Important Dates in European History

1760: Beginning of First Industrial Revolution
1762: Diderot: *Encyclopédie* / Rousseau: *Social Contract*
1775: Thomas Paine: *Common Sense*; Adam Smith: *Wealth of Nations*
1775-1781: American Revolution
1776: Watt perfects Steam Engine
1789: French Revolution begins
1791: Thomas Paine: *The Rights of Man*
1793: Reign of Terror (France)
1803: Louisiana Purchase
1804: Napoleon crowned Emperor/Lewis and Clark Expedition begins/First steam locomotive
1812: War of 1812 (US vs. Britain)
1814: Congress of Vienna
1815: Napoleon defeated at Waterloo
1830: First series of European revolutions
1831: McCormack Reaper/M. Faraday: Dynamo
1837: Queen Victoria begins reign
1840: Victoria marries Prince Albert
1846: Mendelssohn dies/Morse: Telegraph and Morse code
1848: Second year of European revolutions (*Les Miserables*); Marx and Engels: Communist Manifesto
1849: Second Industrial Revolution
1851: Great Exhibition (London); Crystal Palace. “Great Exhibition of the Works of Industry and Nations.”
1852: Wm. Morton: Anesthesia/Otis Elevator
1853: Commodore Perry opens Japan/Semmelweiss: *Antiseptics*
1860: First internal combustion engine
1861: Proclamation of the Kingdom of Italy
1861-5: American Civil War
1865: Gregor Mendel: Genetics/L. Pasteur: Pasteurization
1867: Marx and Engels: *Das Kapital* / Alfred Nobel: Dynamite
1870: Franco-Prussian War (Formation of German state)
1876: Robert Koch publishes Germ Theory/A. G. Bell: Telephone
1877: Edison invents phonograph
1879: Edison: Incandescent Light Bulb/Establishes what will become General Electric
1885: Karl Benz builds first modern automobile
1888: N. Tesla: Alternating Current
1892: Roentgen: X rays
1893: Columbian Exposition to celebrate 400th anniversary of Christopher Columbus (Chicago)
1898: Pierre and Marie Curie discover Radium