

CHRONOLOGICAL TABLE

1772–1834

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| 1772 | (21 Oct) Birth of C at Ottery St Mary, Devon, to the Rev John and Ann (Bowdon) Coleridge—youngest of their 10 children | |
| 1775 | | American War of Independence |
| 1778 | C to Ottery Grammar School | |
| 1781 | Death of C's father | Kant <i>Kritik der reinen Vernunft</i> |
| 1782 | (Jul) Enrolled at Christ's Hospital, Hertford
(Sept) To Christ's Hospital, London (until 1791) | Priestley <i>Corruptions of Christianity</i>
Rousseau <i>Confessions</i> |
| 1783 | | Pitt's first ministry (–1801) |
| 1785 | | Paley <i>Principles of Moral and Political Philosophy</i> |
| 1789 | | (14 Jul) Fall of Bastille
Bowles <i>Sonnets</i>
Darwin <i>Loves of the Plants</i> |
| 1790 | First published poem (in <i>World</i>) | Burke <i>Reflections on the Revolution in France</i> |
| 1791 | (Oct) To Jesus College, Cambridge: Exhibitioner, Sizar, Rustat Scholar | Anti-Jacobin riots at Birmingham
Boswell <i>Life of Johnson</i>
Darwin <i>Economy of Vegetation</i>
Mackintosh <i>Vindiciae Gallicae</i>
Paine <i>Rights of Man</i> pt 1 (pt 2 1792) |
| 1792 | Wins Browne Medal with Greek Sapphic <i>Ode on the Slave Trade</i> , read at Commencement 3 Jul | |
| 1793 | (2 Dec) Enlists in 15th Light Dragoons as Silas Tomkyn Comberbache | (21 Jan) Louis XVI executed
(1 Feb) France declares war on England and Holland
(16 Oct) Marie-Antoinette executed
Godwin <i>Political Justice</i>
Wordsworth <i>An Evening Walk</i> and <i>Descriptive Sketches</i> |
| 1794 | (9 Apr) Returns to Cambridge
(Jun) Sets out on walking tour with Joseph Hucks; meets RS in Oxford and plans pantisocracy; Welsh tour
(Aug–Sept) Joins RS and G. Burnett in Bristol; meets Poole; is engaged to Sara Fricker
(Sept) To London and Cambridge; with RS publishes <i>Fall of Robespierre</i> | (23 May) Suspension of Habeas Corpus
(28 Jul) Robespierre executed; end of the Terror
(Oct–Dec) State Trials; Hardy, Tooke, and Thelwall acquitted of charge of treason
Darwin <i>Zoonomia</i>
Godwin <i>Caleb Williams</i>
Paine <i>Age of Reason</i> (–1795) |

