India Timeline

**Classical Period**

About 2500 B.C.E: Indus Valley civilization emerged Stretches for more than 900 miles along the Indus River in northwestern India. Major cities: Harappa and Mohenjo-Daro.

About 1900 B.C.E: Indus Valley cities abandoned

About 1500 B.C.E: End of Indus Valley civilization Arrival of Aryans.

About 330 B.C.E.: Alexander conquered parts of India

321 B.C.E.: Chandragupta Maurya founded Mauryan Empire (Hindu) Smaller Aryan kingdoms unified.

232 B.C.E.: Ashoka Maurya died Empire begins to decline.

375 C.E.: Chandra Gupta founded Gupta Empire (Hindu) Revival: small, but "golden-age".

550 C.E.: Gupta Empire collapsed Pressure from White Huns.

**Postclassical Period**

1206 C.E.: Deli Sultanate (Muslim) established

1526 C.E.: Deli Sultanate conquered Absorbed by Mughal Empire.

**Early Modern Period**

1526 C.E.: Babur established Mughal Dynasty (Muslim) Delhi Sultanate Defeated.

1556 C.E.: Akbar came to throne Religious tolerance of Hindus, elimination of jizya (head tax on Hindus), attempts to eliminate sati, and marries a Hindu wife.

1605 C.E.: End of Akbar's reign
About 1700 C.E.: End of religious tolerance Muslims persecute Hindus. Hindus organize against Muslim rulers.

Early Seventeenth Century: Portuguese and British fought for Indian Ocean trade routes British dominate.

1661 C.E.: British East India Company substantially controlled Bombay trade

1691 C.E.: British founded city of Calcutta as a trading outpost

Western Global Hegemony Period

Early Eighteenth Century: Mughal Empire declined Decades of fighting wars and religious conflicts.

1757 C.E.: Battle of Plassey British East India Company gains control of Bengal region.

1763 C.E.: Robert Clive expelled the French from India British East India Company.

1798 C.E.: British gained Ceylon Present-day Sri Lanka.

Early Nineteenth Century: British gain Punjab region Northern India.

1857 C.E.: Sepoy Mutiny British issue new gunpowder cartridges that have cow and pig fat on them, insulting both Hindus and Muslims.

1858 C.E.: India became a British colony

1858 C.E.: Britain ended the Mughal Empire Bahadur Shah II goes into exile.

1885 C.E.: Indian National Congress formed

1906 C.E.: Muslim League formed

20th Century

1919 C.E.: Amritsar Massacre 319 Indians killed.

1920s: Mohandas Gandhi's passive resistance
Late 1920s: Muslim League pushed for creation of Pakistan. Muhammad Ali Jinnah heads movement.

1947 C.E.: Pakistan established. West Pakistan and East Pakistan (currently Bangladesh).

1947 C.E.: India granted independence

1948 C.E.: Gandhi assassinated. Hindu radical.

1950 C.E.: India became a republic

Late 20th Century: Wars between India and Pakistan. Especially over Kashmir region. Both countries have nuclear powers.