2000
1998—Berlin Wall is opened
1947—Dead Sea Scrolls discovered
1939-1945 WWII
Schoenberg, Stravinsky, Aaron Copland, Leonard Bernstein active contemporary composers
1915—Albert Einstein proposes theory of relativity
1914-1918—WWI
1876—Mark Twain writes *Tom Sawyer*
1500—Frederick Nietzsche
Schumann, Schubert, Wagner, Tchaikovsky, Brahms, Chopin are Romantic Composers
Industrial Revolution
1815—Invention of the metronome
1793--Eli Whittney invents the cotton gin
1776—Birth of United States
1770—Beethoven born
1750—Mozart born
1709—Bartolommeo Cristofori invents the Pianoforte
J.S. Bach and Handel are active composers at this time
Sir Isaac Newton (inventor of telescope, microscope, calculus and discoverer of gravity)
1611—King James version of the Bible produced on which Shakespeare was a consultant.
Johannes Kepler and Galileo active at this time
Age of Science

1500 A.D.
1510—Martin Luther nails 95 thesis to the church door
1503—Leonardo da Vinci paints *Mona Lisa*

1400 A.D.
1492—First voyage of Columbus to America.
1450—Johann Gutenberg prints Bible from moveable type
1346-1351—Bubonic plague spreads throughout Europe killing over 25 million people.
Dante (1265-1321) writes *The Divine Comedy*?

1200 A.D.

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Beginning of the Crusades
Hildegard von Bingen—Founder and abbess of a convent in Germany.
One of the first women composers that we know of. She was also famous for her prophesying and “revelations.”

1000 A.D.
Guido of Arezzo—Italian Monk who invented musical notation using notes and a 4-line staff. He also introduced the do-re-mi-fa-sol-la system to remember pitches. Prior to this time, melodies were learned by heart.

900 A.D.

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Gunpowder Discovered

700 A.D.

600 A.D.
Buddhism Introduced
Justinian—Roman Emperor

500 A.D.

400 A.D.
St. Augustine

300 A.D.
Constantine—Roman Emperor declared Christianity “the state religion”

100 A.D.
36-68 Nero—Emperor of Rome
Life of Paul, Luke, and other apostles
Crucifixion of Christ

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The Middle Ages were also known as the Dark Ages. During this time, the Bible was available only in Latin and only the highly educated clergy were able to read and interpret the Holy Scriptures.