

Figure 2.a Timeline for Intellectual and Historical Events, 1598-1776

- 1598** Edict of Nantes signed by King Henry IV of France ending French wars of religion
- 1602** Formation of Dutch East Indies Company (VOC); shares start trading in Amsterdam
- 1618-1648** Thirty Years War, last of the major religious war in Europe, decimates Germany
- 1637** Rene Descartes publishes the Discourses
- 1660** The English Restoration of Charles II
- 1662** John Graunt publishes Natural and Political Observations
- 1671** J. de Witt submits the Value of Life Annuities ... to the Dutch States General
- 1685** Revocation of the Edict of Nantes (Edict of Fontainebleau) by Louis IV; Protestant exodus
- 1687** Isaac Newton publishes first edition of the Principia
- 1688** Glorious Revolution in England
J. de la Vega publishes Confusion des Confusiones
- 1693** Edmond Halley publishes “An Estimate of the Degrees of Mortality ...”
- 1694** Bank of England founded.
- 1719-1720** John Law’s Mississippi Scheme in France
- 1720** South Sea Bubble in England.
- 1725** A. de Moivre publishes first edition of Annuties Upon Lives
- 1761** Thomas Mortimer publishes first edition of Everyman his Own Broker
- 1771** Richard Price publishes first edition of Observations on Reversionary Payments
- 1776** Adam Smith publishes Wealth of Nations
American Declaration of Independence