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## Chronology

	Historical and political events	Literary and cultural events
1492	Columbus sails from Palos, Spain (3 Aug); discovers Watling Island in Bahamas (12 Oct); Cuba (18 Oct); Haiti (6 Dec)	
1494	Treaty of Tordesillas: Spain and Portugal divide New World between them Parliament of Drogheda marks subservience of Ireland to England	
1498	Vasco da Gama arrives in Calicut, India	
1500	Pope Alexander VI proclaims a Year of Jubilee, and imposes a tithe for crusade against Turks Moorish revolt in Granada suppressed	
1503	Casa Contrataccion (Colonial office) founded in Madrid to deal with American affairs Zanzibar becomes Portuguese colony	
1510	Portuguese acquire Goa	
1514		Septem horae canonicae first book published in Arabic type, published in Italy

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1515		The Lateran Council's decree, 'De impressione librorum', forbids printing of books without permission of Roman Catholic authorities
1518	The Barbary States of Algiers and Tunis founded	
1521	Hernando Cortes assumes control of Mexico after destruction of Aztec state	
1522	Spanish forces conquer Guatemala	Jacopo Sannazzaro, 'De partu Virginis', religious poem fusing pagan and Christian myth
1526	Babar establishes Mogul dynasty in Delhi	
1532	Francisco Pizarro leads expedition from Panama to Peru	
1540	Afghan rebel Sher Shah becomes Emperor of Delhi	
1547		Miguel de Cervantes Saavedra, Spanish writer, born (d. 1616)
1548	Gonzalo Pizarro, son of Francisco Pizarro, defeated at Battle of Xaquixaguane (Peru) by Pedro de la Gasca and executed	
1555	French colony founded on the Bay of Rio de Janeiro	An Aztec dictionary published
1560		Hsu Wei, <i>Ching P'Ing Mei</i> , first classic Chinese novel
1564	Spaniards occupy Philippines and build Manila	William Shakespeare born (d. 1616)
1569		Alfonso de Ercilla y Zúñiga, <i>La Araucana</i> , Spanish epic on the conquest of Chile

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