

	<b>Europe</b>	<b>Africa</b>
<b>1940s</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Second World War ends (1945)</li> <li>• United Nations formed (1945)</li> <li>• Churchill, "Iron Curtain" speech (1946)</li> <li>• Nuremburg Trials (1946)</li> <li>• Marshall Plan (1947)</li> <li>• NATO formed (1948)</li> <li>• Berlin Blockade begins (1948)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apartheid system established in South Africa (1949)</li> </ul>
<b>1950s</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stalin dies (1953)</li> <li>• Hungarian Revolution (1956)</li> <li>• Six European countries sign Treaty of Rome creating Common Market (1957)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mau Mau rebellion in Kenya (1952-56)</li> <li>• Ghana gains independence (1957)</li> </ul>
<b>1960s</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Berlin Wall (1961)</li> <li>• UN peacekeeping forces in Cyprus (1964)</li> <li>• European Community formed (1967)</li> <li>• Czechoslovakian revolt brutally suppressed (1968)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 31 countries become independent (1960-69)</li> <li>• Sharpeville massacre in South Africa (1960)</li> <li>• African National Congress banned, Nelson Mandela imprisoned (1960)</li> <li>• Organization of African Unity founded (1963)</li> </ul>
<b>1970s</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Britain imposes direct rule on Northern Ireland (1972)</li> <li>• Ireland, Great Britain, and Denmark join Common Market (1973)</li> <li>• Worldwide inflation brought on by rapidly rising fuel costs (1974)</li> <li>• Margaret Thatcher becomes prime minister of Britain (1975)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 countries become independent (1970-79)</li> <li>• Idi Amin establishes himself ruler of Uganda (1971)</li> <li>• Fierce fighting between Ethiopian troops and rebels from Eritrea (1975)</li> </ul>
<b>1980s</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Soviet Union invades Afghanistan (1980)</li> <li>• Polish government cracks down on unions (1981)</li> <li>• Soviets withdraw from Afghanistan (1988)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 countries become independent, ending colonial era in Africa (1980-89)</li> <li>• Famine threatens millions of Ethiopians (1984)</li> <li>• State of emergency declared in South Africa (1986)</li> </ul>
<b>1990s</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• East and West Germany unified (1990)</li> <li>• Civil war breaks out in Yugoslavia (1991)</li> <li>• Czechs and Slovaks form separate countries (1992)</li> <li>• Maastricht Treaty creates European Union (EU) (1993)</li> <li>• Austria, Finland, and Sweden join EU (1995)</li> <li>• Treaty of Nice begins integration of Eastern European countries into EU (1997)</li> <li>• Euro becomes official currency (1999)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• South Africa liberalizes apartheid and frees Nelson Mandela (1990)</li> <li>• South Africa holds first non-racial elections; Mandela elected president (1994)</li> <li>• Civil war in Rwanda (1994)</li> <li>• Report of South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission released (1998)</li> </ul>

Asia	Middle East	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Second World War ends (1945)</li> <li>• Elected assembly replaces emperor in Japan (1946)</li> <li>• India partitioned into India and Pakistan (1947)</li> <li>• Gandhi assassinated (1948)</li> <li>• Communist Chinese takeover mainland China (1949)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Second World War ends (1945)</li> <li>• League of Arab Nations established (1945)</li> <li>• Jewish state of Israel established (1948)</li> <li>• First Arab-Israeli war (1948-49)</li> </ul>	<b>1940s</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Start of Korean War (1950)</li> <li>• Korean War ends (1953)</li> <li>• Communist forces defeat French in Vietnam (1954)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Egypt becomes a republic (1954)</li> <li>• Nasser seizes Suez Canal; Israeli troops invade the Sinai Peninsula (1956)</li> <li>• Israeli forces withdraw from the Sinai; UN peacekeeping forces established (1957)</li> </ul>	<b>1950s</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• US military advisors to South Vietnam (1960)</li> <li>• Indira Gandhi becomes prime minister of India (1966)</li> <li>• Mao's Cultural Revolution (1966-68)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OPEC formed (1960)</li> <li>• Six-Day War resulted in Occupied Territories (1967)</li> <li>• Arafat elected leader of the PLO (1969)</li> </ul>	<b>1960s</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mainland China admitted to the UN (1971)</li> <li>• War between India and Pakistan (1971)</li> <li>• US withdraws from Vietnam (1973)</li> <li>• Communist forces overrun South Vietnam (1975)</li> <li>• Shah of Iran deposed by Islamic republican government (1979)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yom Kippur War (1973)</li> <li>• OPEC oil embargo (1973)</li> <li>• Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty (1979)</li> <li>• Islamic revolution in Iran (1979)</li> </ul>	<b>1970s</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indira Gandhi assassinated (1984)</li> <li>• Bhutto elected first female prime minister of Pakistan (1988)</li> <li>• Tiananmen Square massacre (1989)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Iran-Iraq War (1980-88)</li> <li>• Israel invades Lebanon (1982)</li> <li>• Israel withdraws from Lebanon (1985)</li> <li>• Violent rioting by Palestinians marks beginning of first <i>Intifadah</i> (1988)</li> </ul>	<b>1980s</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chinese Communist Party adopts capitalist ideas to socialist ideologies (1992)</li> <li>• Afghan guerrillas defeat government forces (1992)</li> <li>• China regains possession of Hong Kong (1997)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Iraq invades Kuwait (1990); Gulf War (1991)</li> <li>• Arab states and Israel agree to peace conference (1991)</li> <li>• PLO recognizes Israel's right to exist (1993)</li> <li>• Self-rule to Palestinians in Gaza and Jericho (1994)</li> <li>• Israel's settlement of Occupied Territories resumes (1997)</li> <li>• Beginning of second <i>Intifadah</i> (2000)</li> </ul>	<b>1990s</b>

