

An Outline of Intellectual History in 26 Centuries  
(Representative figures chosen by John Rose and Steve DePangher, 1/2007-9/2009.)

Century	Key Figure	Others	Other Events
500's BC	Pythagoras (d496BC)	Buddha, Zoroaster, Confucius, Thales Cyrus the Great of Persia (d529BC) *Daniel, Ezekiel, Jeremiah	Babylonian Captivity Jerusalem besieged by Nebuchadnezzar (c588BC)
400's BC	*Socrates (470-399)	Darius, Xerxes, Artaxerxes, Nehemiah Sophocles, Aeschylus, Euripides Herodotus, Thucydides	Jerusalem rebuilt under Artaxerxes I (445BC)
300's BC	*Plato (427-347BC)	*Aristotle (384-322BC) *Alexander the Great (356-323BC)	
200's BC	Euclid (d275BC)	Archimedes (d212BC) Eratosthenes (d194BC)	
100's BC	Judas Maccabaeus (164BC)	Scipio Africanus destroys Carthage (Third Punic War, 146BC)	Restoration of Jewish Temple (Hanukkah)
00's BC	Augustus Caesar (63BC-14 AD)	*Julius Caesar (d44BC) *Virgil (70-19BC)	Rubicon crossed 49BC Empire and Pax Romana
00's AD	*Jesus Christ	*Paul of Tarsus, Philo, Josephus Ignatius 3rd Bishop of Antioch Clement I 4th Bishop of Rome *the Didache (ca. 50-120)	
100's	Irenaeus, 2nd Bishop of Lyons	*Polycarp (d.c.155) *Justin Martyr (d. c. 162) *Marcus Aurelius (d.180) *Plutarch, Ptolemy	codex (= paged book) begins to replace the scroll, esp. among Christians
200's	*St. Antony of the desert	Origen, Tertullian Plotinus, Mani of Persia	final persecutions under Diocletian (284-305)
300's	*St. Athanasius (298-373)	Constantine, Arius *St. John Chrysostom (347-407) Theodosius I (last Emperor of East and West, d395)	First Council of Nicaea (325) and of Constantinople (381) Canon of New Testament (Athanasius festal letter 367, Carthage synod 397)
400's	*St. Augustine, Doctor Gratiae (354-430)	St. Jerome, St. Patrick *St. Leo the Great (400-461) Western Emperor Romulus Augustus deposed by Odoacer (September 4, 476)	Council of Ephesus (431, ag. Nestorianism; "theotokos") Council of Chalcedon, (451 ag. monophysitism) Leo confronts Atilla (452)
500's	*Boethius (d.c.524)	Gregory the Great (Pope, 540-604) Emperor Justinian (r.527-565) *St. Benedict (480-543) *King Arthur (history uncertain)	Second Council of Constantinople (553) Hagia Sophia (cathedral) <i>Corpus Juris Civilis</i> (law code)
600's	*Muhammad (570-632; 1st proph. 610, leaves Mecca 622)		Third Council of Constantinople (680, ag. Monothelitism)
700's	*Charlemagne (r.771-814)	Charles Martel St. Bede the Venerable (d735), Alcuin East: St. John Damascene (d749)	Battle of Poitiers (Tours, 732) Second Council of Nicaea (787, ag. iconoclasm)
800's	King Alfred the Great (c849-899)	East: Cyril and Methodius	

900's	Pope Sylvester II (c950-1003)	Hugh Capet (d996) East: Vladimir I, Prince of Kievan Rus, baptised a Christian in 988	Medieval Warm Period begins height of Byzantine Empire
1000's	*St. Anselm, Doctor Magnificus (c1033-1109)	Pope Urban II (d1099) William the Conqueror, Edward the Confessor East: Al-Ghazali (1058-1111)	Great Schism (1054) Battle of Hastings (1066) East: Turks defeat Byzantine Empire (Manzikert, 1071)
1100's	*Averroes (Ibn Rushd, 1126-1198)	Bernard of Clairvaux (d1153), Francis of Assisi (d1226), Peter Abelard (d1142)	The Crusades Nominalism vs. Platonism
1200's	*Thomas Aquinas (c1225-1274)	St. Albertus Magnus, Doctor Universalis (1193-1280)	
1300's	*Dante Alighieri (1265-1321)	*Geoffrey Chaucer (c1343-1400) William of Ockham (d1347)	Black Death Little Ice Age Avignon Papacy
1400's	*Johann Gutenberg (prints Bible 1455)	Leonardo da Vinci (1452-1519) Michelangelo (1475-1564)	East: Fall of Constantinople (Constantine XI, 29 May 1453) Henry V (at Agincourt, 1415)
1500's	*John Calvin (1509-1564)	Martin Luther (1483-1546), Erasmus Elizabeth I (1533-1603), Shakespeare Sir Thomas More (d.1535) St. John of the Cross (d1591)	Reformation, Renaissance Greek New Testament printed (by Erasmus, 1516)
1600's	*René Descartes (1596-1650)	*Blaise Pascal (1623-1662) J. Kepler (d1630), Galileo (d1642) Isaac Newton (1642-1727), Leibniz (d1716), Spinoza (d1677) Thomas Hobbes (1648 Leviathan) *John Locke (1632-1704)	Galileo tried for heresy (1633, rehabilitated by Church 1741)
1700's	*Immanuel Kant (1724-1804)	*Rousseau, Voltaire, Goethe *David Hume, Edmund Burke, Adam Smith, Jeremy Bentham Bach, Mozart, Handel East: Muhammad ibn Abd al Wahhab	American, French Revolutions Diderot's encyclopedia Samuel Johnson's dictionary Carl Linnaeus taxonomy Longitude Problem solved
1800's	*Friedrich Nietzsche (1843-1900)	Charles Darwin (1809-1882) *Karl Marx (1818-1883) Fyodor Dostoevsky (1821-1881) Søren Kierkegaard (1813-1855) Gauss, Cantor, Maxwell, Mendel	Wellington defeats Napoleon (Waterloo, 1815) 2nd Industrial Revolution Victorian Era U.S. Civil War
1900's	Sigmund Freud and Albert Einstein	(many & various) Hitler, Lenin, Stalin, Chairman Mao Churchill, John Paul II, Reagan, Thatcher *Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn, George Orwell *G.K. Chesterton, *Lewis & Inklings L. von Mises, F. Hayek, Milton Friedman Gödel, Turing, Hubble, Crick & Watson Gershwin, Elvis, Beatles, U2 Chaplin, Bergman, Capra, Disney	World Wars I & II Hiroshima and Cold War decolonization, Israel Nobel Prizes, Olympics antibiotics, transplants quantum physics, microchips Hubble telescope, cosmology human genome sequenced petroleum energy economy sexual revolution, abortion global mass communication

*Instructions: Memorize the men in the second column, with their centuries. Then begin to learn all the connections. (It will take years.) Stars mark key readings for a two-year intensive Intellectual History course.*