

The last century society/english/history/geography/technology

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Choose one topic of each decade, from the last century, that interests you. Write a one-page essay about your chosen topic and present it as a ten-page booklet. Try to obtain pictures, these can be found using the Internet, encyclopedia, atlas or resource books found at your local library.

1900's	Death of Victoria. Early flights by the Wright brothers and Bleriot. Discovery of X-rays and radium. Einstein's theory of relativity.
1910's	Sinking of the Titanic. Opening of the Panama Canal. The Great War - the Somme, Verdun, Gallipoli, Treaty of Versailles. Suffragettes.
1920's	The Jazz Age. Hollywood's Golden Years. Discovery of penicillin and insulin. Lindberg flies the Atlantic. Invention of the TV.
1930's	The Depression. Rise of Hitler and the Nazi Party. Mussolini invades Ethiopia. Spanish Civil War. Mao's long march.
1940's	Second World War. Hiroshima. The Holocaust. The Iron Curtain. State of Israel born. Gandhi.
1950's	Korean War. Cold War. Coronation of Elizabeth II. Mau Mau in Kenya. Conquest of Everest. H bomb. Suez War. Fidel Castro.
1960's	The Space Race. Aswan Dam. Berlin Wall. Martin Luther King. Kennedy's assassination. Mao's Cultural Revolution.
1970's	IRA bombing campaign. Yom Kippur War. Watergate. Cambodia. Revolution in Iran. Silver Jubilee.
1980's	The Reagan administration. Russians in Afghanistan. Falklands War. Royal Wedding. The Gulf War. Ethiopian famine. Chernobyl disaster.
1990's	Release of Mandela. Reunification of Germany. The Gulf War. Famine and civil war in Somalia. Peace in Northern Ireland.