The History of Photography



Chinese and Greek philosophers describe the basic principles of optics and the camera.



Louis Daguerre introduces the daguerrotype, a fixed image that did not fade.

1837



George Eastman patents Kodak roll-film camera.

1900

1888



General Electric invents the modern flash bulb.



Polaroid introduces the instant color film. Canon demonstrates first digital electronic still camera.

1963

1984

5th-4th Centuries B.C.



1814

Joseph Niepce achieves first photographic image using a camera obscura.



1851

Frederick Scott
Archer invented
the Collodion
process, which
reduced light
exposure time
to just 2-3
seconds.



1927

First Edwin Land
mass-marketed launches the
camera, called Polaroid camera.
the Brownie,
goes on sale.



1948

1978

Konica introduces the first point-and-shoot autofocus camera.



