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**Test: Major Dates in 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Century History**  
**(Fill in the blanks with the decade – 1920s, 1960s, etc. – in which the event took place)**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Communist North Korea invades “democratic” South Korea beginning the Korean War
- \_\_\_\_\_ Carter gains the White House with a new “morality” for America
- \_\_\_\_\_ The ‘Great War’ ends with no true winners – only vengeful and exhausted losers
- \_\_\_\_\_ ISIS is crushed when its capital at Raqqa is taken by pro-American forces
- \_\_\_\_\_ Ethnic strife in Bosnia and Kosovo refine America’s role as world policeman
- \_\_\_\_\_ Gorbachev tries to reform the Russian Communist system – but merely collapses it instead
- \_\_\_\_\_ A bloody civil war which erupts in Spain becomes a proxy war for others
- \_\_\_\_\_ Clinton undertakes reforms which explode in his face
- \_\_\_\_\_ Hitler’s attempt to defeat England (Battle of Britain) fails in the air
- \_\_\_\_\_ Carter’s “new morality” undermines the regime of a major American ally: The Shah of Iran
- \_\_\_\_\_ Eisenhower warns the nation about the dangers of a huge ‘military-industrial complex’
- \_\_\_\_\_ Democrats try to bring down another Republican presidency around the ‘Iran-Contra’ scandal
- \_\_\_\_\_ The entire West is collapsed into a state of deep poverty and joblessness
- \_\_\_\_\_ Russia takes control of Eastern Europe, placing Stalinists in command
- \_\_\_\_\_ A rural-urban conflict in America is symbolized by Prohibition and the Speakeasy
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mao introduces his ‘Great Leap Forward’ ... starving millions of Chinese in the process
- \_\_\_\_\_ Muslim terrorists destroy the World Trade Center (9-11)
- \_\_\_\_\_ The West is proud of its world empires – though Germany’s Wilhelm is hungry for more
- \_\_\_\_\_ Nixon is uncovered as a “conspiring, power-hungry, evil genius” (The Watergate scandal),
- \_\_\_\_\_ Seeing blemishes at home, ML King, Kennedy and Johnson back a Civil Rights movement
- \_\_\_\_\_ Horrible living conditions in Central America send hundreds of thousands of Latinos north to America
- \_\_\_\_\_ Osama bin Laden is finally killed by Navy SEALs in Pakistan
- \_\_\_\_\_ A Democrat-controlled Congress rams through Obama’s national health program

- \_\_\_\_\_ The world is thrilled as America lands a man on the moon
- \_\_\_\_\_ Fearing French and English weakness, Stalin signs a secret treaty with Hitler
- \_\_\_\_\_ The war in Vietnam drags on inconclusively and the Civil Rights movement turns nasty
- \_\_\_\_\_ The end of World War II leaves Russia and America now facing each other in deep distrust
- \_\_\_\_\_ America shores up the Western democracies against Russian-directed Communism with economic assistance (Marshall Plan) and military assistance (NATO)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Vet parents teach their Boomer children to resist all appeals of authoritarian Communism by challenging all authority and listening only to their own inner voices
- \_\_\_\_\_ To America's great shock Mao's Communists take control in China
- \_\_\_\_\_ A "Power-is-evil" mentality in Congress abruptly ends all support of the South Vietnam Government – which quickly falls to the North Vietnamese Communists
- \_\_\_\_\_ Secular (and dictatorial) governments in the Middle East topple during the 'Arab Spring'
- \_\_\_\_\_ American youth join Kennedy's Peace Corps to bring the world to American-style democracy
- \_\_\_\_\_ America's rural-urban conflict is symbolized by the Evolution issue (Scopes Monkey Trial)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Late in the decade, Stalin grabs total control of Russia – and institutes a regime of terror
- \_\_\_\_\_ The Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor (Dec 7) brings America into the war
- \_\_\_\_\_ Obama is elected American President on the basis of a very vague call for 'change.'
- \_\_\_\_\_ A near financial meltdown of major American banks pushes the international financial world to the brink of collapse ... requiring a US government 'bailout'
- \_\_\_\_\_ Americans watch helplessly as the Soviets crush freedom uprisings in Germany + Hungary
- \_\_\_\_\_ Gingrich upstages an unfocused Clinton with his very focused "Contract for America"
- \_\_\_\_\_ A tragedy in Serbia sets off a chain of reactions as Austria declares war on Serbia, Russia declares war on Austria, Germany on Russia, France on Germany, etc.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Jihadists announce the creation of an Islamic state/caliphate in Iraq and Syria - ISIS
- \_\_\_\_\_ Nixon backs America away from its Cold War stance (*Détente* or a "backing-down")
- \_\_\_\_\_ Morally "flexible" Clinton gets caught in a sex scandal – but manages to survive politically
- \_\_\_\_\_ American fears of global Communist ambitions are turned by Joe McCarthy into a witch hunt
- \_\_\_\_\_ Yeltsin's Russia struggles with corruption to find stability as a "democracy"