

Afghanistan Timeline

- 1953 Afghanistan introduces social reforms such as the abolition of purdah (banning women from public view)
- 1978 The government is overthrown by the communists. Conservative Islamic and ethnic leaders who objected to the social reforms start a guerrilla movement– Mujahideen
- 1979 There is a power struggle between leaders and the army struggles to cope with rebellions.
- Soviet Union invade in December
- 1980 USSR bring in their man as ruler backed by troops. Resistance to the regime grows and fighting is a problem across Afghanistan.
- 1985 Half the population has had to leave their homes to flee fighting. The USSR leader Michail Gorbachev says he will take troops out of Afghanistan
- 1986 US supplies weapons to the mujahideen.
- 1987 President proposes ceasefire with Mujahideen – they refuse and start to win war
- 1988 – 1989 USSR withdraw (40,000 – 50,000 soviets have died)
- 1992 Mujahideen announce Islamic State.
- 1996 Taliban take over power and execute the President
- Women no longer allowed to work, must be veiled, can't go out alone, must not wear white socks. Islamic punishments are brought in including stoning to death and amputations.
- Men must grow beards
- 1998 US launches missiles at Afghanistan to try to destroy Osama Bin Laden's training bases. Afghan civilians killed
- 2000 UN resolution against Afghanistan for supporting terrorism and growing narcotics.
- 2001 Taliban destroy ancient historic statues in Kabul Museum, historical sights and monuments.
- World Trade Centre destroyed – Americans hold Osama Bin Laden responsible and launch air strikes against the Taliban.

November Opposition forces march into Kabul and other key cities.
December Taliban give up last stronghold.

2002 Foreign peacekeepers in place.

2003 War continues against the Taliban and Al Qaeda.
- NATO takes control of security in Kabul.

2004 New constitution produced and elections held.

2005 Harsh winter leaves hundreds of people dead.

2007 to present day

 Taliban fight to re-assert their authority.

Cards for living graph exercise.

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<p>Mujahideen fight to get rid of the Soviet invaders</p>	<p>In 1986 the USA supply weapons to the Mujahideen to help them fight the Soviets.</p>	<p>By 1989 the Soviets are leaving – they have been defeated.</p>	<p>In 1996 the Taliban take control and execute the president</p>
<p>Once the Taliban have control women are no longer allowed to work, they must wear a veil, can't go out alone and must not wear white socks. Men must grow beards</p>	<p>In 1998 the USA launches missiles at Afghanistan to try to destroy Osama Bin Laden's training camp. Many civilians are killed</p>	<p>In 2000 the UN issues a resolution against Afghanistan for supporting terrorism and supplying opium.</p>	<p>The Taliban introduce punishments such as stoning to death and amputations</p>

