

# TWENTIETH CENTURY HISTORY TIMELINE

| ERA /<br>DECADE | SIGNIFICANT EVENTS &<br>MILESTONES                                               | HISTORICAL<br>IMPACT                                             |
|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1900 - 1919     | WWI, Russian Revolution, Suffragette movement, Panama Canal opens.               | <i>Collapse of empires;<br/>shift in global<br/>boundaries.</i>  |
| 1920 - 1939     | The Great Depression, Rise of Totalitarianism, Discovery of Penicillin.          | <i>Economic instability;<br/>prelude to global<br/>conflict.</i> |
| 1940 - 1959     | WWII, Cold War begins, UN Formation, Decolonization of Africa & Asia.            | <i>Bipolar world order;<br/>atomic age begins.</i>               |
| 1960 - 1979     | Space Race, Civil Rights Movement, Vietnam War, Invention of the Microprocessor. | <i>Social reform;<br/>technological<br/>revolution.</i>          |
| 1980 - 1999     | Fall of Berlin Wall, End of USSR, Rise of the Internet, Globalism.               | <i>End of Cold War;<br/>digital<br/>interconnectedness.</i>      |