

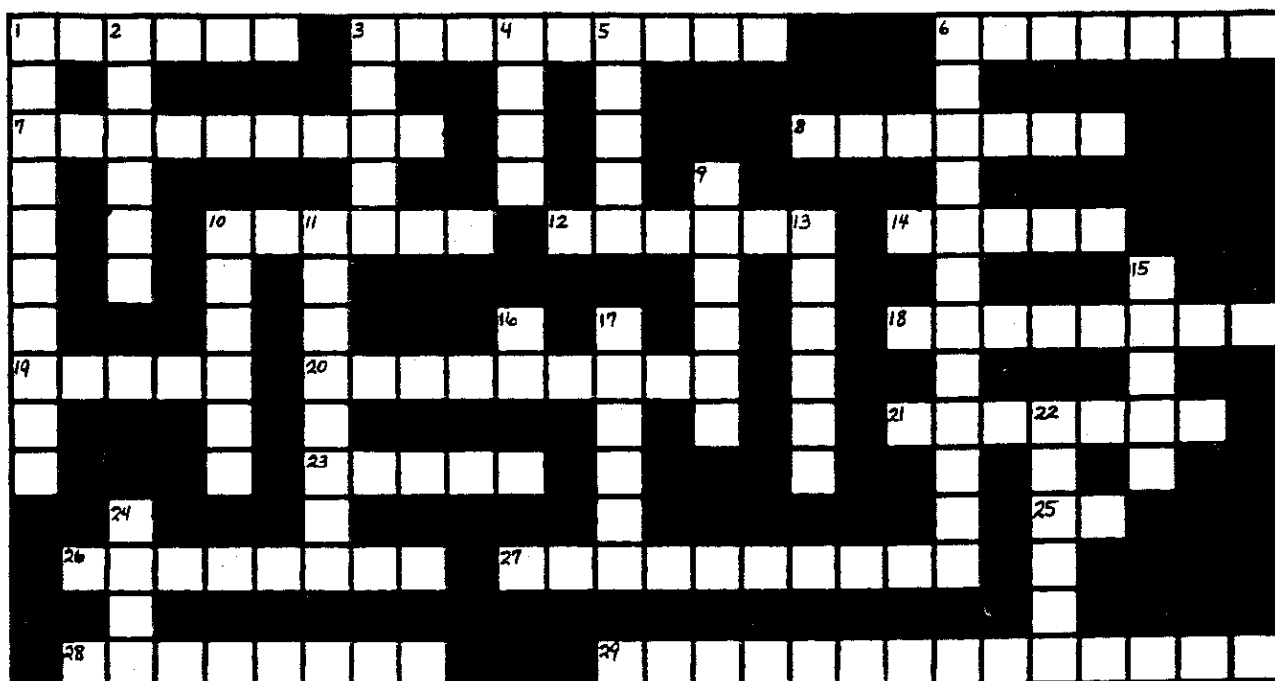
CROSSWORD PUZZLE: THE TWENTIETH CENTURY

Mankind underwent more dramatic and widespread changes during the 1900's than in any previous century in all of history. The twentieth century brought incredible scientific achievements, advances in medicine, new inventions that altered ways of living, independence movements in Asia and Africa, the rise of communism, destructive world wars, the development of powerful weapons, the formation of defensive and economic alliances between nations, and the exploration of outer space.

Major events of the twentieth century are summarized on the timeline below. Read about each event, then complete the crossword puzzle on the next page.

