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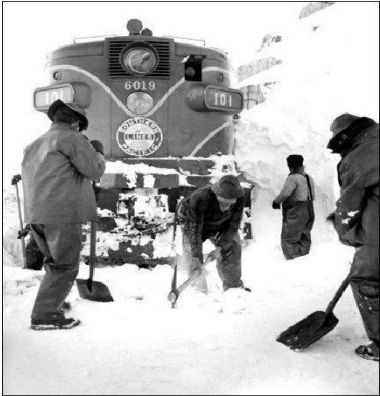
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1950	The Cold War (The Korean War)		http://youtu.be/uicxYEYJ7mY In this video it talked about the Korean war and what happened. What the goal was. Why it was happening. What countries aided what part of Korea. How it started. Who started the Korean war.


In the year 1950 the Korean war which was called the Cold War, broke out between North Korean and South Korea. It is said that his war lasted for three years. In North Korea the Chinese armies and the Soviet Union helped, while The U.S. came to aid South Korea. The reason for this war was that North Korea wanted to take over the South. Another concern was that they did not want the spread of communism. (**communism is a political system in which the government controls all the production of food and goods and there is no privately owned property**) In 1951, they began talks for peace between the North and South but the fight continued. In 1953 the war had ended and the Koreans restored (**rebuild**) a border between the North and South.

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Feb 6, 1951	Woodbridge Train Wreck		Woodbridge Train Wreck

According to an article on Feb 6 there were labourers working on the New Jersey Turnpike main line. Eight days earlier, train engineers had been told to drive at 25 mph through Woodbridge instead of their normal speed of 60 mph. Despite the warning the conductor on that day by the name of Joseph Fitzsimmons failed to abide by the 20 mph speed. He was travelling at 50 mph when he hit the curve approaching the trestle. (A wooden support made of beams in a “A” shape under a table or bridge). About a mile before the Woodbridge the conductor, alarmed at the train's speed had tried to pull the emergency cord but the crush of passengers made it impossible. Eight of the eleven cars derailed and it was said the first two cars fell on their side. The fifth and sixth cars were left hanging in mid-air over a street which was shiny from rain.

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1952	222 passengers rescued from a train trapped in a snowstorm		http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e-Yew1UQuQE&feature=player_detailpage


San Francisco, Jan. 14, 1952 a driving snowstorm ripped across Northern California and Nevada bringing the most bitter winter weather in years. The westbound City of San Francisco that departed from Reno on Jan. 13, with 226 passengers on board, was not lucky enough to have been rerouted. That train suffered the full force of the storm. The storm caused heavy damage in Nevada and Placer counties while deep snow blocked the Southern Pacific tracks, halting rail travel both east and west. At an elevation of 5,500 feet, just east of Yuba Gap and four miles from Emigrant Gap, the Southern Pacific westbound streamliner City of San Francisco was bogged down, imprisoned and almost covered by heavy drifts. The first four persons to escape the marooned train were servicemen, who were brought by snow cat to Nyack Lodge some five miles west from the stricken train. Some two dozen passengers suffered nausea and diarrhea from the fumes, but all recovered. Eventually all were rescued and transported to Colfax. A relief train took them to Oakland, where they arrived at 3:30 a.m. Jan. 17, four days after their snowbound adventure began.

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1953	Marilyn Monroe becomes a famous actress		

In the year 1953 a actress by the name of Marilyn Monroe became famous after the film “Niagara” came out in that year. She got married to Joe DiMaggio in 1954. In nine month time she was divorced. She studied at the Actor’s Studio located in New York. She went on to release other films. She started having emotional breakdowns. On August 5th, 1962 Marilyn was found dead in her house from an overdose of drugs at the age of 36.


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1954	The Vietnam War		http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vmh7UFliBPg

In 1954 the Vietnam War began after the rise of Ho Chi Minh, leader of North Vietnam. They were fighting against South Vietnam and the United States. During this horrible war more than 3 million people including 58,000 Americans were killed. Half were Vietnamese civilian. This devastating war lead to anti-war protest in the United States which caused President Nixon to bring back U.S. forces back home. The war was also part of a larger regional conflict (Indochina wars) and a manifestation of the Cold War between the United States and the Soviet Union and their respective allies.

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1954	RCA introduces the first color TV sets, and NBC begins regular broadcasts in color.		

The first coast-to-coast color TV broadcast was the Jan. 1, 1954, Tournament of Roses Parade on NBC. RCA owned the NBC TV network when color television was in its infancy. With many color TV sets ready to sell, RCA made NBC the first network leader in number of hours of color programming. The initial RCA Victor sets cost \$1,000 in 1954. June 25, 1951: CBS airs color entertainment show "Premiere," including Ed Sullivan and Arthur Godfrey, in four cities.



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1955	The bus boycott because Rosa Park refusal to give up her seat.		

On December 1st , 1955 Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on a bus in Montgomery, Alabama leading to a Supreme Court decision outlawing bus segregation. Rosa Parks, an African American woman, is arrested after refusing to give up her bus seat to a white person in Montgomery, Alabama. Her arrest sparks a bus boycott led by local minister Martin Luther King, Jr., and sets the American civil rights movement in motion. Rosa had gotten tired of being treated unfairly, and eventually gets arrested for violation segregation rules. “Black” leaders start boycotting all city buses, and Martin Luther King is chosen to lead the boycott. Protest begins and Rosa Parks is found guilty and her lawyer states he will bring the case to the Supreme Court. The case leads to an uprising of segregated citizens and on November 13th, 1956 the Supreme Court rules that Montgomery’s segregation laws are unconstitutional.