- (Cambridge); *Monody on Chatterton* pub with *Rowley Poems* (Cambridge) (Dec) To London
- 1795 (Jan) RS brings C back to Bristol (late Jan–Feb) Political lectures (Feb) *A Moral and Political Lecture* (May–Jun) Lectures on revealed religion (16 June) Lecture on the slave-trade (Aug) Quarrel with RS; pantisocracy abandoned; meets WW (4 Oct) Marriage to Sara Fricker (26 Nov) Lecture on the Two Bills (3 Dec) *Conciones ad Populum* (Dec) *An Answer to "A Letter to Edward Long Fox"; The Plot Discovered*
- 1796 (Jan–Feb) Tour to Midlands and north to sell *Watchman* (1 Mar–13 May) *Watchman* in 10 numbers (16 Apr) *Poems on Various Subjects* (19 Sept) Birth of HC (Sept) Reconciliation with RS (Dec) Move to Nether Stowey
- 1797 (summer) *Poems, to which are Now Added, Poems by Charles Lamb and Charles Lloyd* (14 Oct) *Osorio* finished (13–16 Nov) Walk with Wordsworths to Lynton; *Rime of the Ancient Mariner* begun
- 1798 (Jan) C's Unitarian sermons at Shrewsbury; C accepts £150 Wedgwood annuity (14 May) Birth of Berkeley Coleridge (Sept) *Lyrical Ballads* (19 Sept) WW, DW, Chester, and C to Hamburg (30 Sept) C to Ratzeburg
- 1799 (10 Feb) Death of Berkeley Coleridge (Feb) C to Göttingen (May) Ascent of Brocken (29 Jul) In Stowey again (Sept) Devon walking tour with RS (Oct) Meets Sara Hutchinson (27 Oct) Arrives in London
- 1800 (Jan–6 Apr) *Morning Post* writer; translating *Wallenstein* (6 Apr–4 May) At Grasmere with WW (May–Jun) Stowey and Bristol
- Paley *Evidences of Christianity* Radcliffe *Mysteries of Udolpho*
- (26 Sept) WW and DW to Racedown (Nov) Directory established in France (3 Nov) Treason and Convention Bills introduced (18 Dec) Two Acts put into effect Lewis *Ambrosio, or the Monk*
- (Sept) Mary Lamb's violent illness England treating for peace with France Threats of invasion of England
- (Feb) Bank of England suspends cash payments (Apr–Jun) Mutinies in the British fleet (17 Oct) France and Austria sign peace treaty (Nov) *Anti-Jacobin* begins (to Jul 1798)
- (Feb–Oct) Irish rebellion (12 Jun) Malta taken by French (Jul) Napoleon invades Egypt (1–2 Aug) Nelson's victory in Battle of the Nile
- Bell introduces Madras system of education in England Lloyd *Edmund Oliver* Horne Tooke *Diversions of Purley* vol 1 (vol II 1805)
- (Nov) Directory overthrown (Dec) Constitution of year VIII; Napoleon First Consul (Dec) Wordsworths at Town End (later Dove Cottage), Grasmere Royal Institution founded RS ed *Annual Anthology* Schiller *Die Piccolomini* and *Wallensteins Tod*
- (14 Jun) Battle of Marengo (Aug) Union of Great Britain and Ireland (5 Sept) Malta falls to English after long siege

- (Jul) Move to Greta Hall, Keswick (14 Sept) Birth of DC
- 1801 (Jan) *Lyrical Ballads* (1800) (21 Jan) Returns to London (Jul–Aug) At Gallow Hill with Sara and Mary Hutchinson (15 Nov) To London (28 Dec–c 19 Jan) At Stowey
- 1802 (21 Jan–Mar) In London, attends Davy's lectures at Royal Institution; writing for *Morning Post*; to Gallow Hill (From 19 Mar) At Greta Hall; severe domestic discord (1–9 Aug) Lakes tour and Scafell climb (late Aug) Visit by Lambs (4 Oct) *Dejection* pub *Morning Post* (Nov–Dec) Tour of south Wales with Tom and Sally Wedgwood (23 Dec) Birth of SC
- 1803 (Jan–Mar) In West Country with Wedgwoods, Poole; in London with Lamb; makes will (Jun) *Poems* (1803) (summer) Visits by Hazlitt, Beaumonts, S. Rogers to C in Lakes (15–29 Aug) Scottish tour with WW and DW (29 Aug–15 Sept) Continues Scottish tour alone
- 1804 (9 Apr–14 Jul) In convoy to Malta (Jul) Under-secretary to Sir Alexander Ball, British High Commissioner at Malta (Aug–Nov) Sicily, ascent of Etna; stays with G. F. Leckie
- 1805 (Jan) Acting Public Secretary in Malta (5 Feb) John Wordsworth drowned in loss of *Abergavenny* (Sept–Nov) In Sicily (mid-Nov) To Naples (Dec) Calabria and Naples
- 1806 (Jan) In Rome, meets Humboldt and Tieck, stays with Washington Allston (18 May) To Florence, Pisa (23 Jun) Sails from Leghorn (17 Aug) Lands in England; London, job-hunting and recovering his books and papers; at Parndon with the Clarksons and to Cambridge (26–8 Oct) In Kendal with Wordsworths and Sara Hutchinson (30 Oct–7 Dec) Keswick, determines on separation from Mrs C
- Kant *Logik* Schelling *System des transcendentalen Idealismus*
- (Mar) Pitt resigns over Emancipation Addington ministry (–1804) (Jul) Napoleon signs Concordat with Pope RS *Thalaba*
- (25 Mar) Peace of Amiens (8 May) Napoleon Consul for life (4 Oct) WW marries Mary Hutchinson (Oct) French army enters Switzerland *Ed Rev* founded Paley *Natural Theology* Spinoza *Opera* ed Paulus (1802–3)
- (Feb) Act of Mediation in Switzerland (18 May) England declares war on France Chatterton *Works* ed RS and Cottle Cobbett *Parliamentary Debates* (later Hansard) Malthus *Principles of Population* (2nd ed)
- (Mar) Code Napoléon (Apr) 2nd Pitt ministry (–1806) (18 May) Napoleon made Emperor (12 Dec) Spain declares war on Britain
- (Apr) Third Coalition against France (26 May) Napoleon King of Italy (17 Oct) Napoleon's victory at Ulm (21 Oct) Nelson's victory at Trafalgar (2 Dec) Austerlitz RS *Madoc* Scott *Lay of the Last Minstrel*
- (Jan) Pitt d; "Ministry of all the Talents" under Grenville, who resigns (Mar 1807) after rejection of Bill to open all commissions to Roman Catholics (6 Aug) End of Holy Roman Empire