	1946-1959	1960-1969
<b>POLITICS / MILITARY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Churchill's "Iron Curtain" speech (1946)</li> <li>• Nuremberg Trials (1946)</li> <li>• Truman Doctrine (1947)</li> <li>• Marshall Plan (1947)</li> <li>• First Arab-Israeli War (1948)</li> <li>• UN signs Declaration of Human Rights (1948)</li> <li>• Gandhi assassinated (1948)</li> <li>• Independent state of Israel declared (1948)</li> <li>• Berlin Blockade (1948)</li> <li>• NATO formed (1949)</li> <li>• Communists win civil war in China (1949)</li> <li>• Newfoundland joins Canada (1949)</li> <li>• Korean War begins (1950)</li> <li>• Korean War ends (1953)</li> <li>• Warsaw Pact (1955)</li> <li>• Soviets crush Hungarian Revolution (1956)</li> <li>• Egypt seizes Suez Canal (1956)</li> <li>• W. European nations launch EEC (1957)</li> <li>• Castro becomes leader of Cuba (1959)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Soviets shoot down US spy plane (1960)</li> <li>• Sharpeville massacre in South Africa (1960)</li> <li>• Berlin Wall built (1961)</li> <li>• US Bay of Pigs invasion (1961)</li> <li>• Eichmann trial in Jerusalem (1961)</li> <li>• Cuban Missile Crisis (1962)</li> <li>• US establishes military presence in Vietnam (1962)</li> <li>• Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (1963)</li> <li>• Assassination of JFK (1963)</li> <li>• US enters war in Vietnam (1964)</li> <li>• PLO formed (1964)</li> <li>• US begins bombing of North Vietnam (1965)</li> <li>• Americans walk in space (1965)</li> <li>• Arab-Israeli Six-Day War (1967)</li> <li>• Canada's Centennial Year (1967)</li> <li>• European Community formed to promote political unity (1967)</li> <li>• Soviets invade Czechoslovakia (1968)</li> <li>• Tet offensive in Vietnam (1968)</li> </ul>
<b>CULTURE / SOCIETY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spock, <i>The Commonsense Book of Baby and Childcare</i> (1946)</li> <li>• Robinson first black player in US baseball (1947)</li> <li>• <i>Diary of Anne Frank</i> (1947)</li> <li>• Orwell, <i>1984</i> (1949)</li> <li>• First credit card (1950)</li> <li>• Salinger, <i>Catcher in the Rye</i> (1951)</li> <li>• Contraceptive pills introduced (1952)</li> <li>• First scaling of Mt. Everest (1953)</li> <li>• Tolkien, <i>Lord of the Rings</i> (1954)</li> <li>• Rock 'n' roll (1955)</li> <li>• Disneyland opens (1955)</li> <li>• Galbraith, <i>The Affluent Society</i> (1958)</li> <li>• Stereophonic records introduced (1958)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Freedom riders test racism in southern US (1961)</li> <li>• Thalidomide tragedy – deformed babies worldwide (1962)</li> <li>• The Beatles become international sensation (1963)</li> <li>• Martin Luther King leads civil rights campaign in US (1963)</li> <li>• Kodak Instamatic camera (1963)</li> <li>• Thousands arrested in US race riots (1964)</li> <li>• Colour TV widely enjoyed (1966)</li> <li>• Rise of black power in US (1967)</li> <li>• 100 million telephones in US (1967)</li> <li>• Worldwide student unrest (1968)</li> <li>• Woodstock music festival (1969)</li> </ul>
<b>SCIENCE / TECHNOLOGY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ENIAC the first computer (1946)</li> <li>• Yeager breaks sound barrier (1947)</li> <li>• Invention of the transistor (1947)</li> <li>• Land develops Polaroid camera (1947)</li> <li>• LP record invented (1948)</li> <li>• Soviets detonate their first atomic bomb (1949)</li> <li>• First commercial jet (1952)</li> <li>• US launches first nuclear submarine (1952)</li> <li>• Watson-Crick decode DNA structure (1953)</li> <li>• USSR explodes H-bomb (1953)</li> <li>• Salk develops anti-polio vaccine (1955)</li> <li>• First use of atomic-generated power in US (1955)</li> <li>• USSR launches first satellite (1957)</li> <li>• US produces first ICBM (1958)</li> <li>• USSR lands satellite on moon (1959)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• France explodes its first nuclear bomb (1960)</li> <li>• Yuri Gagarin (USSR) first person in space (1961)</li> <li>• Britain and France agree to build world's first supersonic airliner (1962)</li> <li>• Telstar satellite (1962)</li> <li>• Valentina Tereshkova (USSR) first woman in space (1963)</li> <li>• First compact disc (1963)</li> <li>• China explodes A-bomb (1964)</li> <li>• American doctors use plastic heart to keep patient alive (1966)</li> <li>• First heart transplant (1967)</li> <li>• US astronauts on the moon (1969)</li> <li>• First human egg fertilized outside of woman's body (1969)</li> </ul>

