

20th Century World History Timeline

Decade	Date	Event or Person
		<p>Darwin - Father of the theory of evolution and Social Darwinism</p> <p>Wellhausen - German OT scholar, believed the Bible is a product of human reasoning, not divine inspiration.</p> <p>Marx - Father of Communism</p> <p>Freud - Father of Psychoanalysis, wrong behavior is product of subconscious, not sin</p> <p>Nietzsche - German Philosopher who claimed that "God is Dead"</p>
1900's	1900	Queen Victoria (British Empire) rules over 1/5 of world, including Canada, Australia, India, Egypt & S. Africa
	1900 to 1901	Boxer Rebellion - China revolts against western influence
	1899 to 1902	Boer War - Britain fights Dutch Afrikaners for parts of South Africa
	1901	William McKinley assassinated- Teddy Roosevelt becomes President, Queen Victoria Dies
	1903	First successful airplane flight - Wright Brothers - Kitty Hawk, NC
	1865 to 1905	26 million immigrate to U.S.
	1905	Albert Einstein publishes Theory of Relativity
	1906	Great San Francisco Earthquake
	1908	Austria annexes Bosnia Herzegovinia
	1909	Robert Peary reaches the North Pole
1910's	1910	Japan annexes Korea
	1911	Roald Amundson of Norway reaches the South Pole, Robert Scott's party reach it, but don't make it back
	1912	Chinese overthrow Emperor and create a republic, Titanic sinks, Woodrow Wilson elected President
	1913	Henry Ford invents assembly line, Federal Reserve created, National Income Tax approved
	1913	Suffragette throws herself under a horse at race, Balkans at war
	1914	Panama Canal completed in 1913- opens in 1914
	1914 to 1918	World War I (U.S. enters in 1917)
		Allies (France, Great Britain, Russia, US) Central Powers (Germany, Austro-Hungary, Ottoman Empire)
	1915	Lusitania sunk, Gallipoli
	1916	Margaret Sanger opens first birth control clinic
	1916	Verdun and the Somme
	1917	Bolshevik Revolution, US enters WWI
	1918	Tsar's family executed
	1918	Worldwide Spanish flu epidemic - kills 20 – 100 million (600 – 700,000 in US)
1920's		Roarin' twenties- flappers, revival of KKK
	1920	19th Amendment to US Constitution ratified giving women the right to vote
	1920	Prohibition starts in 1920- ends in 1933
	1921	Ireland divided
	1922 to 1924	Irish Civil war
	1922	Fascism begins- Mussolini establishes a totalitarian state in Italy.
	1924	Lenin dies- wants Trotsky to succeed him, but Stalin ousts Trotsky
	1925	Scopes Trial- Darwinism on trial
	1925	Joseph Stalin becomes leader of Soviet Union (Russia)
	1927	Lindbergh first to fly solo across Atlantic
	1928	Fleming discovers Penicillin
	1929	Stock Market Crash
1930's		<p>John Maynard Keynes promotes government spending as key to economic problems</p> <p>Great Depression and Dustbowl</p> <p>Gandhi - Encourages Civil Disobedience to free India</p> <p>FDR - Franklin Delano Roosevelt - President of U.S. During depression and WWII. Greatly expanded the role of government</p>
	1932	("the New Deal") in an effort to end the Depression
	1932	Amelia Earhart flies solo across Atlantic
	1935	Mussolini invades Abyssinia, Chinese Communists begin 6000 miles "Long March"
		Hitler - Rises to lead Germany. Promises to restore economy and pride to Germany people.
		Leads Germany into WWII. Believes Aryans to be superior race.
