

## Timeline: Key Dates of International Events affecting Russia

### **1914**

- WW1 breaks out

### **1917**

- February Revolution
- October Revolution
- Russia steps out of WW1

### **1918**

- Treaty of Brest-Litovsk
- Russian Civil War

### **1919**

- Treaty of Versailles is signed
- The Comintern is established

### **1920**

- Polish-Soviet War
- Russia is refused from joining the League of Nations

### **1921**

- Peace Treaty signed with Poland ending war

### **1922**

- Rapallo Treaty is signed between Germany and Russia
- The USSR is formed joining Russia, Ukraine, Belarus and the Transcaucasus

### **1924**

- Lenin dies, Stalin rises to power
- The Zinoviev letter (UK breaks off diplomatic relations with USSR).

### **1925**

- Locarno Treaties with Germany

### **1926**

- Germany joins the League of Nations

### **1929**

- Wall Street Crash sparks off the Great Depression across Europe

### **1931**

- Manchurian Crisis where Japan invades Manchuria and the League fails to react.

### **1932**

- Soviet non-aggression pacts

### **1933**

- Hitler comes to power
- The Rapallo Treaty is cancelled
- Germany signs a friendship agreement with Poland
- Soviet non-aggression pacts

### **1934**

- USSR joins the League.
- The Great Purges are started by Stalin in the USSR

### **1935**

- Stresa Front is formed (Britain, Italy and France against Fascist aggression).
- Anglo-German Naval Agreement.
- USSR signs Alliances with France and Czech.
- Abyssinian Crisis (the league once again fails to react)

**1936**

- Outbreak of the Spanish Civil War
- Anti-Comintern Pact between Germany, Italy and Japan.
- Remilitarization of the Rhineland.

**1938**

- Anschluss
- Sudeten Crisis
- Munich Conference.

**1939**

- The Nazi Soviet Pact is signed
- Invasion of Poland
- Russian-Finnish War

**1941**

- Operation Barbarossa

**1942-1943**

- Battle of Stalingrad

**1945**

- The Potsdam Treaty is signed
- End of WW2