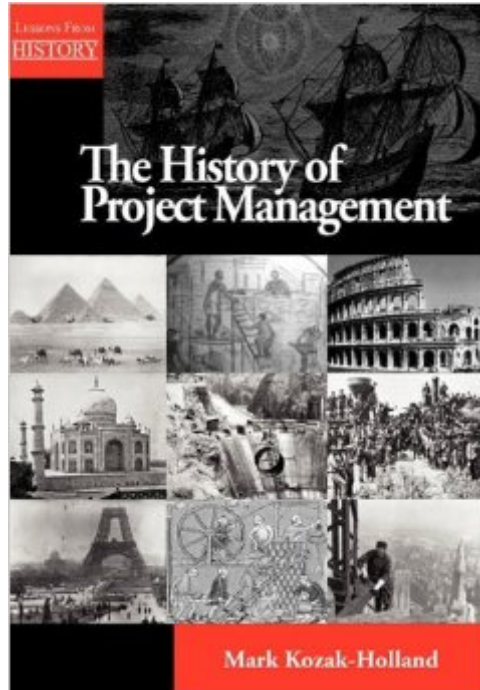


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# The History Of Project Management (Lessons From History)



## Synopsis

The Pyramid of Giza, the Colosseum, and the Transcontinental Railroad are all great historical projects from the past four millennia. When we look back, we tend to look at these as great architectural or engineering works. Project management tends to be overlooked, and yet its core principles were used extensively in these projects. This book takes a hard look at the history of project management and how it evolved over the past 4,500 years. It shows that "modern" project management practices did not just appear in the past 100 years but have been used - often with a lot of sophistication - for thousands of years. Examining archaeological evidence, artwork, and surviving manuscripts, this book provides evidence of how each of the nine knowledge areas of project management (as shown in PMI's PMBoK® Guide) have been practiced throughout the ages. The book covers the period from the construction of the ancient pyramids up to the 1940s. A future companion volume will cover more recent developments during the war years and the technology boom leading up to the present. As readers explore the many case studies in this book, they will discover fascinating details of innovative projects that produced many of our most famous landmarks and voyages of discovery.

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I was already a fan of Mark Kozak-Holland long before I got this book. His project management evaluation of the Great Escape and his IT lessons from the Titanic had already marked him as an

author to watch, and that's before I read his insights into the management style and practices of Winston Churchill. Now comes THE HISTORY OF PROJECT MANAGEMENT, and I'm overpowered by the strength and intelligence of this mammoth enterprise. THE HISTORY OF PROJECT MANAGEMENT's title is slightly misleading: it's less of a history of project management as a discipline (although that's certainly covered), and more of a history of the management of projects, with emphasis on the projects. Kozak-Holland shows how PMBOK's core-centric concepts like the nine knowledge areas of project management have been implemented through the years in actual work. From the Great Pyramid at Giza to the Parthenon, from the Hagia Sophia to Angkor Wat, Kozak-Holland moves seamlessly between West and East, covering important projects in virtually every civilization and time period. We see Christopher Columbus as project manager rather than in the more common light of explorer. We see project manager vs. owner and customer in the building of Versailles. As the Industrial Revolution takes hold, we see the birth of modern management practices in the Eiffel Tower and the Transcontinental Railroad. The book stops with the first half of the 20th Century, but that's okay. We know what project management looks like from the invention of PERT and CPM forward. What we seldom think about as project management practitioners is how much came before us, and how much we owe to the knowledge and techniques of those pioneers of project management.

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