		Mussolini - Head of Fascist Italy
	1936 to 1939	Spanish Civil War - in 1939 Fascist General Franco takes over Spain- stays in power for 36 years until his death
		Tojo - Military head of Japan
	1937	Bombing of Guernica- Pablo Picasso paints "Guernica" in response, Hindenburg explodes
	1938	Orson Welles- War of the Worlds, Jews flee central Europe
	1939	Start of WWII
1940's		(Allies – US, Great Britain, Russia) (Axis – Germany, Italy, Japan)
	1941	Dec.7,1941- Japanese bomb Pearl Harbor- U.S. enters WWII
	1943	Siege of Stalingrad, Fall of Warsaw ghetto
	1944	Normandy landings, Liberation of Paris
	1945	Germany Surrenders, Potsdam Agreement
	1945	US uses the atom bomb on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan. Japan Surrenders. (US President-Truman)
	1944	1945
	1945	GI Bill
	1945	United Nations formed
	1946	Nuremberg Trials
	1947	India granted independence, Partition, Marshall Plan to rehabilitate European economies
	1948	Israel becomes a nation, Gandhi Murdered, Communists gain control of Czechoslovakia, Berlin Airlift
	1949	Communists take over China, NATO formed
1950's		Cold War - threat of Communism, arms race
	1950 - 1953	Korean War
		FUTURE BIG STUFF : Fifties, USSR, TV, Rock & Roll, Energy, Birth Control, Integrated Circuit, GI Bill
		Suburbs, Spacerace, Teenagers, Fast Food
	1953	Death of Stalin, Queen Elizabeth Crowned in England, Hillary & Norgay reach peak of Everest
		DNA structure discovered
	1954	Salk finds cure for Polio- Polio Vaccine
	1955	Warsaw Pact (treaty formed in response to NATO), Disneyland opens, Rosa Parks arrested
	1956	Elvis Presley, Hungarian Uprising, Suez Canal Crisis
	1957	Sputnik launched by USSR (first manmade satellite)
	1958 to 1961	Chairman Mao launches the Great Leap Forward - resulting in tens of millions of deaths
	1959	Cuban Revolution- Fidel Castro seizes power, President Nixon goes to Moscow- kitchen debate with Khrushchev

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1960's		Space Race (50's- 60's), Civil Rights Movement (50's- 60's)	
	1960	Race Riots in the Deep South, USSR downs US spy plane, JFK elected	
	1961	Bay of Pigs Invasion	
	1961	Berlin Wall Erected	
	1961	Yuri-Gagarin- first man in space- sent by USSR	
	1962	Cuban Missile Crisis - Russia attempts to place nuclear missiles in Cuba, US enters Vietnam conflict	
	1963	Martin Luther King shares vision of future in "I Have a Dream" speech in Washington	
	1963	JFK assassinated in Dallas- Dealey Plaza, LBJ becomes President of US	
	1964	Freedom Summer, Year of Beatles Hippies/student unrest/ moral decline	
	1967	Six-Day War (Israel wins)	
	1968	MLK assassinated at the Lorraine Motel in Memphis	
	1957 -	1975 Vietnam War	
	1966 -	1968 Tet Offensive- turning point in Vietnam War, Prague Spring put down violently	
	1966 -	1976 Cultural Revolution in China- Launched by Chairman Mao- who dies in 1976	
	1969	July 20th, 1969 - Man (Neil Armstrong) walks on moon, Biafra starves	
	1969	Woodstock, Massacre at My Lai, Many African nations gain independence	
	1970's	1970	Apollo 13, Aswan High Dam completed on the Nile
		1971	Bangladesh declares Independence from Pakistan, Internment in Northern Ireland
		1972	Munich Olympics- Israeli athletes kidnapped and killed
1973		Pinochet overthrows Allende in Chile, Yom Kippur war waged in retaliation for 6-day war	
1973 to		1974 Watergate - President Nixon resigns	
1975		Franco era ends in Spain- General Franco dies Women's Movement Environmental movement Personal Computers/ Technology Oil Embargo - Oil prices double	
