

For centuries, people have used essential oils in religious ceremonies, to support wellness, and for cosmetics. These oils hold a special place in world history, so we thought we would take a look back at how far essential oils have come!

 <p>MESOPOTAMIA</p>	<p>01</p> <h2>MESOPOTAMIA</h2> <h3>3500 BC</h3>	  <p>MESOPOTAMIA</p> <p>DISTILLATION APPARATUS</p> <p>First-known distillation apparatus developed in Tepe Gawra—located in modern day northwest Iraq.</p>
 <p>CHINA</p>	<p>02</p> <h2>CHINA</h2> <h3>3000 BC</h3>	  <p>SHEN NUNG</p> <p>SHEN NUNG</p> <p>Legendary ruler Shen Nung publishes a groundbreaking book containing information on more than 300 botanicals and their uses.</p>
 <p>EGYPT</p>	<p>03</p> <h2>EGYPT</h2> <h3>1470 BC</h3>	  <p>MYRRH TREES</p> <p>QUEEN HATSHEPSUT</p> <p>Queen Hatshepsut, ruler of Egypt, undertakes a legendary expedition to the land of Punt. The greatest of all the riches brought back by her army is a grove of myrrh trees.</p>
 <p>EGYPT</p>	<p>04</p> <h2>EGYPT</h2> <h3>1330 BC</h3>	  <p>KING TUTANKHAMUN</p> <p>ALABASTER JARS</p> <p>King Tutankhamun is buried with alabaster jars designed to hold the precious essential oils the boy king would need in the afterlife.</p>
 <p>MACEDONIA</p>	<p>05</p> <h2>MACEDONIA</h2> <h3>345 BC</h3>	  <p>ALEXANDER THE GREAT</p> <p>BURNED INCENSE</p> <p>Alexander the Great burned incense during his youth, even being berated by his tutor, Leonidas of Epirus, for his extravagant use of the incense.</p>
 <p>ISRAEL</p>	<p>06</p> <h2>ISRAEL</h2> <h3>0 AD</h3>	  <p>PRECIOUS GIFTS</p> <p>FRANKINCENSE AND MYRRH</p> <p>According to the Bible, wise men visit the Christ child and bring the most precious of gifts, including frankincense and myrrh.</p>
 <p>ITALY</p>	<p>07</p> <h2>ITALY</h2> <h3>100 AD</h3>	  <p>PLINY THE ELDER</p> <p>HERBS AND ESSENTIAL OILS</p> <p>Pliny the Elder, a Roman historian, writes his Natural History, which describes the uses of herbs and essential oils.</p>
 <p>PERSIA</p>	<p>08</p> <h2>PERSIA</h2> <h3>1000 AD</h3>	  <p>AVICENNA'S WORK</p> <p>AROMATHERAPY</p> <p>Physician Avicenna produced floral essential oils such as rose essence using steam distillation, setting the groundwork of aromatherapy.</p>
 <p>FRANCE</p>	<p>09</p> <h2>FRANCE</h2> <h3>1930 AD</h3>	  <p>AROMATHERAPY BOOK</p> <p>DR. RENÉ MAURICE GATTEFOSSÉ</p> <p>Dr. René-Maurice Gattefossé begins his pioneering research on the therapeutic properties of essential oils, which led to the publication of his Aromatherapy book.</p>
 <p>FRANCE</p>	<p>10</p> <h2>FRANCE</h2> <h3>1980 AD</h3>	  <p>ESSENTIAL OIL RESEARCH</p> <p>DR. JEAN-CLAUDE LAPRAZ</p> <p>Dr. Jean-Claude Lapraz conducts in-depth research on the beneficial properties of essential oils and their component parts.</p>
 <p>USA</p>	<p>11</p> <h2>USA</h2> <h3>1985 AD</h3>	  <p>GARY YOUNG</p> <p>YOUNG LIVING LOGO</p> <p>Dr. Gary Young begins researching essential oils, which eventually leads to the founding of Young Living.</p>