Historical Events (Context) 

* 1862: Sino-Indian War
	+ Fought between India and China
	+ Over disputed territory between both countries
	+ Part of Kashmir for the Indians, part of Xinjiang for the Chinese
	+ China calls a ceasefire in the end
* 1864: Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru dies
* 1966: Nehru’s daughter, Indira Gandi, becomes Prime Minister
* 1971: War with Pakistan
	+ Third war that India has fought with Pakistan
	+ Fought over the creation of Bangladesh
	+ This region used to be East Pakistan
* 1971: Treaty signed with Soviet Union
	+ “Friendship Treaty” lasting 20 years
* 1975: Indira declares “State of Emergency”
	+ She was found guilty of electoral malpractice
	+ Invoked under Article 352 of the Indian constitution
	+ In effect, this authorized her to rule by decree
	+ She suspended civil liberties and elections
	+ Almost 1,000 political opponents were imprisoned
* 1977: Indira’s congress party loses the general elections
	+ Janata Political party comes to power
* 1979: The Janata Party is divided
	+ Chaudhary Charan Singh is elected the 5th prime Minister of the Republic of India
* 1980: Indira returns to power by leading a splinter group in congress
* 1984: Operation Blue Star
	+ Military operation led by Indira Gandi to remove Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale from the “Golden Temple,” the Sikh’s most holy shrine
	+ Sikh militant were amassing in the temple, pressing for self-rule
	+ The Sikh’s were suspected of planning an uprising
	+ There were numerous revolts and anti-Sikh riots
* 1984: Indira Gandi is assassinated by Sikh bodyguards
	+ Her son Rajiv takes over
* 1987: India deployed troops to Sri Lanka in order to keep peace during an ethnic conflict
* 1990: Muslim groups begin a violent campaign in Kashmir
* 1991: Rajiv Gandi is assassinated by a suicide bomber
* 1992: Hindu extremists destroy a mosque Ayodhya
	+ Triggers widespread violence between Hindus and Muslims in India