

Ministerial program of history in Italy

Main topics History lessons

- *Prehistory*
- *Greek Civilization*
- *Roman Civilization*
- *Middle Ages*
- *Humanism and Renaissance*
- *French Revolution*
- *World Wars*

Prehistory

Human **prehistory** is the period between the use of the first stone tools by hominins and the invention of writing systems. The end of prehistory therefore came at very different dates in different places, and the term is less often used in discussing societies where prehistory ended relatively recently.

Greek civilization and Roman civilization

The civilization of **Ancient Greece** emerged into the light of world history in the 8th century BC. Normally it is regarded as coming to an end when Greece fell to the **Romans**, in 146 BC.

Greek civilization had a powerful influence on the **Roman Empire** indeed, some modern scholars see the Roman era as a continuation of the same civilization, which they label “*Graeco-Roman*”.

Middle Ages and Renaissance

In the history of Europe, the **Middle Ages** (or Medieval period) lasted from the 5th to the 15th century. It began with the fall of the Western Roman Empire and merged into the **Renaissance**.

The Renaissance is a period in European history, covering the span between the 14th and 17th centuries. It is an extension of the Middle Ages.

French Revolution and World Wars

The **French Revolution** was a period of far-reaching social and political upheaval in France and its colonies that lasted from 1789 until 1799.

The **First World War** was a global war originating in Europe that lasted from 28 July 1914 to 11 November 1918

The **Second World War**, was a global war that lasted from 1939 to 1945.