

Ted Rabb's "Starter Lists" of Events, Anniversaries, and People
as noted in his Page 1 article in the December, 1999 issue of *History Matters!*

Eighty Millennial Events
(in rough chronological order)

First Crusade is launched
William the Conqueror triumphs at the Battle of Hastings
Magna Carta is signed
The Shogunate is founded
Genghis Khan dies
Maimonides writes "The Guide to the Perplexed"
Thomas Aquinas completes his "Summa"
Marco Polo returns to Venice
Dante is exiled from Florence
The Black Death strikes
Constantinople falls to the Ottomans
Gutenberg prints the Bible
Columbus sets sail
Magellan sets sail
Michelangelo creates the David
Raphael decorates the Vatican
Niccolo Machiavelli writes "The Prince"
Hernando Cortes invades Mexico
Luther posts his 95 Theses
Akhbar ascends the Mughal throne
Elizabeth I becomes Queen of England
The Turks are defeated at the Battle of Lepanto
Montaigne retires to his tower
The Dutch declare their independence
The Spanish Armada is defeated
Shakespeare writes "Hamlet"
The first Dutch East India Company voyage sets sail
Jamestown becomes the first permanent colony in North America
Cervantes writes "Don Quixote"
Gustavus Adolphus invades Germany
Galileo is tried by the Inquisition
Descartes publishes "Discourse on Method"
The Ming dynasty falls
English Revolutionaries execute their king
Hobbes write "Leviathan"
Isaac Newton discovers gravity
Locke completes "The Second Treatise of Civil Government"
Peter the Great founds St. Petersburg
James Watt harnesses steam power
John Wesley founds Methodism
Captain Cook lands in Australia

The first railway line opens
Harriet Tubman organizes the underground railroad
The French "Encyclopedie" is published
The Continental Congress issues the Declaration of Independence
Adam Smith publishes "The Wealth of Nations"
"Don Giovanni" has its premiere
French Revolutionaries execute their king
Haitian slaves revolt and gain independence
Jane Austen publishes "Pride and Prejudice"
Wellington defeats Napoleon at Waterloo
Simon Bolivar leads Venezuela to independence
Ludwig van Beethoven's 9th Symphony is first performed
Darwin visits the Galapagos
Anaesthetic is first used for surgery
Giuseppe Verdi's "Rigoletto" is first performed
The Seneca Falls convention convenes
Herman Melville writes "Moby Dick"
The Crystal Palace Exhibition opens
The transcontinental railroad is completed
Italy is unified
The American Civil War begins
Germany is unified
Karl Marx publishes "Das Kapital"
Cecil Rhodes arrives in Africa
The Wright Brothers make the first flight
World War I begins
Russian Revolutionaries execute their king
Franklin Roosevelt launches the New Deal
Picasso paints "Guernica"
Alexander Fleming discovers penicillin
World War II begins
The Holocaust begins
The first computer becomes operational
The United Nations is founded
Chinese Revolutionaries begin the Long March
Gandhi is assassinated
Israel becomes a State
Kenya becomes independent
Nelson Mandela is elected President of South Africa

20 School Year Anniversaries of Millennial Events

Jan 27 -- Mozart born
Jan 30 -- Gandhi assassinated
Feb 28 -- Montaigne born
Mar 11 -- Premiere of "Rigoletto"
Mar 20 -- Newton dies

Mar 26 -- Beethoven dies
Apr 22 -- Cervantes dies
Apr 26 -- Shakespeare born
May 7 -- Premiere of Beethoven's 9th Symphony
May 29 -- Constantinople falls to the Ottomans
Jun 13 -- Battle of Waterloo
Jun 15 -- Magna Carta signed
Sep 17 -- Battle of Antietam
Oct 29 -- Premiere of "Don Giovanni"
Oct 31 -- Luther posts the 95 Thesis and launches the Reformation
Nov 8 -- Cortes enters Tenochtitlen
Nov 16 -- Death of Gustavus Adolphus in battle
Nov 17 -- Elizabeth I becomes Queen of England
Nov 25 -- The First Crusade launched
Dec 7 -- Pearl Harbor brings the USA into World War II

100 "Biography of the Millennium" Honorees, in Ascending Order

100. Suleyman the Magnificent
99. Vasco da Gama
98. Louis Armstrong
97. Jonas Salk
96. Enrico Caruso
95. Charles Chaplin
94. AIDS Patient Zero
93. Eleanor Roosevelt
92. Florence Nightingale
91. Steven Spielberg
90. Louis Daguerre
89. Susan B. Anthony
88. Robert Oppenheimer
87. Rachel Carson
86. James Joyce
85. Ronald Reagan
84. Guglielmo Marconi
83. Peter the Great
82. Niels Bohr
81. Nelson Mandela
80. Elizabeth I
79. Joseph Stalin
78. Isabella I of Spain
77. Thomas Hobbes
76. The Beatles
75. Gregory Pincus
74. Enrico Fermi
73. Princess Diana
72. Simon Bolivar

71. Harriet Tubman
70. Pope Gregory VII
69. William Harvey
68. Benjamin Franklin
67. Vladimir Zworkin
66. D. W. Griffith
65. Werner Heisenberg
64. Pablo Picasso
63. Jane Austen
62. Walt Disney
61. Michael Faraday
60. Franklin Roosevelt
59. Immanuel Kant
58. Joan of Arc
57. Elvis Presley
56. Elizabeth Cady Stanton
55. Ferdinand Magellan
54. Marco Polo
53. Marie Curie
52. Winston Churchill
51. Edward Jenner
50. Margaret Sanger
49. Mikhail Gorbachov
48. Mary Wollstonecraft
47. Charles Babbage
46. Niccolo Machiavelli
45. William the Conqueror
44. Alexander Graham Bell
43. Mao Zedong
42. Gregor Mendel
41. Bill Gates
40. Orville and Wilbur Wright
39. Dante Alighieri
38. Francis Bacon
37. Voltaire
36. Alexander Fleming
35. Vladimir Lenin
34. Jean Jacques Rousseau
33. Martin Luther King
32. Rene Descartes
31. James Watson and Frances Crick
30. Ludwig van Beethoven
29. Henry Ford
28. Johann Sebastian Bach
27. Napoleon
26. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
25. James Watt
24. St. Thomas Aquinas
23. Abraham Lincoln

22. Genghis Khan
21. George Washington
20. Adam Smith
19. Michelangelo
18. John Locke
17. Mahatma Gandhi
16. Adolf Hitler
15. Thomas Jefferson
14. Thomas Alva Edison
13. Louis Pasteur
12. Sigmund Freud
11. Leonardo da Vinci
10. Galileo
9. Nicholas Copernicus
8. Albert Einstein
7. Karl Marx
6. Christopher Columbus
5. William Shakespeare
4. Charles Darwin
3. Martin Luther
2. Isaac Newton
1. Johann Gutenberg