Greco-Roman timeline

- About 800 BCE: Greek city-states emerge
- About 800 BCE: Greeks invent alphabetic writing
- 776 BCE-393 CE: Olympic Games held for 1,170 years
- About 600 BCE: Seven hill towns merge to form Rome
- 509 BCE: Romans set up republic
- 490 BCE: Athens defeats the Persians at the Battle of Marathon
- 461-429 BCE: Pericles leads a Greek “golden age”
- 431-404 BCE: Sparta defeats Athens in Peloponnesian War
- 215-146 BCE: Rome conquers Greece
- 46-31 BCE: Roman republic ends
- 27 BCE-180 CE: Pax Romana
- 324: Roman Empire splits into two parts: Western and Byzantine
- Late 4th century: Christianity becomes official Byzantine religion
- 476: End of Western Roman Empire
- 1453: End of Byzantine Empire