



The Rise of Modern Times

## History - 14th-17th centuries: Europe

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**The Renaissance  
(14th-17th centuries)**

*Freed the minds of  
Europeans from the  
Church's control*

**The Reformation  
(16th-17th centuries)**

*Increased the power of  
rulers; absolutism arose*

**The Scientific  
Revolution  
(17th-18th centuries)**

*Laid the foundation for the  
technological development of  
modern Europe*

*The spirits of  
challenging authority  
and inspiration from  
the laws of nature;  
emergence of  
Enlightenment thinkers*

**The Enlightenment  
(17th-18th centuries)**

*Freed the minds of  
Europeans from  
absolutism; fostered  
political  
transformations in  
Europe*

**The Industrial  
Revolution  
(18th-19th centuries)**

**New tide of European  
colonial expansion  
(19th-20th centuries)**

*Europe had technological and  
economic supremacy*

*Rise of liberalism and  
nationalism; tides of  
revolutions and  
unification movements*

**Formation of unified  
nation-states  
(19th century)**

**The French Revolution  
(late 18th century)**

**Influence of the  
French Revolution and  
the Napoleonic Era**

**Napoleonic Era  
(18th-19th centuries)**