- 1904-1905: Russia is defeated in the Russo-Japanese War.
- 1914: The U.S.-built Panama Canal opens.
- 1914: Austria-Hungary declares war on Serbia after the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand. World War I begins.
- 1915: A German U-boat sinks the British passenger liner "Lusitania."
- 1917: Czar Nicholas II is overthrown in the Russian Revolution. Nikolai Lenin and the Bolsheviks (Communists) seize power.
- 1917: The United States enters the First World War on the side of the Allied Powers.
- 1918: The Allied Powers defeat the Central Powers. The Treaty of Versailles is signed ending World War I.
- 1920: The League of Nations is organized to prevent future wars.
- 1922: Benito Mussolini and the Fascist Party take control of Italy.
- 1933: Nazi Party leader Adolf Hitler becomes the Chancellor of Germany.
- 1939: Germany invades Poland. World War II begins.
- 1941: The United States enters World War II after the Japanese attack Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.
- 1945: The first atomic bombs are dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Japan surrenders ending World War II.
- 1946: The United Nations, a new world peace-keeping organization, meets for the first time.
- 1947: India and Pakistan gain their independence from Great Britain.
- 1947: President Harry S. Truman asks Congress to give \$400 million in aid to Greece and Turkey in order to oppose the spread of communism.
- 1947: The Marshall Plan extends American financial aid to Western European countries to help them recover from the Second World War. Communism is kept from spreading into these lands.
- 1948: The Berlin Airlift breaks the Soviet Union's blockade of West Berlin. The "Cold War" -- a period of strained relations between the United States and the Soviet Union -- is underway.
- 1948: The Jewish state of Israel is established.
- 1949: The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) is formed by the United States, Canada, and ten European countries for mutual defense.
- 1949: A long civil war in China ends with Mao Tse-tung's Communists defeating Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalists. The Nationalists flee to Taiwan and establish Nationalist China.
- 1950-1953: United States and United Nations forces defend South Korea against communist North Korea during the Korean War.
- 1957: The "Space Age" begins when the Soviet Union launches "Sputnik," the first man-made satellite to orbit the earth.
- 1962: The Cuban Missile Crisis ends when the United States pressures the Russians to withdraw their missiles from Cuba.

- 1963: A limited nuclear test-ban treaty is agreed to by the United States, the Soviet Union, and Great Britain. The treaty calls for an end to all nuclear tests except those conducted underground.
- 1967: Israel defeats Egypt, Jordan, Syria, and other Arab nations in the Arab-Israeli War.
- 1969: The United States wins the "Space Race" by landing astronauts on the moon.
- 1972: The United States and the Soviet Union sign the Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty (SALT) as superpower relations improve during the period of "detente."
- 1975: The Vietnam War ends with communist North Vietnam defeating non-communist South Vietnam after American forces are withdrawn.
- 1976-1979: The last remaining European colonies in Africa -- Spanish Sahara, Djibouti, and Zimbabwe -- gain their independence.
- 1989-1990: The countries of Eastern Europe turn away from communism and toward democracy as the Cold War comes to an end.
- 1991: United States and Allied nations wage war against Iraq after its invasion of Kuwait.



Across

1. Airlift freed it from Soviet control.
3. Type of government in the Soviet Union and China.
6. Tests that were outlawed above ground.
7. Sunk by a German submarine.
8. It started the Space Age.
10. _____ Canal passes through Central America.
12. Opposed Arab states in Middle East.
14. Site of an Asian war involving U.S.
18. _____ Plan gave aid to Western Europe.
19. Once a part of the British Empire.
20. Bombed before Nagasaki.
21. Where U.S. fought an unsuccessful war.
23. Bolshevik leader.
25. Organization that works for peace.
26. Followers of Benito Mussolini.
27. Treaty of _____ recognized the Allied victory over the Central Powers.
28. Voted dollars to oppose communism.
29. Started World War I by attacking Serbia.

Down

1. Russian communists.
2. Placed missiles in Cuba.
3. Where Mao Tse-tung seized power.
4. Goal of American space program in 1960's.
5. Followers of Adolf Hitler.
6. Fled to Taiwan after Chinese civil war.
9. Location of Nationalist China.
10. World War II began when it was invaded.
11. Was eventually replaced by Lenin.
13. _____ of Nations.
15. Its defeat ended World War II.
16. Opposed communism during the Cold War.
17. His country started the Second World War.
22. Helped Greece and Turkey resist the spread of communism.
24. An alliance of Western nations for mutual defense.