

1215

The Barons in England forced King John to sign the Magna Carta (Great Charter) officially limiting the King's authority for the first time

1453

The 100 years war between England & France ended

1453

Constantinople was conquered by the Turks marking the end of the Byzantine (Eastern Roman) empire

1453

Gutenberg invented the Printing Press (Germany)

1492

End of the Reconquista
Muslim armies had invaded Spain in 711 and occupied much of the Iberian Peninsula

1492

Columbus (an Italian) discovered America sailing for Spain