- (21 Dec) Joins Wordsworths and Sara Hutchinson at Coleorton; (26 Dec) crisis of jealousy
- 1807 (Jan–Apr) Coleorton; (late Jan) hears WW read *Prelude*; writes *Lines to William Wordsworth*
(4 Apr) To London with Wordsworths
(Jun) To Stowey with family; remains, alone, until Sept
(Sept–Nov) Bristol and Stowey
(23 Nov) To London
- (Mar) Portland ministry (–1809)
(25 Mar) Abolition of slave-trade
(Jul) Treaty of Tilsit
(2 Sept) Bombardment of Copenhagen by British fleet
(Dec) Peninsular War begins
C. and M. Lamb *Tales from Shakespeare*
RS *Letters from England by Don Es- priella; Specimens of the Later English Poets*
WW *Poems in Two Volumes*
Bell-Lancaster controversy
(1 May) Wordsworths move to Allan Bank
(30 Aug) Convention of Cintra
(Dec) Napoleon invades Spain
Lamb *Specimens of English Dramatic Poets*
Scott *Marmion*
- 1808 (13 Jan–Jun) In rooms at *Courier* office, Strand; lectures at Royal Institution on poetry and principles of taste
(Jul) Review of Clarkson *History of the Abolition of the Slave Trade in Ed Rev*
(Aug) Leeds and the north
(Sept) At Allan Bank; asks Mrs C to send his books
(Nov) First prospectus of *Friend* issued at Kendal
- 1809 (1 Jun) Starts *Friend* in 27 numbers plus supernumerary
(7 Dec–20 Jan 1810) "Letters on the Spaniards" in *Courier*
- (Feb) *Quarterly Review* founded
(9 Mar) Byron *English Bards and Scotch Reviewers*
(May) Napoleon captures Vienna
Perceval ministry (–1812)
Schlegel *Über dramatische Kunst*
WW *Convention of Cintra* pamphlet
(May) First Reform Bill since 1797 introduced
(Jul) Napoleon annexes Holland
RS *Curse of Kehama*
Scott *Lady of the Lake*
WW *Guide to the Lakes*
- 1810 (Mar) Sara Hutchinson leaves Grasmere for Wales
(15 Mar) *Friend* last number
(May–Oct) Keswick
(Oct) to London; quarrel with WW; C stays with Morgans in Hammersmith
(Nov) Meets HCR
- (5 Feb) Prince of Wales made Regent
- 1811 (20 Apr) First table-talk recorded by John Taylor Coleridge
(May–Sept) Contributions to *Courier*
(18 Nov–27 Jan 1812) Lectures on Shakespeare and Milton at Scot's Corporation Hall attended by Collier, Byron, Rogers, HCR
- (11 May) Perceval shot
(18 Jun) US declares war on Great Britain
(22 Jun) Napoleon opens war on Russia
(Oct–Dec) Retreat from Moscow
Byron *Childe Harold* Cantos I and II
- 1812 (Feb–Mar) Last journey to the Lakes
(Apr) Lives with Morgans, Berners St, Soho
(May–Aug) Lectures on drama in Willis's Rooms
(May) Lamb and HCR patch up WW quarrel

