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Crusades	Christians vs. Muslims	The Muslims had taken control of Jerusalem. This was the Holy City Christians wanted it back from the Muslims Pope Urban II called for the help of Christians all over Europe Launched 8 wars as an attempt to regain the Holy Land	Christians failed in their attempt to regain the Holy Land Positives were: increased trade between regions The pope was weakened
Hundred Years War	France vs. Great Britain	England controlled Normandy in France. France continually tried to take Normandy back. Then England took the French throne. A war began between France and G.B	New warfare like the longbow made knights useless Joan of Arc helped unite the French Nationalism in France and England Ended the Middle Ages
World War I	<u>Allies:</u> G.B, France, Serbia, Russia, Italy, Greece, Romania, Portugal, Montenegro, Belgium and eventually the U.S <u>Central Powers:</u> Germany, Austria-Hungary, the Ottoman Empire, and Bulgaria	Austria-Hungary wanted control of the Balkans. The Serbs did not want to be controlled. The Serbs assassinated the Archduke of Austria-Hungary. The sent all alliances into action. Austria-Hungary soon declared war on Serbia, Russia, and Germany followed suit. WWI had begun	Russia is destroyed and forced to exit WWI New weapons are created The Treaty of Versailles targets Germany as cause of war Germany forced to pay reparations, take blame for the war, they were not allowed to have a military New boundaries were created in Europe German Empire was broken up Austria-Hungary was separated Formation of the League of Nations The stage was set for WWII

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Cold War	Russia and the United States	<p>After WWI Eastern Europe was a problem US wanted Democracy and Russia wanted communism Russia started installing communist governments in East Europe The US and Russia were involved in competition over world supremacy</p>	<p>45 year war between the two countries This period bore new technology like satellites and Space Race The US outlasted Russia because Russia fell in 1991 Formation of NATO Communist gov't in China and Cuba</p>
Korean War	South Korea and the US vs. North Korea and Russia	After WWII North and South Korea were separated at the 38 th Parallel North Korea invaded and wanted to make all Korea communist	After the war Korea remained divided North is still communist South is economically prospering
Vietnam War	Vietnam vs. France North Vietnam vs. South Vietnam and the US	The North Vietnamese were communist and communist support was growing in the south under the Vietcong. The US escalated its presence in Vietnam to stop communism	The war was very unpopular in the US. US was protested and forced to leave Vietnam won Vietnam was united under communism We now have friendly relations with Vietnam