THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD IN 100 STUFF UPS

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6000BC: Beer invented. Knuckle walking returns. Evolution set back centuries.

3000BC: Babylon sacked. 1st spin. Not sacked. Downsized.

2600BC: Great Pyramid built at Giza. Cheap group tours begin.

2200BC: Stonehenge. 1st large scale DIY garden feature.

2000BC: Horse domesticated. 1st bet. 1st horse nobbled. (See 6000BC above)

1334BC: Tutankhamen made Pharaoh. Royal inbreeding program starts.

776BC: 1st Olympic Games. Sports Jock culture conquers the world.

590BC: Pythagoras invents equation. Homework begins.

551BC: Confucius born. Dawn of Self Help industry.

509BC: Founding of Roman Republic. 1st contract default. Wasn't built in a day.

490BC: Marathon Run invented. Mid-life crisis males get something to do.

479BC: Spartans rout Persians. Boon to Gay Movie Market.

447BC: Parthenon built. Still under construction.

49BC: Julius Caesar rules in Rome's salad days. 1st recorded Graffiti. *Jules is a WANKER.*

1BC: Immaculate Conception. Mary experiences 1st IVF program using donor deity.

0AD: 1st Christmas Nativity Scene. Now all Nativities are made in China.

33AD: Christ crucified. Warning: Martyrdom is a health hazard.

79AD: Vesuvius erupts. Pompeii buried. Frescoes survive. Record 1st Swingers Parties.

80AD: Coliseum built. 1st Sports Spectacular. Christians Vs Lions. Lions win.

370AD: Goths all over Europe. Starts fashion cult.

439AD: Vandals take Rome. Mess-up other cities too.

453AD: Attila the Hun dies. Kills Attila as a boy's name.

400AD: Legendary King Arthur rules Camelot. Spawns endless musicals.

600AD: Islam begins in Arabia. Might be an issue.

604AD: Gregory the Great dies. Last great Gregory. Nigel not so hot either.

666AD: Good year for Satanic orgies.

800AD: Vikings raid Britain. Opera divas gain a horned hat.

1066: King Harold cops arrow in eye. Last good day out at Hastings.

1096: Crusades begin. Proves a hard days knight. Heathens tricky buggers.

150 years on no win.

1117: Oxford University founded. Tertiary fees begin.

1215: Magna Carta signed. Royalty loses power, but wins ratings.

1252: Robin Hood. Where is he when you need him?

1347: Black Death blamed on greed, usury, luxury and sloth. It was the bankers then!

1377: Peasants Revolt in Britain against unfair tax. Fight continues.

1431: Joan of Arc burnt at stake. Proves smoking not good for you.

1429: Medicis rule Florence using bribes, evil plots, murder. Modern party politics begins.

1444: Gutenberg Press invented. Start of mass marketing. 1st Ad sponsor god, 1st product for sale eternal salvation. Consumer watchdog might investigate.

- 1477: Leonardo da Vinci dissects cadavers. Signals ascent of endless parade of pathologist shows on TV. Mona Lisa still laughing.
 - 1492: Christopher Columbus discovers America before it is mortgaged to China.
 - 1536: Henry VIII invents speed dating. Marries often. Finds beheading cheaper than divorce.
- 1594: Shakespeare writes plays. "RomEO. RomEO. Wher4 Rt thou RomEO?" Now in txt form.
- 1596: Descartes thinks. Invents co-ordinates. 1st Battleships Game possible then GPS, then Tom Tom so you don't have to think. Now you don't think so you are not.
- 1553: Queen Mary sponsors bloody massacre of Protestants. Gives name to undrinkable cocktail.
- 1620: Pilgrim Fathers board Mayflower for America. The Love Boat cruise is born.
 - 1633: Galileo says sun centre of solar system. Branded a heretic. Proves idiots can be in charge.
- 1730: Elaborate French Rocco Art rules. Pre-empts Donald Trump. Hairpiece included.
 - 1763: France cedes Canada to England. Too fooking cold!
 - 1770: Captain Cook discovers Australia. Hard to miss really.
- 1773: Boston Tea Party flags American War of Independence. Starbucks wins.

 Decaf low-fat soy Mochachino rules the world.
- 1785: 1st Fleet with convicts leaves Britain for Australia. Breaking rocks in the hot sun proves ideal fitness regime for cricketers.
 - 1789: Start of French Revolution. Aristos get severe haircuts. Rabble gets cheap entertainment.
 - 1804: Napoleon crowned Emperor of France. Short Men gain new complex.
 - 1829: Luddites attack looms. Machines win. Now we're all slaves to some machine or other.

