

Chronology of Events in Ukraine



800,000 years ago Trypillia - the Paleolithic early Stone Age bears witness to human presence in Ukraine

Early First Millenium B.C. Scythian tribes the new ethnic and cultural communities

7th Century B.C. Old Greek Colonies in Prychornomorya - intensive Greek colonization of the Black Sea coast later routed by Roman Legions

4th - 6th Centuries State of the Antes tribes

7th Century The Slavs - union of seven Slavic tribes

8th - 9th CENTURY Creation of the medieval Kyivan Rus' state

882 Prince Oleh the Seer rallies the Slavic tribes from the south and north of Eastern Europe

955 Princess Olha (Oleh's wife) is baptized at Constantinople

988 Prince Volodymyr (son of Olha) adopts Christianity and introduces the Eastern Orthodox faith

1019 - 1054 Kyiv Rus' reaches its apex under Prince Yaroslav the Wise (son of Volodymyr)

1187, 1189 and 1217 First three documented references of "Ukraine" appearing in the Hypatian Chronicle

1237 - 1241 The Tatar (Mongol hordes of Batu Khan) invasion of Ukraine and the destruction of Kyiv

1199 - 1340 Halych - Volyn Principality in Western Ukraine

1387 Halychyna is incorporated into the Polish Kingdom

1492 First documented reference to the Ukrainian Kozaks

Early 16th century Founding of the Zaporizhyan Sich which was the military-administrative and political organization of the Ukrainian Kozaks

1569 The treaty of Lublin is signed by Lithuania and Poland with the beginning of Polish expansion in Western Ukraine

1596 The Treaty of Berestya between a segment of the Ukrainian Orthodox faithful and the Roman Catholic Church forming the Ukrainian Catholic Church

1648 - 1654 Ukrainian liberation war against Poland

1654 Treaty of Peryaslav, a military and political alliance between Ukraine and Muscovy.

- 1764 - 1775** The Zaporizhyan Sich is suppressed by the Russian Tsarist government
- 1917 - March 4th** The fall of the Russian monarchy and the creation of the Central Rada in Ukraine
- 1918 - January 22nd** Declaration of the independence of the Ukrainian National Republic
- 1918 - April 29th** Mykhaylo Hrushevsky is elected President of Ukraine
- 1918 - November 1st** Founding of the Western Ukrainian National Republic with war between Western Ukraine and Poland
- 1919 - January 22nd** The union of the Western National Republic with the Ukrainian National Republic
- 1919 - December** Invading Bolsheviks form the third Soviet Ukrainian government
- 1920 - April 24th** Simon Petlyura military leader signs the Warsaw Treaty concerning the joint Ukrainian-Polish armed struggle against the Bolsheviks
- 1920 - October** Poland signs a truce with the Bolsheviks
- 1921 - March 18th** Poland gains Western Ukrainian territories
- 1921 - November** The Bolsheviks begin consolidating Soviet rule in Ukraine
- 1922 - December 30th** Formation of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR) including the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic
- 1932 - 1933** A genocidal famine, organized by the Soviets, results in the deaths of 8 million Ukrainians living in rural areas
- 1939 - September 1st** The start of World War II and the Nazi invasion of Poland
- 1939 - September 17th** Soviet Army units enter Western Ukraine
- 1939 - September 23rd** After Poland's capitulation, Nazi Germany and the USSR sign a Treaty on "Friendship and Frontiers"
- 1939 - October 22nd** Western Ukraine joins the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and the USSR
- 1941 - June 22nd** Nazi Germany invades Ukraine
- 1941 - 1944** Nazi Germany occupies Ukraine
- 1942** The creation of the Ukrainian Insurgent Army led by Stepan Bandera military leader which begins to resist the Nazis
- 1944 - October** Nazi Germany is driven out of Ukraine by the Soviet Army
- 1944 - 1950** The Ukrainian Insurgent Army resists the Soviets in Western Ukraine
- 1945** Ukraine becomes a founding member of the United Nations along with fifty other nations
- 1950** The bulk of the Ukrainian Insurgent Army is destroyed
- 1954** By a decree of the USSR, the Russian Soviet Federal Socialist Republic gives the Crimea to Ukraine
- 1955** Outbursts of political protests against Soviet rule gain momentum in Ukraine
- 1965 - August - September** Mass political arrests of the Ukrainian Inteleghentsia

- 1976** The Ukrainian Helsinki Group is founded for monitoring human rights in Ukraine
- 1970s - 1980s** Mikhail Gorbachev allows perestroika and glasnost to slacken the purges
- 1988** The Ukrainian Helsinki Group is reorganized as the Ukrainian Helsinki Union
- 1989** The Rukh National Movement for Perestroika in Ukraine is formed
- 1990** The Rukh National Movement becomes the Narodny Rukh - Popular Movement of Ukraine
- 1990 - June 16th** The Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine passes the Declaration of State Sovereignty of Ukraine
- 1991 - August 24th** The Ukrainian Parliament solemnly proclaims Ukraine's Independence and the formation of the independent state of Ukraine
- 1991 - December 1st** A referendum is held whereby 85% of Ukraine's citizens vote and 90% second the Independence Act of August 24 Leonid Kravchuk is elected President of Ukraine
- 1994 - July 10th** Leonid Kuchma is elected President of Ukraine
- 1999 - November 10th** Leonid Kuchma is elected to a second term as President of Ukraine **2005 - January 24, 2005** Viktor Yushchenko is sworn in as **Ukraine's third President (bwl4/05)**