**1970-1979**

- National Guard in US fires on student demonstrators at Kent State (1970)
- People's Republic of China enters UN (1971)
- US détente with China (1971)
- US and China establish diplomatic relations (1972)
- Great Britain joins Common Market (1973)
- Arab-Israeli Yom Kippur War (1973)
- Arab oil embargo (1973)
- Watergate scandal forces Nixon to resign (1974)
- Vietnam falls to communist forces (1975)
- Egypt's Sadat visits Israel (1977)
- Carter pardons American draft dodgers (1977)
- Vietnam conquers Cambodia (1979)
- Thatcher first woman PM in UK history (1979)
- SALT II signed in Geneva (1979)
- Soviets invade Afghanistan (1979); end of détente

**1980-2002**

- Solidarity formed in Poland
- US invades Grenada (1983)
- USSR and Eastern bloc boycott LA Olympics (1984)
- Gorbachev elected Soviet General Secretary (1985)
- Canada-US Free Trade Agreement (1988)
- Berlin Wall falls (1989)
- Collapse of E. European communist regimes (1989)
- Unification of East and West Germany (1990)
- Gulf War (1991)
- START Treaty on Nuclear Disarmament (1991)
- Dissolution of Soviet Union (1991)
- UN peacekeepers sent to former Yugoslavia (1992)
- European Union (1992)
- Czechs and Slovaks divide Czechoslovakia (1993)
- Mandela wins first free elections in S. Africa (1994)
- NATO air strikes on Serbia (1999)
- September 11 attacks on World Trade Center and Pentagon (2001)
- Euro currency becomes legal tender for EU (2002)
- UN arms inspectors sent to Iraq (2002)
- 1972 US-Soviet ABM Treaty expires (2002)
- US announces new anti-ballistic missile defence system (2002)

**POLITICS / MILITARY**

- Huge wave of American student protest against war in Vietnam (1970)
- Billie Jean King first female athlete to earn \$100 000 in a year (1971)
- US army ends draft (1972)
- Global energy crisis (1973)
- Airlift of Vietnam refugees to US (1975)
- Japan introduces the first video game (1975)
- Start of punk rock (1977)
- Cardinal Karol Wojtyla first non-Italian Pope in 450 years (1978)
- Nobel Peace Prize to Mother Teresa (1979)

- Rubik's Cube craze (1981)
- AIDS identified (1981)
- Wall Street stock market crash (1987)
- Hawking, *A Brief History of Time* (1988)
- UN ranks Canada as best country in world in which to live (1994)
- Outbreak of Ebola virus in Africa (1995)
- Mother Teresa dies (1997)
- Princess Diana dies in auto accident (1997)
- First two *Lord of the Rings* movies released (2001, 2002)
- Enron, seventh-largest US corporation, declares bankruptcy (2001)
- Canadian men's and women's hockey teams win Olympic gold medals (2002)

**CULTURE / SOCIETY**

- Boeing 747 jumbo starts service (1970)
- First heart pacemaker (1970)
- Discovery of two new neighbouring galaxies (1971)
- Leakey discovers 2.5 million-year-old fossil (1972)
- US Skylab space mission (1973)
- India sixth nation to explode A-bomb (1974)
- US and Soviet craft link up in space (1975)
- *Viking I* lands on Mars (1975)
- *Viking II* orbits Mars (1975)
- First solar-powered calculator (1977)
- World's first test-tube baby born (1978)

- Stealth bomber deployed by US (1980)
- US launches first space shuttle (1981)
- Nuclear accident at Chernobyl (USSR) (1985)
- Space shuttle *Challenger* explodes (1986)
- Hargreaves first woman to scale Everest alone, without oxygen cylinders (1995)
- US space probe, *Pathfinder*, reaches Mars (1997)
- Molly, an adult sheep, cloned in Scotland (1997)
- Human Genome DNA project completed (2001)
- Canada signs Kyoto Accord (2002)

**SCIENCE / TECHNOLOGY**