

## THE HISTORY OF EUROPE IN BITE-SIZED CHUNKS

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The History of Europe in Bite-Sized Chunks is an accessible and succinct account of the story of Europe. Broken into six chapters: Classical Antiquity (2600 BCE to 600 CE); Medieval (600-1500); Reform and Enlightenment (1500-1780); Age of Revolutions (1780-1914); the Wars (1914-45); and the Making of Contemporary Europe (1945 to present).

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