

Century Timeline

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These are examples of events that your students might find for each decade. This shows one or two events per decade per topic – organized by decade. These are taken from http://www.hyperhistory.com/online_n2/History_n2/a.html. Students will find other examples for the categories when working independently.

To differentiate this lesson using this example, the teacher may delete any or all information depending on the level of scaffolding required for the groups based on ability or age or both.

- Some groups might not need a scaffold, but rather just the topics and a chance to work independently. Their findings may vary significantly from this example.
- Your students might benefit from a prepared chart to help them organize their ideas.
- Other students would benefit from having one event filled in for the appropriate decade. They could research the year and find another event.

Time period	Science	Culture	Politics/World events
1905-1910	Einstein's Special Relativity (1905) Ford produces Model T (1908)	Stravinsky's "Firebird" (1910) Mary Pickford -- first film star (1909)	San Francisco Earthquake (1906) End of Russo-Japanese War (1905) Mexican Revolution starts (1910)
1911-1920	Einstein's General Relativity (1915) Mount Wilson telescope (1918)	Jazz in New Orleans (1915) Lenin-- "State and Revolution" (1917) .L. Wright designs Imperial Hotel in Tokyo (1916) Sinclair "King Coal" 1917	World War I (1914-1918) Russian Revolution (1917 - 1920) Panama Canal opened (1914)
1921 - 1930	Insulin given for diabetes(1922) Hubble calculates distance to star nebula (1923) Heisenberg Uncertainty principle ((1927)	The Great Gatsby (1925) Gershwin "Rhapsody in Blue" (1923) Ravel - Bolero (1928)	Hirohito - emperor of Japan (1927) Hitler "Mein Kampf" (1924) Lenin leads Russia (1921) Black Friday (1929) Ku Klux Klan conclave (1923)
1931-1940	Positron and Neutron discovered (1932) Radar device built (1935) Otto Hahn, fission, (1938)	Picasso "Guernica" (1937) Orff "Carmina Burana" (1937) "GoneWith The Wind" (book-1936, film-1939) Steinbeck "Grapes of Wrath" (1939)	First concentration camps in Germany (1933) Hitler is German Chancellor (1933) Spanish Civil War (1936-1939) Roosevelt's New Deal (1933) WWII (1938-1945)
1941-1950	Fermi splits the atom (1942) 200 inch Mount Palomar telescope (1948) ENIAC – first electronic computer (1946)	Brecht "Galileo Galilei" (1943) George Orwell "1984" (1949)	Yalta Conference (1945) UN established (1945) WWII (until 1945) Korean War (1950-1953)

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1951-1960	Watson and Crick decipher DNA (1953) Sputnik (1957) Explorer I – first US satellite (1958)	“West Side Story” (1957) Hemingway “Old Man and the Sea” (1952)	Korean War (1950-1953) Khrushchev (1953) Cuban Revolution (1956-59)
1961-1970	Yuri Gagarin – first man in space (1961) John Glenn – first man to orbit in space (1962) Quasars discovered (1963) First Man on moon (1969)	Films “Dr. Zhivago” and “The Sound of Music” (1965) Woodstock (1969)	Vietnam War (1960-1975) Kent State students killed in war protest (1970) M.L. King and Robt. Kennedy assassinated (1968) Chicago Dem. Convention Riots (1968)
1971-1980	Space Shuttle Enterprise (1977) Test tube baby (1978) Three Mile Island accident (1979) Mt. St. Helen’s explosion (1980)	Sydney Opera House (1973) Alex Haley “Roots” (1976) “Star Wars”(1977)	Watergate scandal (1974) US evacuates Vietnam (1975) Mao Tse-tung in China (1976)
1981-1990	IBM introduces the PC (1980) Macintosh computer with a mouse (1984) World Wide Web (1989) AIDS virus discovered (1984)	Keneally “Schindler’s List” (1982) Films “Ghandi”, “E. T”. (1982) “Phantom of the Opera” premiers in London (1986)	Wars in the Middle East US invades Grenada (1983)
1991-2000	Hubble Telescope repaired (1993) L.A. Earthquake (1994) Kobe Earthquake (1995) Kyoto Protocol Convention (1997) International Space Station (2000) DNA sequencing (2000)	Film of “Schindler’s List” (1993) Cave paintings found in France 27,000 year old paintings near Marseilles in 1992; Chauvet cave paintings are 30,000 years old in 1994	Gorbachev resigns (1991) Desert Storm (1991) Clinton wins presidency (1992) Clinton impeached (1998) and acquitted (1999)
2001-2008	SARS (2003) Bird Flu (2006) Mars rovers Spirit & Opportunity land (2004) Huygens probe lands on Titan (2005) Tsunami in Indian Ocean (2004) Hurricane Katrina (2005)	“An Inconvenient Truth” (2006)	9/11 (2001) US vows to destroy Al-Queda (2001) Iraq War (2003)