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 Royal College of Physicians chartered by Charles II
- 1684–1758 Allan Ramsay (poet)
- 1685–9 Reign of James VII and II
- 1687 Sir Isaac Newton's *Mathematical Principles of Natural Philosophy* (the *Principia*)
- 1689 William and Mary ascended the throne
- 1689 Advocates' Library opened
- 1690 John Locke's *Essay Concerning Human Understanding*
- 1694–1746 Francis Hutcheson
- 1695–1768 John Erskine of Carnock
- 1696–1782 Henry Home, raised to the Bench as Lord Kames in 1752
- 1698–1746 Colin MacLaurin
- 1698–1748 George Turnbull
- 1702–14 Reign of Queen Anne
- 1704 Death of John Locke
 Sir Isaac Newton's *Opticks*
- 1707 Treaty of Union of England and Scotland
- 1710–96 Thomas Reid
- 1710 Bishop Berkeley's *Principles of Human Knowledge*
 Hutcheson matriculated at Glasgow
- 1710–90 William Cullen
- 1711–76 David Hume
- 1711 Lord Shaftesbury's *Characteristicks of Men, Manners, Opinions, Times*
 First year of Joseph Addison and Richard Steele's *Spectator*

- 1713–84 Allan Ramsay (painter)
 1713–80 Sir James Steuart
 1714–27 Reign of George I
 1714 Bernard Mandeville's *Fable of the Bees*
 1715 Jacobite Rising
 1718 Carmichael's commentary on Pufendorf's *De officio hominis et civis*
 1718–1800 Hugh Blair
 1719–96 George Campbell
 1721–93 William Robertson
 1721–71 Tobias Smollett
 1722 Reid enters Marischal College, Aberdeen
 1723–90 Adam Smith
 1723–1816 Adam Ferguson
 1723 Hume enters Edinburgh University
 1725 Hutcheson's *An Inquiry into the Original of Our Ideas of Beauty and Virtue*
 MacLaurin elected Professor of Mathematics at Edinburgh
 1725–6 Hutcheson's *Reflections upon Laughter and Remarks upon the Fable of the Bees*
 1726–97 James Hutton
 1728 Hutcheson's *Essay on the Nature and Conduct of the Passions, with Illustrations on the Moral Sense*
 1729 Death of Gershom Carmichael, Professor of Moral Philosophy at Glasgow
 Hutcheson appointed Professor at Glasgow, becoming Professor of Moral Philosophy in 1730
 1728–99 Joseph Black
 1735–1801 John Millar
 1736–1819 James Watt
 1736/8–96 James Macpherson
 1737 Foundation of Philosophical Society of Edinburgh
 1739–40 Hume's *A Treatise of Human Nature*

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- 1739–1805 John Robison
- 1740 George Turnbull's *Treatise on Ancient Painting and Principles of Moral and Christian Philosophy*
- 1740–95 William Smellie
- 1740–95 James Boswell
- 1743–86 Gilbert Stuart
- 1745–46 Jacobite Rising under Charles Edward Stuart
- 1747 William Cullen appointed Professor of Chemistry at Glasgow
- 1748 Hume's *Philosophical Essays Concerning Human Understanding* (later titled *An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding*)
 Colin MacLaurin's *Account of Sir Isaac Newton's Philosophical Discoveries*
 Reid's 'Essay on Quantity' in *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society of London*
 Charles-Louis Montesquieu's *L'Esprit des Loix*
- 1749 First volume of comte de Buffon's *Histoire Naturelle*
- 1750–74 Robert Fergusson
- 1751 Adam Smith appointed Professor of Logic and Rhetoric at Glasgow, becoming Professor of Moral Philosophy in 1752
 Reid appointed regent at King's College, Aberdeen
 Hume's *An Enquiry Concerning the Principles of Morals*
- 1752–7 Hume Keeper of the Advocates' Library, Edinburgh
- 1752 Foundation of Glasgow Literary Society
- 1753–1828 Dugald Stewart
- 1754–62 Hume's *History of England*
- 1754–1835 Sir John Sinclair
- 1754 Foundation of Select Society
- 1755 Hutcheson's *A System of Moral Philosophy*
- 1757 Hume's *The Natural History of Religion*
- 1758 Founding of the Aberdeen Philosophical Society, the 'Wise Club'

- 1759 Adam Smith's *The Theory of Moral Sentiments*
 William Robertson's *History of Scotland*
- 1759–96 Robert Burns
- 1761 John Millar appointed Professor of Civil Law at Glasgow
 Jean-Jacques Rousseau's *Du Contrat social*
- 1762 George Campbell's *Dissertation on Miracles*
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 and Belles Lettres at Edinburgh
- 1764 Thomas Reid's *Inquiry into the Human Mind on the
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 Moral Philosophy at Edinburgh
- 1767 Adam Ferguson's *An Essay on the History of Civil
 Society*
 Sir James Steuart's *Principles of Political Oeconomy*
- 1768–71 First edition of *Encyclopaedia Britannica*, edited by
 William Smellie
- 1771 John Millar's *The Origin of the Distinction of Ranks*
 (republished with extensive revision in 1779)
- 1771–1832 Sir Walter Scott
- 1773 *An Institute of the Law of Scotland* by John Erskine of
 Carnock
- 1774 Lord Kames's *Sketches of the History of Man*
- 1776 Adam Smith's *The Wealth of Nations*
 George Campbell's *Philosophy of Rhetoric*
 American Declaration of Independence
- 1779 Hume's *Dialogues Concerning Natural Religion*
- 1780 James Dunbar's *Essays on the History of Mankind*
- 1781 Immanuel Kant's *Critique of Pure Reason*
- 1783 Founding of the Royal Society of Edinburgh
- 1785 Reid's *Essays on the Intellectual Powers of Man*
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- 1788 Reid's *Essays on the Active Powers of the Human Mind*
Immanuel Kant's *Critique of Practical Reason*
- 1789 French Revolution
- 1790 William Smellie's *Philosophy of Natural History*, vols. 1
and 2, 1799
- 1791–99 John Sinclair's *Statistical Account of Scotland*
- 1792 Adam Ferguson's *Principles of Moral and Political
Science*
- 1795 James Hutton's *Theory of the Earth with Proofs and
Illustrations*
Adam Smith's *Essays on Philosophical Subjects*