

Yugoslavia – a nation in turmoil

- 1914:** World War I begins when pro-Serbian assassinate Archduke Franz Josef in Sarajevo.
- 1918:** Kingdom of Serbians, Croats and Slovenes created, renamed Kingdom of Yugoslavia in 1929
- 1941:** World War II invasion by Germany and Italy. Croatia becomes independent fascist state.
- 1946:** Marshal Tito forms Federal People's Republic of Yugoslavia.
- 1980:** Collective presidency takes power following Tito's death
- 1990:** First free elections. Communists hold power in Serbia and Montenegro but lose control of Croatia and Slovenia.



1991: June 25, Croatia and Slovenia declare independence; **June 27**, Fighting breaks out between Yugoslav army and Slovenian defenders; **July 14**, Croats and Serbs clash in ethnic Serb districts of Croatia; **Sept 8**, Independence endorsed by Macedonians

1992: Jan 3, 15th cease-fire takes effect – death-toll approximately 10,000; **Jan 15**, EC recognises Slovenian and Croatian independence; **Feb 29**, Bosnia-Herzegovina declares independence, separate state proclaimed by Bosnian Serbs; **April 6-7**, Fighting intensifies between Serbs, Croats and Slavic Muslims as Bosnia-Herzegovina wins European and US recognition; **April 27**, New Yugoslavia proclaimed by republics of Serbia and Montenegro.