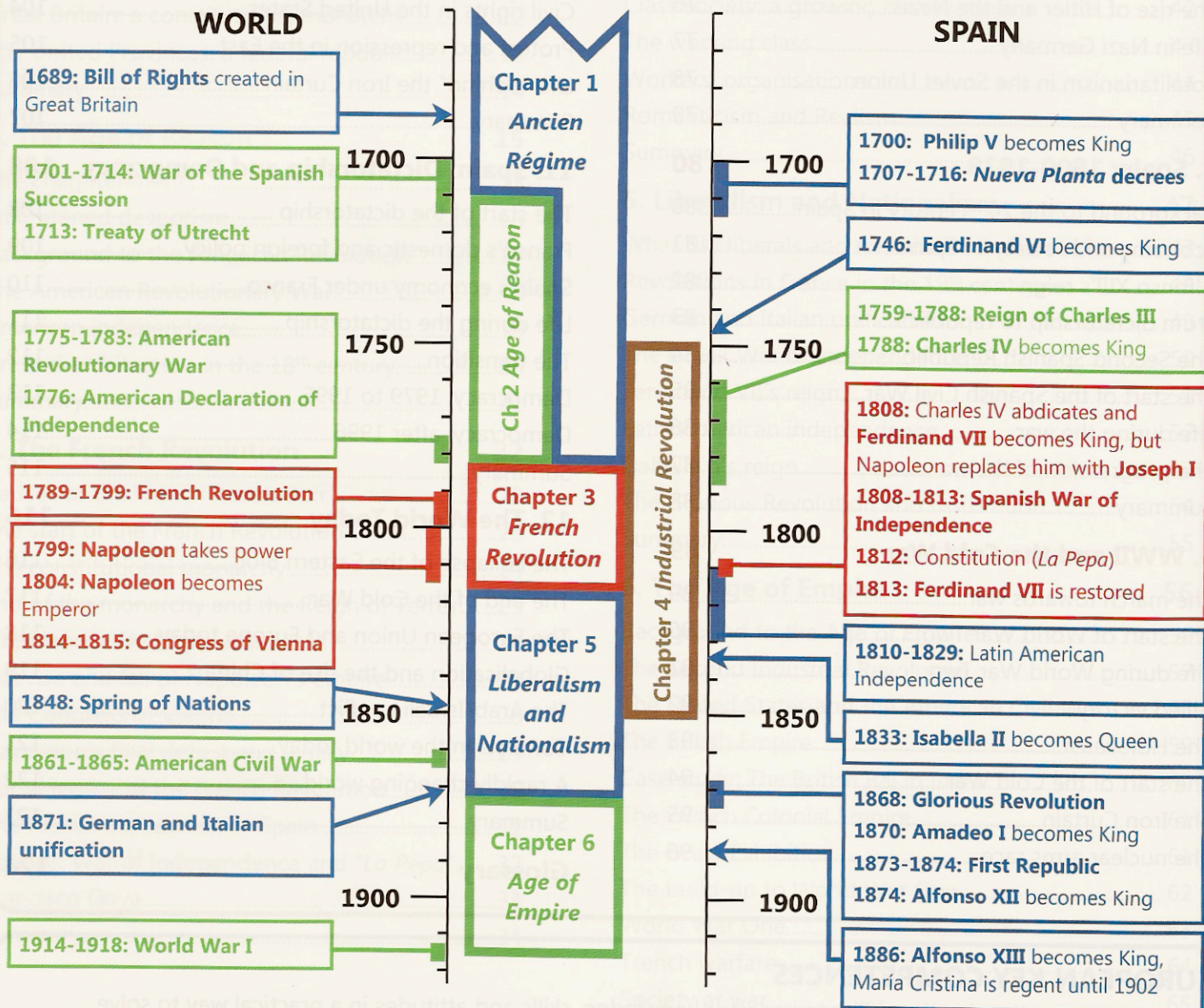


Introduction

Timeline: Chapters 1-6

In the second year of ESO, you learned about the history of the world from the end of the Western Roman Empire to the end of the 17th century. This book continues from there: it **starts in the 18th century**, and takes us right up to **the world we live in today**.

The **timelines** on this page and the following page show the most important events that you will be studying this year in each chapter of the book.



Did you know?

