

A Timeline of Historical European Martial Arts

With Divers Sanguinary Battles and Sieges,
and the Life-Spans of Important Historical
Persons Appended, as Well as Certain Other
Noteworthy Events

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1350

1400

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ca. 1295
Anonymous:
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1389
"Hanko Döbringer":
Fechtbuch

|
ca. 1390
Anonymous:
Codex Wallerstein
(older portion)

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1345
The Ponte Vecchio
Florence

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1353
Boccaccio:
Decameron

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1380
Wycliffe's
English Bible

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1346
Battle of Crécy

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1356
Battle of
Poitiers

|
ca. 1370
Janissaries
established

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1386
Battle of
Sempach

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1396
Battle of
Nicopolis

|
1347-51
The Black Death

|
1361
Battle of Wisby

|
1389
Battle of Kossovo

..... Hundred Years War

————— Bertrand du Guesclin, ca. 1320–1380 —————

————— Petrarch, 1304–1374 —————

————— Geoffrey Chaucer, ca. 1340–1400 —————

————— Henry V

————— Jan Hus

1400

1450

1500

1409
Fiore dei Liberi:
Fior de Battaglia

1423
Dom Duarte:
Regimiento de las armas

1443
Hans Talhoffer:
Fechtbuch

1459
Talhoffer:
Fechtbuch

1467
Talhoffer:
Fechtbuch

ca. 1485
Filippo Vadi:
Arte Gladiatoria Dimicandi

ca. 1440
Sigmund Ringeck:
Fechtbuch

ca. 1450s
Anonymous:
Codex Wallerstein
(text)