1975 to		1979 Killing Fields in Cambodia- under Pol Pot's Khmer Rouge	
1976		Chairman Mao dies, Jimmy Carter elected President of US, Soweto	
1977		Steve Biko killed	
1978		Pope John Paul II, Jonestown	
1979		Islamic Revolution in Iran, USSR invades Afghanistan, 3 mile Island, Margaret Thatcher elected PM of Britain	
1980's		1980	Mt St. Helens erupts, Ronald Reagan elected President of US
		1980	Lech Walesa leads Solidarity movement in Poland
		1981	Iranian Hostage Crisis Ends, Charles and Diana wed, Anwar Sadat assassinated,
	1982	Falklands War, Brezhnev dies, Andropov, Chernenko succeed, then die-- leading to Gorbachev in 1985	
	1983	Marine headquarters in Beirut bombed Apartheid continues in South Africa despite rise in world opposition	
	1985	AIDS comes to the forefront Reagan president of US and Margaret Thatcher leads Great Britain - both lead new age of Conservatism in politics Deng Xiaoping leads economic reforms in China	
	1980's	Gorbachev becomes head of Soviet Russia (USSR) and begins age of Glasnost(openess) and Perestroika	
	1986	Space Shuttle disaster	
	1986	Chernobyl-nuclear disaster	
	1987	Gorbachev announces Glasnost and Perestroika, Black Monday, Iran-Contra affair	
	1989	Fall of Berlin Wall, Exxon Valdez disaster, Tiananmen Square	
	1989	Velvet Revolution in Czechoslovakia	
	1990's	1990	Boris Yeltsin elected President of Russia, Nelson Mandela released from prison after 24 years
1990		Iraqi invasion of Kuwait, reunification of Germany, John Major PM of Great Britain	
1991		Persian Gulf War- Pres. George Bush, leads world coalition against Saddam Hussein of Iraq to stop invasion of Kuwait- Operation Desert Storm	
1991		Breakup of Soviet Union Creation of European Union Apartheid Ends in South Africa	
1992		Clinton elected US President, War in Bosnia escalates- Sarajevo, Mogadishu	
1994		Nelson Mandela elected 1st black president of South Africa	
1994		Genocide in Rwanda Internet use grows Peace agreement in Ireland China becomes economic powerhouse	
1995		Dayton Peace Agreement- establishing a new state, Bosnia-Herzegovina	
1995		Oklahoma City Bombing	
1997		Mother Teresa and Princess Diana die, Tony Blair elected as Prime Minister in Great Britain	
1998		US President Bill Clinton impeached	
1999		World afraid of Y2K-- Everything falling apart on Jan. 1 2000, Columbine Massacre	
1999		Slobodon Milosovek continues ethnic cleansing in Kosovo- Nato takes offensive against Serbs	
2000's		2000	Human Genome decoded, Vladimir Putin elected President of Russian Federation
		2000	George W Bush elected President of US
	2001	9/11 Attack on U.S. by al Qaeda Islamic terrorists- World Trade Center Towers	
	2001	Apple Computer debuts the i-pod U.S. invades Afghanistan fro harboring al Qaeda terrorist cells	
	2003	U.S. invades Iraq to disarm weapons of mass destruction (WMDs) and end support to terrorists	
	2003	Space Shuttle Columbia crashes on return, Human Genome Project Completed	
	2004	Google Introduced- way to search the internet	
	2004	Huge Tsunami devastates Thailand	
	2005	Hurricane Katrina hits New Orleans and Gulf Coast	
	2006	Creation of Social Networking: Facebook, Twitter...	
	2008	Barack Obama elected President of US (wins over John McCain)	
2010's	2010	Deep Water Horizon Explosion in Gulf of Mexico	
	2011	Navy Seals take down Osama bin Laden	
	2012	Washington and Colorado legalize marijuana	
	2014	Rise of ISIS- global terrorists	
	2015	Over 2/3rds of Americans own smart phones	
	2016	Donald Trump elected President of US (Wins over Hillary Clinton)	