

Timeline of GOLD History



- 5000 BC – Ancient Egyptians begin using gold for jewelry and religious artifacts.
- 4000 BC – Gold first used in Eastern Europe
- 3000 BC – The Sumer civilization was using gold in jewelry manufacture.
- 1223 BC – The death mask of Tutankhamun is crafted from solid gold.
- 700 BC – The first known gold coins are minted by the Lydians in modern-day Turkey.

- 1511 – Spanish explorers begin looting gold from the Aztec and Inca Empires.
- 1717 – Sir Isaac Newton, as Master of the Royal Mint, sets the price of gold relative to silver, establishing a de facto gold standard.

- 1900 – The Gold Standard Act is passed
- 1914 – World War I kills the classical gold standard as governments print money to fund the war.
- 1920s – The major powers relink their currencies back to gold,
- 1930s – The Great Depression leads to the devaluation of currencies, and the U.S. confiscates most private gold holdings.
- 1933 – President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued Executive Order 6102, made private ownership of gold illegal
- 1944 – The Bretton Woods Agreement
- 1945 – Formation of the Black Eagle Trust

- 2001 – 9/11 and the Black Eagle Trust: Allegations
- 2009 – The 57 bonds in Japan incident
- Post-Cold War – The CIA allegedly uses Black Eagle funds for black operations and election interference.
- 2008 – The global financial crisis
- 2010s-Present – Illegal gold networks expand
- 2020s – The decline of the petrodollar brings gold back into focus.
- 2020 – Gold prices over \$2,000 per ounce
- 2022 – The price of gold per ounce moves beyond \$2,295,

B.C.

1500-1800

1900 -
1945

Present

AD 1-1500

1800's

1970's-
1990's

- 100 AD – The Roman Empire uses gold coins extensively in trade.
- 1278 – The Crown and Parliament in England banned the export of silver bullion
- 1284 – Venice mints the first gold ducat
- 1377 – England adopts a gold standard
- 1492 – Christopher Columbus' reports vast gold reserves in the Americas.

- 1848 – The California Gold Rush begins after gold is discovered at Sutter's Mill.
- 1851 – Gold discovered in Australia, sparking a massive gold rush.
- 1861 – The U.S. Civil War begins, and the dollar is convertible into gold and silver.
- 1862 – Congress passes the Legal Tender Act, authorizing the issuance of non-redeemable "greenback" currency.
- 1879 – The U.S. Treasury resumes redeeming dollars for gold and silver.
- 1896 – The Klondike Gold Rush begins in the Yukon region of Canada.

- 1971 – President Nixon ends the gold standard.
- Post-1971 – The Petrodollar system is established, cementing the U.S. dollar's dominance.
- December 31, 1974 – Private ownership of gold resumes in the United States.
- Cold War Era – The Black Eagle Trust is used for covert Cold War financing, involving Nazi gold.
- 1970s-1980s – Bearer certificates used for cryptographic transfers.
- 1988 – Trial of Rogelio Roxas
- 1990s – George Bush and Barrick Gold allegations

