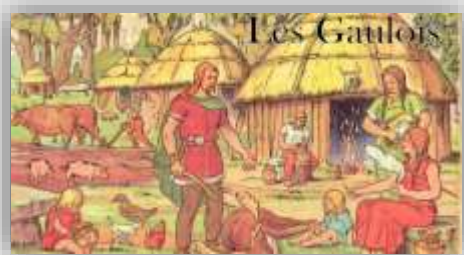




HISTORY OF PARIS ON 1 PAGE

A Virtual Visit of the City of Lights & its History

Fishing village founded by Celtic tribe (the Parisii) on Seine River



250 BC

Romans invade, build villas, arenas, forum - some vestiges still remain

52 AD



Clovis, pagan king of the Merovingian Franks, converts to Christianity In 511 he makes Paris his capital



496 AD

Construction of Cathedral of Notre Dame started, completed 1345

1163



Construction of the Louvre as part of the city's fortifications



1190

Middle Ages

Paris is the largest city in Europe. Sorbonne founded 13thC. Black Death kills 40% Parisians mid 14thC.



Civil War Catholics vs Protestants. In 1572 Catherine de Medici orders St Bartholomew massacres of 3,000 Protestants in Paris, and 30,000 in the entire country.



Renaissance

King Louis XIV moves the French court to Versailles. Hiring the finest artisans of the time, the chateau & its gardens become a monument to French art.

1682



1700s



Paris is 2nd largest city in Europe after London. Becomes the center of fashion & luxury goods.

1789

Parisians storm the Bastille, starting the French Revolution. 40,000 people were decapitated by guillotine during the Reign of Terror in the Place de la Concorde.



1800

Napoleon seizes power & ends Terror. He declares himself Emperor in 1804 and builds monuments to military glory: Arc de Triomphe, Place Vendôme and the Pont des Arts (city's first iron bridge)



1853

Haussmann undertakes a vast urbanization project to transform Paris from medieval city to modern metropolis. City expands from 12 to 20 arrondissements and the population triples. Sewers, parks & public lighting installed.



1889

Construction of Eiffel Tower for the Paris Exposition



1900

The Paris Métropolitain, the city's underground subway system opens. Its architecture was influenced by Art Nouveau – it is the 2nd oldest subway system after London's (1890).



1880s

Montmartre annexed in 1860. With its bars & cabarets, it attracts impressionist artists in the late 1800s. By the 1920s most artists had abandoned the area for Montparnasse.



This document provides a virtual tour of the history of Paris to 1900 via its monuments and key moments in time. All information is in the public domain and may be used as needed.

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