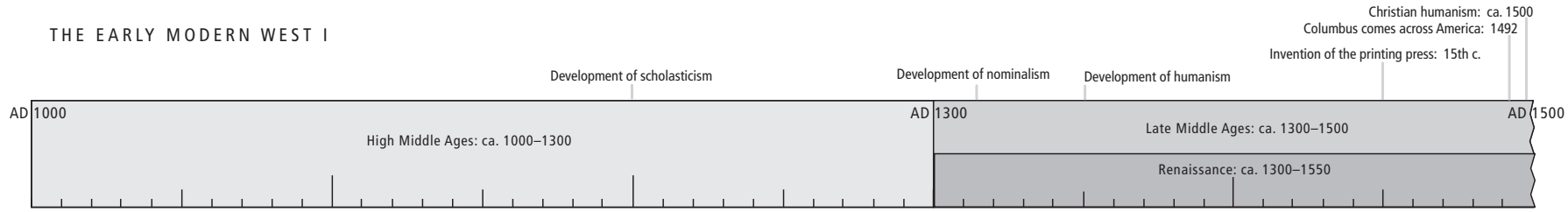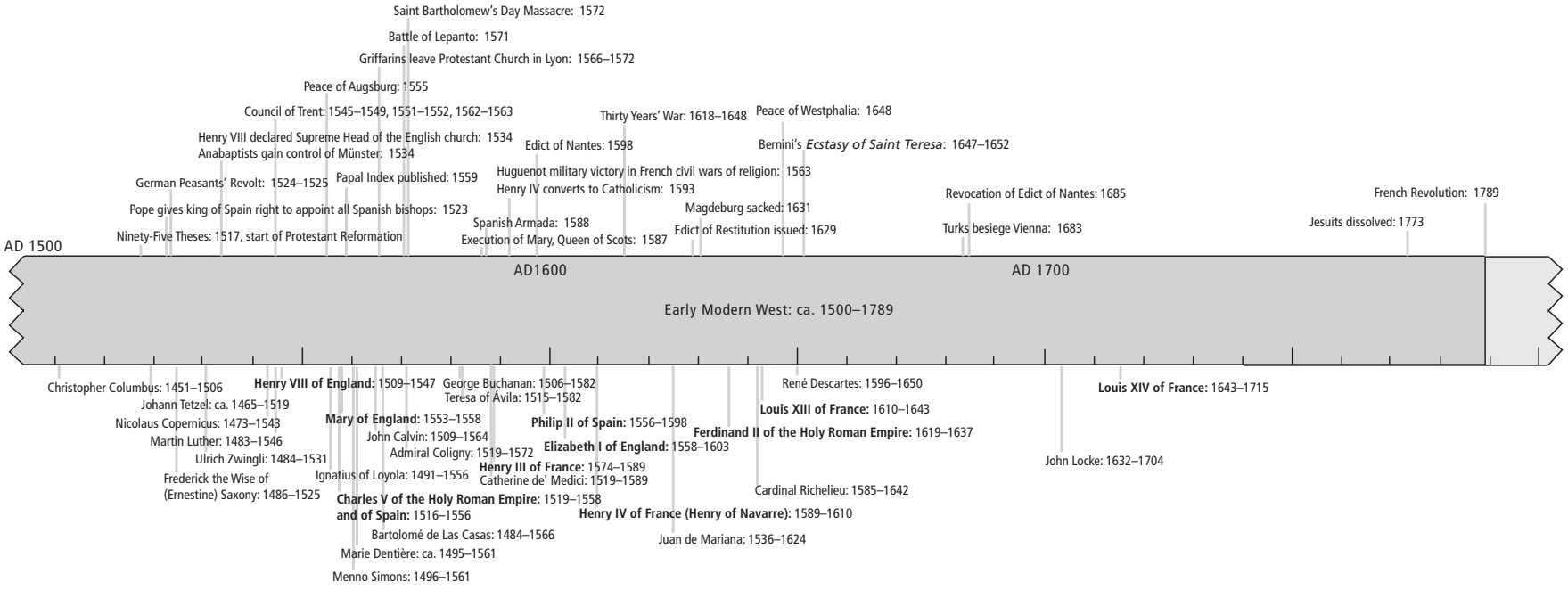THE EARLY MODERN WEST I