Tokyo Olympics	
1965	Diet Pepsi is introduced	
1966	Introduction of decimal currency	
1966	South African Prime Minister Verwoerd is assassinated	
1967	Che Guevara is killed in Bolivia	
1967	Disappearance of Harold Holt the Prime Minister	

<b>1967</b>	First successful heart transplant operation on a human	
<b>1967</b>	Indigenous Australians given the right to vote	
<b>1967</b>	Last execution in Australia	
<b>1968</b>	Kylie Minogue born	
<b>1968</b>	Mexico Olympic Games	
<b>1969</b>	First flight of the Boeing 747 - the Jumbo Jet	

<b>1969</b>	<b>Men walk on the Moon for the first time</b>	
<b>1969</b>	<b>Steve Biko founds the South African Student Organisation</b>	
<b>1970</b>	<b>First Video Cassette recorder released</b>	
<b>1970</b>	<b>Voting rights given to 18 year old Australians</b>	
<b>1971</b>	<b>Microprocessor is invented</b>	
<b>1971</b>	<b>Neville Bonner is the first indigenous Australia to be a member of parliament</b>	

1972	Munich Olympic Games	
1972	Sydney Opera House opened	
1974	Cyclone Tracy destroys Darwin	
1974	National anthem changes from God Save the Queen	
1974	Rundle Mall is opened ; first mall in Australia	
1975	First disposable razor	

<b>1975</b>	Removal of the Whitlam government by the Governor General	
<b>1976</b>	Start of the Soweto riots	
<b>1977</b>	Malls Balls are installed for the first time	
<b>1977</b>	Star Wars is released	
<b>1977</b>	Steve Biko dies in prison	
<b>1978</b>	First Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras in Sydney	

1979	First Lotto Draw	
1979	Islamic militants seize the US embassy in Iran	
1979	Overthrow of the Shah of Iran in a violent revolution	
1979	Sony Walkman released	
1980	Birth of Australia's first "test tube baby"	
1980	Compact Disks (CD's) are released to the public'	

<b>1980</b>	<b>Moscow Olympic Games</b>	
<b>1980</b>	<b>Start of the Iran-Iraq War</b>	
<b>1981</b>	<b>First successful flight of the Space Shuttle</b>	
<b>1981</b>	<b>The launch of the first space shuttle</b>	
<b>1982</b>	<b>First artificial heart successfully placed into a human</b>	
<b>1983</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday bushfires in SA</b>	

1983	Pioneer Ten became the first man made object to go beyond the orbit of Pluto	
1984	Genetic fingerprinting is invented	
1984	Los Angeles Olympic Games	
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1985	Archbishop Tutu wins the Nobel Peace Prize	
1986	Chernobyl nuclear accident	



1986	Space shuttle Challenger explodes	
1988	New parliament house in Canberra	
1988	Seoul Olympics	
1989	Death of Ayatollah Khomeini	
1989	Newcastle Earthquake	
1990	Cathy Freeman's first Gold Medal	

<b>1990</b>	Mandela is finally released from jail for the last time	
<b>1991</b>	Australia joins the First Gulf War	
<b>1992</b>	Inkatha-ANC Conflict starts over the future of a post apartheid South Africa	
<b>1992</b>	Mabo Decision is handed down	
<b>1993</b>	First fluorescent lamps were exhibited in this year	
<b>1993</b>	Mandela and F.W.De Klerk awarded the Nobel Peace Prize	

<b>1993</b>	<b>President John F Kennedy is assassinated</b>	
<b>1994</b>	<b>First non-racial democratic election in South Africa</b>	
<b>1994</b>	<b>Mandela elected President of South Africa</b>	
<b>1994</b>	<b>Mighty Morphin Power Rangers released</b>	
<b>1995</b>	<b>Wreck of the Titanic is found</b>	
<b>1996</b>	<b>John Howard is first elected Prime Minister</b>	

<b>1997</b>	Adelaide born Andy Thomas becomes an astronaut	
<b>1997</b>	Death of Princess Di	
<b>1997</b>	DVD's are introduced to the consumer market	
<b>1997</b>	Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone published	
<b>1997</b>	Tamagotchi pets are released onto the toy market	
<b>1998</b>	Furbies are released onto the toy market	

<b>1998</b>	John Glen (at 77) is the oldest astronaut	
<b>1998</b>	Tragic Sydney-Hobart yacht race	
<b>1999</b>	Snowtown murders	
<b>1999</b>	Tony Lockett retires from AFL after 1357 goals	
<b>2000</b>	First discovery of planets outside our solar system	
<b>2000</b>	First world wide internet computer virus (The Love Bug)	

<b>2000</b>	<b>Sydney Olympic Games</b>	
<b>2000</b>	<b>The International Space Station is completed</b>	
<b>2001</b>	<b>Centenary of the Federation of Australia</b>	
<b>2001</b>	<b>Sir Donald Bradman dies</b>	
<b>2001</b>	<b>World Trade Centre destroyed</b>	
<b>2002</b>	<b>Bali Bombing</b>	

<b>2003</b>	Australia joins the invasion of Iraq as part of the War on Terror	
<b>2008</b>	Prime Minister Rudd offers The Apology	
<b>2009</b>	The movie Avatar is released	
<b>2010</b>	Julian Gillard becomes the first female Prime Minister	
<b>2013</b>	Abbott becomes Prime Minister	