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	Indus Valley Civilization	2500 - 1500 BCE
	Composition of the <i>Vedas</i>	1500 - 900 BCE
	Birth of the Buddha (founder of Buddhism) and Mahavira (founder of Jainism)	c. 600 BCE
	Alexander the Great reaches modern-day Pakistan and north India	c. 300 BCE
	Ashoka rules the Mauryan Empire	c. 250 BCE
	Invasions from Persia and Central Asia	200 BCE - 100 CE
	Golden Age of Sanskrit literature and learning under the Gupta Empire	300 - 500 CE
	Several minor kingdoms rule northern India	600 - 900 CE
	Sankara, the Hindu philosopher, writes commentaries on Sanskrit religious texts	c. 800 CE

	Devotional movement in South Indian literature and religion	600 - 1000 CE
	Cholas rule in South India	900 - 1200 CE
	Turkish Muslims invade Pakistan and north India	1000 - 1200 CE
	Islamic rule consolidated in north India	1200 - 1400 CE
	Marco Polo visits India	1288 CE
	Vijayanagar Empire rules in South India	1350 - 1700 CE
	Vasco Da Gama reaches India	1498 CE
	Portuguese set up trading posts in India	c. 1500 CE
	Islamic Mughal Empire in north India	1525 - 1750 CE
	Taj Mahal built by emperor Shah Jahan	1632 CE

	British, Dutch and French trading companies established	1600 - 1650 CE
	British India placed under crown rule. British rule most of Indian subcontinent	1858
	British defeated in British-Afghan wars	1875 - 1900
	Life of "Mahatma" Gandhi	1869 - 1948
	Indian and Pakistani independence and partition	1947
	Jawaharlal Nehru is Prime Minister of India	1947 - 1964
	Indira Gandhi, Nehru's daughter is Prime Minister of India	1966-1977 1980-1984
	Independence of Bangladesh from Pakistan	1971
	Ceylon becomes Sri Lanka	1972
	Emergency in India	1975-1976
	Soviet occupation of Afghanistan	1979-1989

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