

Credit crisis threatens new global recession



1907: Bankers' Panic. Run on U.S. banks and trust companies. Intervention by **J.P. Morgan** prevents collapse

1929: Wall Street Crash. Stock prices plummet for three years following rampant speculation, taking almost 25 years – until 1954 – to regain pre-1929 values

The stock market fall of around 16 percent over the past seven months still pales alongside earlier financial disasters, but could yet drag the world into full-blown recession

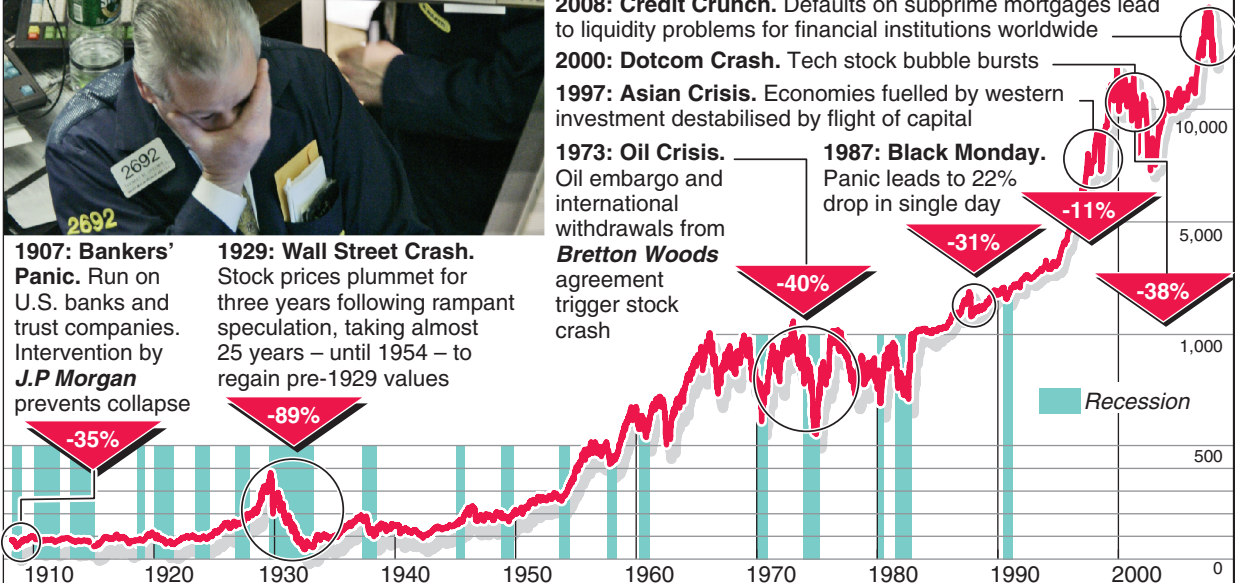
2008: Credit Crunch. Defaults on subprime mortgages lead to liquidity problems for financial institutions worldwide

2000: Dotcom Crash. Tech stock bubble bursts

1997: Asian Crisis. Economies fuelled by western investment destabilised by flight of capital

1973: Oil Crisis. Oil embargo and international withdrawals from **Bretton Woods** agreement trigger stock crash

1987: Black Monday. Panic leads to 22% drop in single day



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