A brief history

~ 2000 years ago	Substitution ciphers (a.k.a mono alphabetic ciphers)		
Few Centuries Later	Transposition Ciphers		
Renaissance	Polyalphabetic Ciphers		
1844	Invention of the Telegraph		
1882	One Time Pad		
1939	World War II The Enigma Machine		
1970	Data Encryption Standard (DES)		
1976	Public Key Cryptography (RSA)		