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Timeline

1941 Japan attacks Pearl Harbor; Hong Kong falls to Japanese; Germans advance on Moscow.
1943 Mussolini overthrown; Roosevelt, Stalin & Churchill meet in Tehran; Coup in Argentina.
1945 Atom bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki; Nuremberg trials of Nazi leaders; Hitler dies.
1948 Gandhi assassinated; Berlin Blockade; crackdown on Egyptian Muslim Brotherhood.
1953 Germany makes reparations to Israel; Josef Stalin dies; Mohammed Mossadegh overthrown in Iran.
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1990
- Iraq invades Kuwait
- Nelson Mandela is released from prison; East & West Germany are reunited.

1991
- Persian Gulf War begins
- Warsaw Pact is officially dissolved; Baltic republics declare independence

1992
- Boris Yeltsin announces that Russia will stop targeting U.S. with nuclear weapons
- Yugoslavia collapses as Europe recognizes Croatia and Slovenia
- El Salvador's civil war ends

1993
- Czechoslovakia splits into the Czech Republic and Slovakia
- Sihanouk becomes Cambodian king
- European Union is formed

1994
- Civil war erupts in Rwanda
- Nelson Mandela elected South African president
- Leaders of Israel and Jordan sign peace treaty
- Mexican peso collapses; Russia and the breakaway republic of Chechnya establish truce; France explodes five underground nuclear devices; Serbia, Bosnia and Croatia end fighting

1995
- Conflicts in central Africa between Tutsi and Hutu create a refugee crisis
- Yasser Arafat re-elected president of the Palestinian Authority

1996
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