

Below is a listing of some of the key moments that shaped the world – the list is only some of the many examples. Please feel free to select any topic that catches your interest.

We would like you to consider the moment and its impact, and to imagine, briefly, what Might have happened had the event not happened at all.

Any items with a strike-through have already been selected.

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Proposed Topics:

- ~~1. Arrest of John Thomas Scopes~~
2. Wall Street crash
3. Hitler is not accepted at art school
4. "I Have a Dream" speech
5. Commodore PET is unveiled at the Consumer Electronics Show
- ~~6. Maastricht Treaty signed~~
7. Trump elected president
8. Victoria takes the throne
9. Invention of the world wide web
10. Discovery of fire
11. Invention of the wheel
12. Fall of the Berlin Wall
13. Wright Brothers flew an air machine for more than a minute
14. Representation of the People Act 1918 (women get the vote – UK)
- ~~15. Code of Hammurabi~~
- ~~16. Invention of gunpowder~~
17. First university established in Europe (Bologna)
18. Galileo Galilei – "The Starry Messenger"
19. Isaac Newton – "Principia Mathematica"
20. Passing of the 13th Amendment
21. Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels – Communist Manifesto
22. Alexander Graham Bell patents the telephone

- ~~23. Johannes Kepler inherits the papers of Tycho Brahe~~
24. Einstein – Theory of Relativity
25. 1918 – Flu Epidemic
26. UN is formed
27. India obtains its independence
- ~~28. Discovery of the double helical structure of DNA~~
29. Universal Declaration of Human Rights
30. Invention of the microscope
31. Edward Jenner uses live cowpox to create the first vaccine
32. Invention of the steam engine
33. Louis Pasteur – germ theory
34. October Revolution
35. Bessemer Steelmaking
36. Invention of penicillin
37. First successful gasoline car patented by Karl Benz
38. The Curies discover radium
39. First successful blood transfusion
40. Nelson Mandela sworn in as South Africa's first black president
41. Samuel Morse sends first telegraph message
42. Lincoln signs the Emancipation Proclamation
- ~~43. Roe vs Wade~~
- ~~44. Darwin sets sail on the Beagle~~
45. Gutenberg gets his loan from Johann Fush
46. Mohammad hears the voice of an angel
47. Henry VIII sees Anne Bolyen
48. Emancipation Proclamation
49. Black Death arrives on the shores of Europe
50. Universal Declaration of Human Rights
51. Invention of the contraceptive pill
52. The world's population reaches 1 billion
53. 9/11

