

Vietnam
1954 - 1975

Elsewhere

1945	End of World War II
1954	<i>Hernandez v. Texas</i> <i>Brown v. Board of Education</i>
1955	Emmett Till Murdered Montgomery Bus Boycott Begins
1957	Little Rock Nine <i>Sputnik I</i> Launched
1960	U-2 Incident Kennedy Elected President
1962	Cuban Missile Crisis
1963	March on Washington JFK Murdered
1964	Civil Rights Act of 1964 Great Society Begins
1965	Voting Rights Act Malcolm X Assassinated
1966	Black Power/Black Panthers Formed United Farm Workers Union Created
1967	Summer of Love Beginning of Stagflation in U.S.
1968	MLK Assassinated RFK Assassinated Summer Olympics LBJ Announces He Won't Run for Pres. Violence at the Dem. Nat'l Convention
1969	Neil Armstrong Walks on the Moon Woodstock Music Festival Nixon Implements "New Federalism"
1970	First Earth Day
1972	Nixon Visits China & the Soviet Union SALT I Treaty Break-in at Watergate
1973	Saturday Night Massacre
1974	Nixon Resigns Gerald Ford Becomes President

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1945	Ho Chi Minh creates provisional Government (Vietminh)
1950	U.S. Pledges \$15M in Aid to French in Indochina
1954	Vietminh Defeat French at Dien Bien Phu Eisenhower Cites "Domino Theory" Geneva Agreements (Accords) Announced
1955	S. Vietnamese Pres. Ngo Dinh Diem Rejects the Geneva Accord
1957	Communist Insurgency in South Vietnam
1959	Use of Ho Chi Minh Trail Begins
1960	Vietcong Formed Students for a Democratic Society Founded
1961	U.S. Began use of Agent Orange on Jungles
1963	Buddhists Protest Ngo Dinh Diem gov. First use of Napalm in Vietnam Ngo Dinh Diem Murdered
1964	Gulf of Tonkin Incident Gulf of Tonkin Resolution Free Speech Movement Began at Cal-Berkley
Feb 1965	Operation "Rolling Thunder" Begins
March '65	1 st U.S. soldiers Wade ashore in Vietnam
1966	U.S. Bombs N. Vietnam CORE Protests Number of Drafted Minorities
1967	US Troop Strength Reaches 500,000 MLK Speaks out Against War Credibility Gap Grows: "Living Room War" Hawks vs. Doves
1968	N. Vietnamese Launch Tet Offensive General Westmoreland Requests Troops My Lai Massacre <i>Tinker vs Des Moines</i> Nixon Promises "Peace with Honor" Roy Benavidez - Distinguished Service Cross 1981 Receives Medal of Honor
1969	Nixon Introduced Vietnamization Secret Bombings of Cambodia News of My Lai Massacre Reaches U.S. Anti-war Demonstration in Washington D.C. Nixon Appeals to the "Silent Majority"
1970	Kent State Incident over Cambodia Bombings
1971	Lt. Calley Convicted of Murders at My Lai Pentagon Papers Published 26 th Amendment Adopted
1973	Paris Peace Accords lead to Cease-fire Negotiations led by Henry Kissinger Last Troops leave Vietnam War Powers Act (Resolution)
1974	Communists Move into S. Vietnam
1975	Last Americans Leave/Evacuate S. Vietnam Communists Capture Saigon
1982	Vietnam Veterans Memorial Opened