ca. 1440–1480
Anonymous:
Le Jeu de la Hache

1482
Hans Lecküchner:
Fechtbuch

1434
Dom Duarte:
Bem Cavalgar

1452
Peter von Danzig:
Fechtbuch

1462
Paulus Kal:
Fechtbuch

1493
Ponç de Menaguerra:
Lo Cavaller

ca. 1450
Anonymous:
Harleian Ms. 3542

ca. 1450–70
Anonymous:
Das Solothurner
Fechtbuch

1487
Siege of Malaga
(last recorded use
of trebuchets)

1415
Duc de Berry's
Très Riches Heures

1465
First printed
music

1476
Battle of
Grandson

1485
Battle of
Bosworth

1492
Siege of
Granada

1402
Battle of
Ankara

1415
Battle of
Agincourt

1431
Jeanne d'Arc
killed

1444
First Siege
of Rhodes

1453
Fall of
Constantinople

1461
Battle of
Towton

1470
First roman
typeface

1487
Landsknechts
first mustered

1498
Dürer's
Apocalypse

1410
Battle of
Tannenberg

1429
Battle of
Orleans

1455
Gutenberg's
42-line Bible

1471
First Italian
Bible printed

1480
Second Siege
of Rhodes

1497–99
da Gama's
voyage to India

1337–1453

Hussite Wars, 1419–1436

Voyages of Zheng He, 1405–1430

Wars of the Roses, 1455–1485

Lorenzo de' Medici, 1449–1492

Niccolo Machiavelli

1387–1422

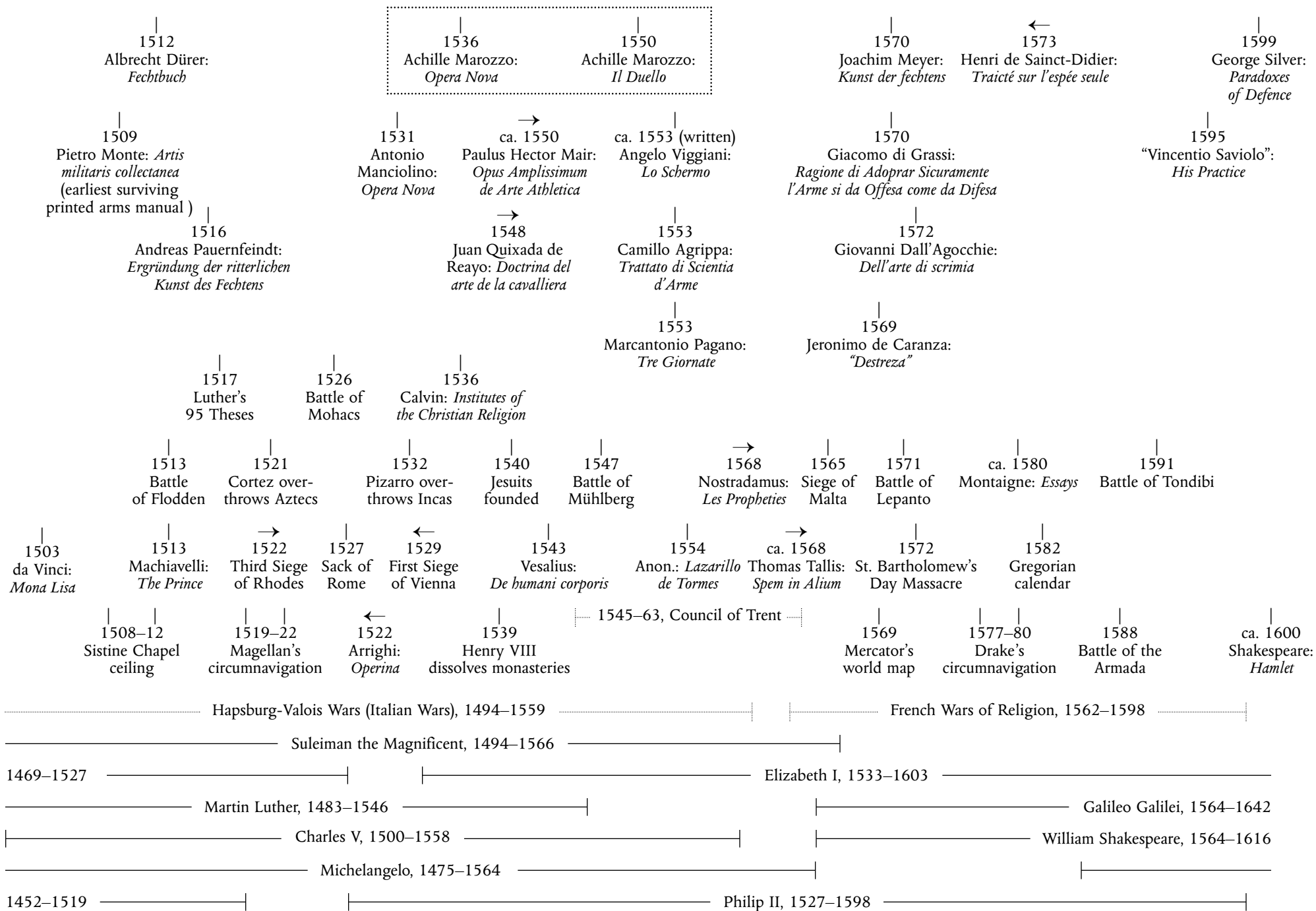
1369?–1415

Leonardo da Vinci

1500

1550