- (Jun) Reissue of *Friend*
(3 Nov–26 Jan 1813) Lectures on Shakespeare at the Surrey Institution
(Nov) Half Wedgwood annuity withdrawn; contributes to RS *Omniana*
- 1813 (23 Jan) *Remorse* opens at Drury Lane and runs 20 nights
(summer) Morgan's financial affairs worsen; he flees to Ireland by Oct
(Oct–Nov) Lectures in Bristol on Shakespeare and on education, in Clifton on Milton and on poetry
(Dec) With Mary Morgan and Charlotte Brent at Ashley near Bath
- (1 May) Wordsworths move to Rydal Mount
(Jul–Aug) Peace Congress at Prague fails
(10 Aug) Austria declares war on Napoleon
(Sept) RS Poet Laureate
(autumn) Wellington successful in Peninsula; Switzerland, Holland, Italy, Rhineland, Spain, Trieste, Dalmatia freed of French rule
RS *Life of Nelson*
(1 Jan) Invasion of France by Allies
(1 Mar) Castlereagh's treaty with Austria, Prussia, and Russia against Napoleon
(6 Apr) Napoleon abdicates
(May) First Treaty of Paris; Napoleon exiled to Elba; Restoration of the Bourbons
(Sept–Jul 1815) Congress of Vienna
(24 Dec) Peace of Ghent signed by Britain and US
Inquisition re-established in Spain
Cary's *Dante* completed
Scott *Waverley*
WW *Excursion*
(Mar–Jun) The Hundred Days; Napoleon escapes from Elba, returns to France
(18 Jun) Waterloo
Restoration of Louis XVIII
(20 Nov) Second Treaty of Paris
Scott *Guy Mannering*
WW *Poems* of 1815; *White Doe of Rylstone*
- 1814 (Apr) Lectures at Bristol on Milton, Cervantes, taste; lecture on French Revolution and Napoleon; under medical care for addiction and suicidal depression
(1 Aug) *Remorse* performed in Bristol
(Aug–Sept) Allston portrait of C and Bristol exhibition; "On the Principles of Genial Criticism" pub *Felix Farley's Bristol Journal*
(Sept–Dec) Letters "To Mr Justice Fletcher" in *Courier*
(Dec) Moves with Morgans to Calne, Wilts
- (Jun) *Remorse* performed at Calne
(Jul–Sept) Dictating *BL* to Morgan
(Aug–Sept) Printing of *BL* and *Sibylline Leaves* begins at Bristol
- 1815 (Feb) Grant from Literary Fund and gift from Byron
(Mar) To London
(10 Apr) Sends *Zapolya* to Byron
(15 Apr) Accepted as patient and housemate by James Gillman, surgeon, Moreton House, Highgate
(25 May) *Christabel, Kubla Khan, the Pains of Sleep*
(Nov–Dec) Composes "Theory of Life"
(Dec) *Statesman's Manual*
- (4 Mar) Habeas Corpus suspended
(Apr) *Blackwood's Magazine* founded
- 1816 (Feb) Grant from Literary Fund and gift from Byron
(Mar) To London
(10 Apr) Sends *Zapolya* to Byron
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- 1817 (Mar) Second *Lay Sermon*
(Apr) Revival of *Remorse*

