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### People, Places, and Events in Historical Eras

Sometimes it's important to choose the era for your story very carefully. This is crucial whether you're involving real people, your own creations, or whether your unique characters are caught up in the events of the time.

Take a look at some of the dates and geographic locations below. Most of these are from Great Britain and Europe, since these remain some of the most popular settings for historical fiction. Conduct some research online into what might have been happening at that particular point in history.

You don't need to focus on a specific year. These are simply guidelines, so examine what might have been going on in the years and decades both before and after the date shown. This could involve major political events, wars and revolutions, leading historical figures that were active at the time, and other aspects that would need to be part of a story, if only in the background.

However, it might also involve new developments and inventions, scientific discoveries, cultural movements in the arts, as well as notable people who might have been alive during the period, such as writers, painters, musicians, or composers, that your characters might be able to interact with.

You're very welcome to study all of the dates shown, but this is not essential. However, please try and complete at least three.

Europe 1349

France 1430

England 1460

Italy 1500

England 1570

England 1649

Scotland 1746

North America 1775

France 1789

Europe 1806

Ireland 1845

Europe 1848

North America 1861

England 1880

Europe 1914

Russia 1917

Europe 1940

Asia 1942