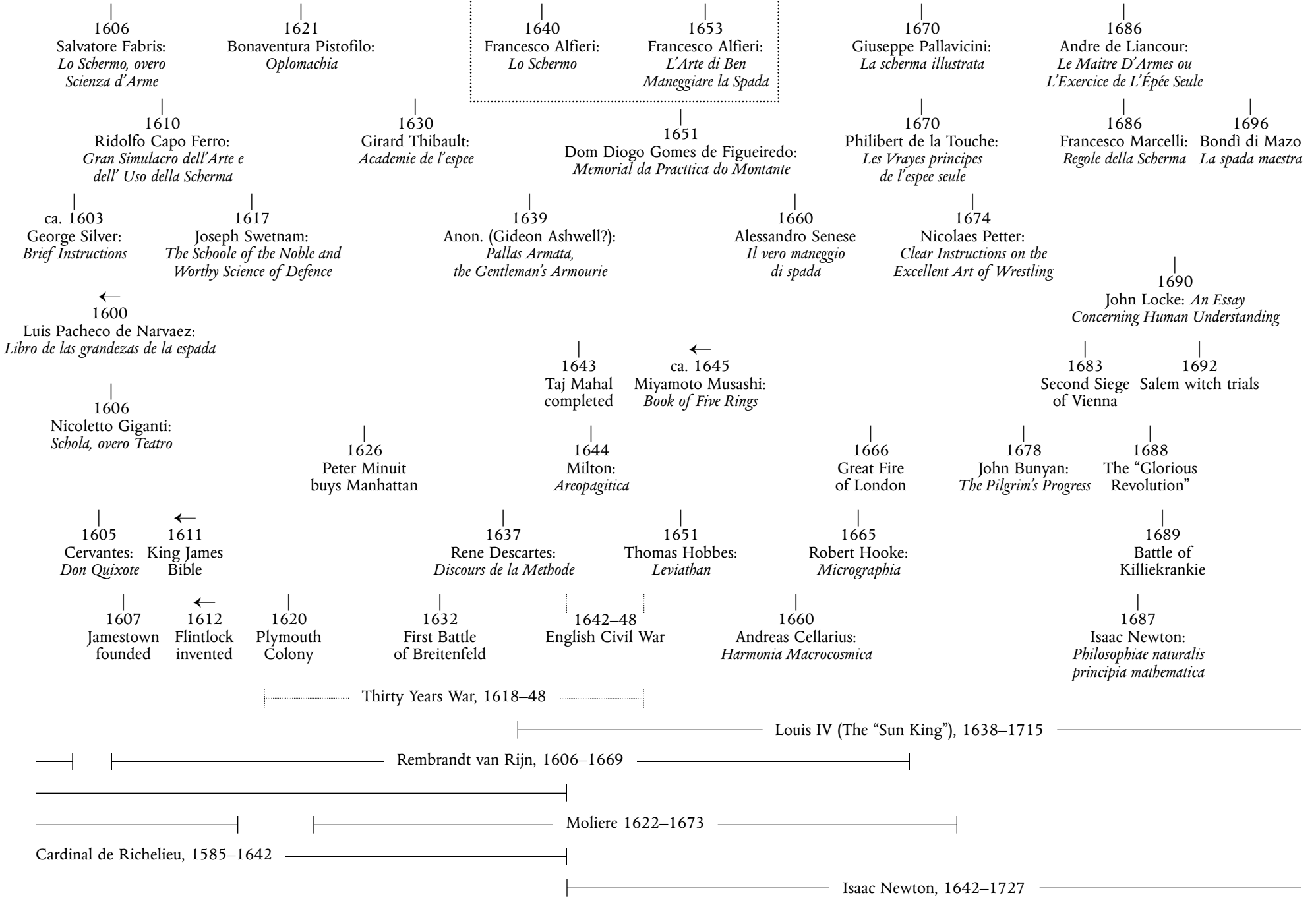
1600



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1650

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1800

1707
Sir William Hope:
*The New, Short and Easy
Method of Fencing*

1728
Donald McBane
*The Expert Sword-Man's
Companion*

1747
Capt. John Godfrey:
*A Treatise Upon the
Useful Science of Defence*

1763
Domenico Angelo:
The School of Arms

1790
"A Highland Officer":
Anti-Pugilism

1711
Zachary Wylde:
*The English Master
of Defence*

1730
Henry Blackwell:
*The Gentleman's Tutor
for the Small Sword*

1746
Thomas Page:
The Use of the Broad Sword

1771
J. Olivier:
Fencing Familiarized

1789
Daniel Mendoza:
The Art of Boxing

1799
Henry Angelo:
*Hungarian and
Highland Broadsword*

1790
Thomas Fewtrell:
*Boxing Reviewed; or, the
Science of Manual Defence*

1719
Daniel Defoe:
Robinson Crusoe

1725
Vivaldi:
The Four Seasons

1742
G.F. Händel:
Messiah

1701–14
War of the Spanish
Succession

1740–48
War of the Austrian
Succession

1756–63
Seven Years' War

1775–83
American
Revolutionary War

1789–99
French
Revolution

Napoleon Bonaparte, 1769–1821

George Washington, 1732–1799

Frederick the Great, 1712–1786