- (late Apr) "Prospectus" to *Encyclopaedia Metropolitana* issued
 (13 Jun) Meets L. Tieck at house of JHG
 (Jul) *BL, Sibylline Leaves*
 (Nov) *Zapolya*; C's tr of H. Hurwitz's *Hebrew Dirge* for Princess Charlotte
- 1818 (Jan) "Treatise on Method" pub *Encyclopaedia Metropolitana*
 (27 Jan–13 Mar) Lectures on principles of judgment, culture, and European literature
 (Feb) *Zapolya* runs 10 nights at Surrey Theatre
 (Apr–May) Pamphlets supporting Peel's Bill to regulate the working hours of cotton-factory children
 (Nov) *Friend* (3 vols)
 (Dec–Mar 1819) Alternating lectures on history of philosophy and on literature
- 1819 (Mar) Financial losses from bankruptcy of publisher Rest Fenner
 (Apr) Begins occasional (to 1822) contributions to *Blackwood's*
- 1820 (May) HC is refused renewal of Oriel fellowship; C intervenes unsuccessfully through summer
- 1821 (Feb) Plunkett's Motion for the Relief of Roman Catholics passed by Commons, rejected in the Lords
 De Q *Confessions of an English Opium Eater*
 Hazlitt *Lectures on Elizabethan Drama*
 RS *Vision of Judgment*
- 1822 (Jan) Dictating "Logic"
 (25 Feb) Announces weekly class on philosophical subjects
 (Dec) First record of table-talk by HNC
- 1823 (3 Jan–5 Mar) Mrs C and SC at Highgate; SC secretly engaged to HNC
 (Nov) Gillmans move to 3 The Grove, Highgate
- 1824 (Mar) Elected Royal Associate, Royal Society of Literature, with annuity of 100 guineas
- as *Edinburgh Monthly Magazine*
 (May) Motion for the Relief of Roman Catholics rejected in the Lords
 Hazlitt *The Characters of Shakespeare's Plays*
 RS *Wat Tyler*
 Scott *Antiquary*
 (28 Jan) Habeas Corpus restored and never again suspended
 (1 Jun) Parliamentary motion for universal suffrage and annual parliaments defeated
 Hazlitt *Lectures on the English Poets*
 Lamb *Collected Works* (vol II dedicated to C)
 Peacock *Nightmare Abbey*
- (May) Grattan's Motion for the Relief of Roman Catholics defeated
- (29 Jan) George III d; accession of George IV
 Cato Street Conspiracy
 (Feb) Parliament dissolved
 Revolution in Spain and Portugal
 (Aug–Nov) Trial of Queen Caroline
 Lamb *Essays of Elia*
 RS *Life of Wesley*
 WW *River Duddon*
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 De Q *Confessions of an English Opium Eater*
 Hazlitt *Lectures on Elizabethan Drama*
 RS *Vision of Judgment*
 (30 Apr) Canning's Catholic Peers Bill passed by Commons, rejected in the Lords
 (Nov–Dec) Faction-fights between Orangemen and Catholics in Ireland
 Byron *Vision of Judgment*
 WW *Ecclesiastical Sketches*
 War between France and Spain
 Hazlitt *Liber Amoris*
 RS *History of the Peninsular War*
- RS *Book of the Church*

- 1825 (18 May) "On the Prometheus of Aeschylus" read before the Royal Society of Literature
 (c 25 May) *Aids to Reflection*
 (30 Jun) Partnership of C's publishers Taylor and Hessey dissolved
- 1826 General Election with Corn Laws and Catholic Emancipation as main issues
 HNC *Six Months in the West Indies*
 RS *Vindiciae Ecclesiae Anglicanae*
- 1827 (Dec) DC marries Mary Pridham
 (Mar) Burdett's Bill for the Relief of Roman Catholics rejected in Commons; Canning PM
 (8 Aug) Canning d
 (Aug) Goderich ministry
 (Jan) Wellington ministry
 (Apr) Repeal of Test and Corporation Acts
 (May) Burdett's Bill passed by Commons, rejected in Lords (Jun)
 Russia goes to war with Turkey
 Hazlitt *Life of Napoleon* vols 1–11
 Meetings held throughout the country to petition against Catholic Emancipation
 (10 Apr) Catholic Relief Bill passes 3rd reading in Lords
 (31 Apr) George IV gives assent
 RS *Sir Thomas More*
- 1829 (Jan–Feb) Refuses to sign petition against Catholic Emancipation
 (May) *Poetical Works* (2nd ed)
 (3 Sept) SC marries HNC
 (Dec) *On the Constitution of the Church and State*
- 1830 (c Apr) *On the Constitution of the Church and State* (2nd ed)
- 1831 *Aids to Reflection* (2nd ed)
 (May) Royal Society of Literature annuity withdrawn; C refuses personal grant from Lord Grey
- 1832 Legacy of £300 from Steinmetz
- 1833 (24 May–9 Jun) At Cambridge for meetings of British Association
- 1834 (Mar–Aug) *Poetical Works* (3rd ed)
 (25 Jul) Death of C at Highgate
 (2 Aug) Funeral: C interred in vault in Highgate church
- (Feb–May) Burdett's Bill for the Relief of Roman Catholics passed by Commons, rejected in the Lords
 Hazlitt *Spirit of the Age*
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 RS *Sir Thomas More*
 (Jun) Death of George IV; accession of William IV
 (Nov) Grey ministry
 (Mar) Lord John Russell introduces Reform Bill in Commons
 Dissolution of Parliament
 Second Reform Bill rejected in Lords
 Final Reform Bill introduced
 Grey resigns; Wellington fails to form ministry; Grey recalled
 (May) Reform Bill passes
 Lamb *Last Essays of Elia*