- 1859: Darwin publishes Origin of Species. 1854: Charge of the Light Brigade. 1876: Custer's last stand. Fittest didn't survive and dumbest got a promotion.
- 1876: Alexander Graham Bell patents the telephone. Some idiot makes it so small you can never find the bloody thing.
- 1896: Henry Ford manufactures 1st motorcar. Fails to invent parking space.
- 1897: Marconi invents 1st wireless. His father 1st to shout 'Turn that bloody thing down'.
- 1903: Kitty Hawk airborne. Flight ends after 12 seconds. Typical cheap flight.
- 1905: Einstein discovers E=mc^2. This equation gives us the Atom Bomb. If he were such a genius he'd have kept that news to himself.
 - 1906: Kellogs begins. Invent Snap, Crackle and Pop. Make breakfast unbearable for parents.
 - 1914: Churchill. We'll teach those wretched Huns a lesson. We'll invade Turkey.
 - 1929: Wall St Crash. Bankers do decent thing and jump.
 - 1939: Poland. Nazis invade. We need to talk about Adolf.
 - 1941: Japan bombs Pearl Harbour. Hollywood stages counter attack with endless How We Won the War movies.
 - 1945: Germany loses war, but wins top spot in the EU.
- 1947: UN gives Palestine to displaced Jews. Give them Germany. Might have saved some bother.
- 1955: 1st Remote Control invented. Someone put it down somewhere. Took 20 years to find again.
- 1956: Elvis swivels hips on TV. Outrage. Record sales boom. Who woulda thunk? Sex sells.
- 1959: Pantyhose born. Suspenders die. Fails to kill off favourite male fantasy.
 - 1959: Spandex invented as a form of torture for all sizes.
 - 1961: 1st MacDonalds opens. 1959. Barbie doll invented. Food gets faster, dolls get thinner, people get fatter. Obese Barbie not an option.

- 1964: Gilligan's Island screens on TV. The age of mindless repeats begins.
 - 1967: Beatles go weird. John Lennon is a walrus. All you need is drugs.
- 1969: Men on moon. One small step for man, one giant leap for freeze-dried icecream and Teflon.
 - 1969: San Francisco Summer of Love leads to Winter of Genital Itch.
- 1970: Post-Woodstock Feminism, Civil Rights and anti-Vietnam-War-protests rule as, sadly, popularity of naked mud wrestling wanes.
 - 1972: 1st mullet haircut appears. Makes Afghan Hounds seem strangely attractive.
 - 1976: 1st Boombox. You get stadium quality sound by carrying full sound system on your shoulder.
 - 1978: Computer game Space Invaders invades people's brains. Induces paralysis.
 - 1979: Walkman invented. People turned into glazed-eyed muttering zombibots. Plague continues to spread.
- 1979: Margret Thatcher wins Falklands War. Proves a woman with an army has balls.
 - 1985: e gets Rave reviews. Banned in US. It's party time, people.
 - 1987: The Simpsons 1st screened. Makes lotsa D'Oh!
- 1988: Bobby McFerrin sings Don't Worry, Be Happy. Prozac introduced. Song proves more effective than drug.
- 1988: 1st Energizer Bunny TV ad. Long lasting batteries, at last. Women excited. Playboy Bunny not so frisky. Last Playboy Club closes. Men strangely deflated.
- 1989: Berlin Wall falls. Bits sold to tourists. Capitalism sells communism for a profit.
- 1990: Gulf War I. 1st war fought on a video game format but no second life for combatants.

1990: Childhood becomes a Mental Disorder. Ritalin prescribed. Spare the rod and drug the child.

1995: Fuzzy car dice fad of 1950s returns. Shows stupidity still rife.

1997: Google begins. They know who you are and what you want but send dumb ads for useless stuff anyway.

1997: Harry Potter 1st casts spell on Muggles to make them spend money.

1999: Australia. Republic Referendum fails. They need the Queen. Whose head would they put on their coins? Shane Warne's noggin?

1999: 1st telecast of Big Brother. Do not think. Sit. Watch. OBEY.

2000: Governments go crazy for Fuel Tax. Tank of petrol can now cost more than the car.

2003: We invade IRAQ. Oops! Coalition of the Witless still there 8 years on.

2005: George Lucas uses the Force to invent the prequel. Makes \$1Billion. Hollywood goes prequel bananas.

2007: iPhone invented. Eveybody's Appy now ... Until you drop the damn thing or walk in front of a bus.

2007: GFC. Harvard School of Business adds new course. Begging for Bankers 101: Please Bailout Us Out, Sir.

2008: Obama elected but not to actually do anything.

2011: Steve Jobs, last American to balance books, dies.

2011: Occupy Wall St. movement begins. Nuke Wall St more popular.

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