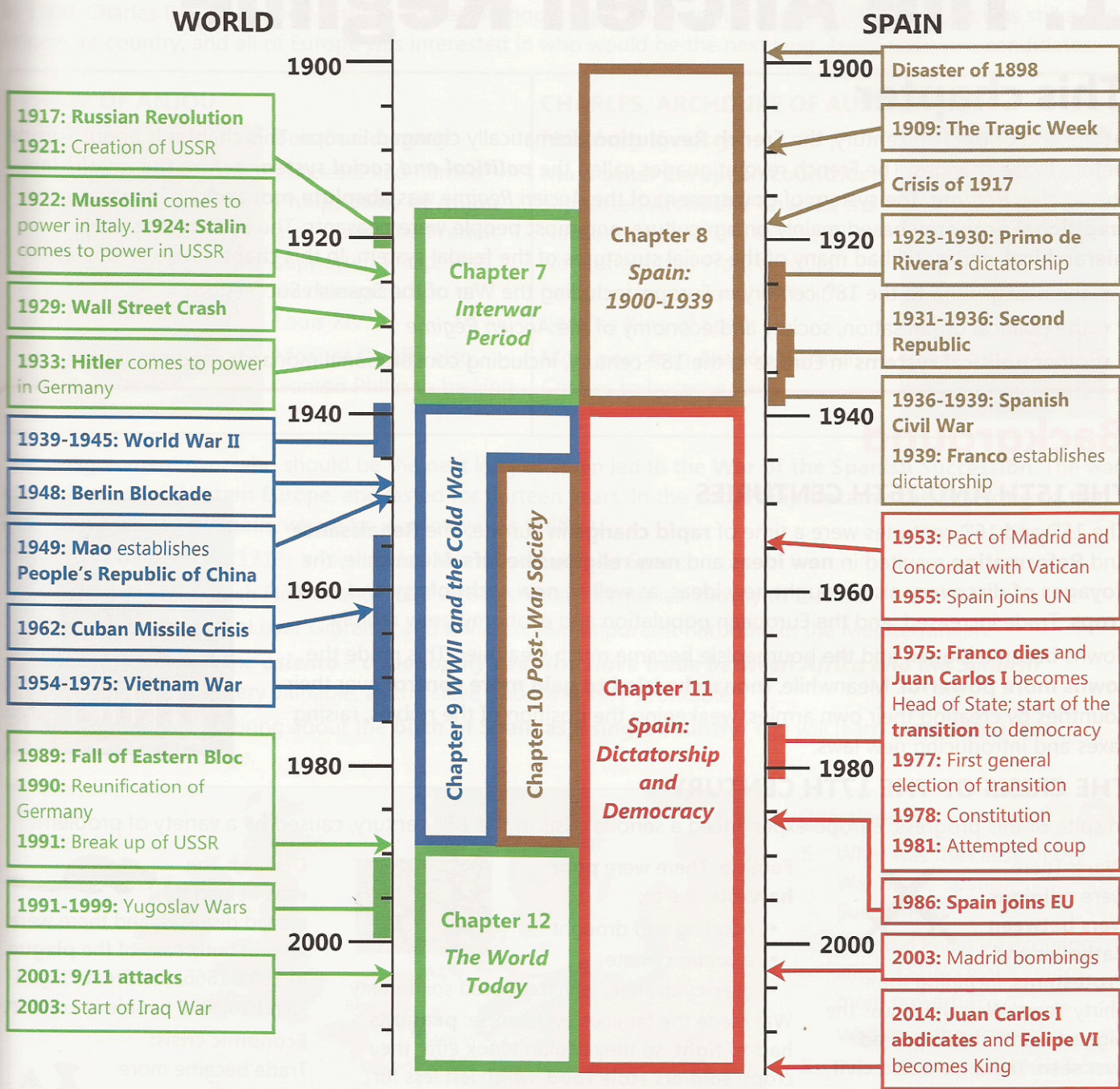
In some countries, including Spain, the **French Revolution** is considered the end of Modern History and **the start of Contemporary History**. However, in **English-speaking countries** the period after the Revolution is still considered **Modern History**. In English, **contemporary history** refers to **very recent events**, which most people in the world can remember.

Questions

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- Which monarch reigned in Spain:
 - during the American Revolutionary War?
 - when Germany and Italy were unified?
 - during World War I?
- In which historical period did World War I take place:
 - according to a Spanish historian?
 - according to a British historian?

Timeline: Chapters 7-12



PRIMARY SOURCES

We know much more about this period of history than older periods. This is because there are **many more primary sources**, including:

- government documents like constitutions, laws and treaties
- diaries, letters, newspaper articles, interviews and speeches
- radio and television broadcasts
- photographs and videos
- buildings, furniture, clothing, tools and machines
- literature and art

This helps historians to understand the period, but it can also make it more complicated to interpret. Sometimes different sources disagree with each other, and sometimes there is so much information that it is difficult to analyse it. This book mainly explains the historical events, but it also includes primary sources for you to interpret.

Exercise 1

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Two American presidents – **Abraham Lincoln** and **John F. Kennedy** – were assassinated, about 100 years apart.

Look on the Internet for primary historical sources about both assassinations:

- Which assassination can you find more information about?
- What types of primary sources can you find in each case?
- Do all of the sources agree on what happened? If not, how do they disagree?