Dates	Major Traits	Religion	Government/Economy	Where on Map *
500 BC	Rome – Republic	Polytheism ¹	republic	
	Rome – Empire (emperor, colony, tribute)	Rise of Christianity ²	Empire/world-wide trade	M
500 AD	n:	Rise of Islam ³		
	Middle Ages	Crusades	Feudalism/little trade	
1300s	Renaissance, ⁴ Italian cities		City states; trade with Mediterranean	
	Spread not just - Gutenberg movable type - Sciences		Rise of nation states Exploration by entrepreneurs Colonies by charter from the sovereign	
1500s	Renaissance in England		mercantilism	
	Protestant Reformation	Wars over religion	1588 – Spanish Armada	
	Catholic or Counter Reformation	1648 Treaty of Westphalia ⁵		

¹Poly = many Theo= god ² Mono = one Theo= god ³ Monotheistic

Major exception to polytheism was Judaism—a monotheistic faith

Monotheism

Rebirth of WHAT? ⁴ Renaissance = rebirth

⁵ Thirty Years War (German areas), closed by Treaty of Westphalia which says—to simplify—that a nation-state can determine its own religion (a reason for having nation states).