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Politburo =	
Glasnost =	
Perestroika =	
Date	Significance
1982	Soviet premier <b>Leonid</b> dies – each of his two successors died after only about a year in office.
1985	New Communist Party general secretary <b>Mikhail</b> announces a policy known as <b>glasnost</b> and introduced the idea of <b>perestroika</b> .
1986	Gorbachev makes changes to revive the Soviet economy – Local mangers gain on farms and factories, and people are allowed to open small       Gorbachev unveils a 3 <sup>rd</sup> new policy called
1987	a gradual opening of the political system – Voters choose from a list of candidates from each office.
December 1987	Gorbachev and sign the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty banning nuclear missiles with ranges of 300 to 3,400 miles.
March 1990	declares independence from the U.S.S.R., so Gorbachev orders an
January 1991	Soviet troops unarmed civilians in Lithuania's capital.
June 1991	<b>Boris</b> becomes the Russian Federation's first directly elected president.
August 18 1991	Hard-line conservatives (opposing reform) detain Gorbachev at this vacation home and demand his resignation, and tanks and armored vehicles enter Moscow. (August Coup)
August 20 1991	With Boris Yeltsin and the parliament building surrounded, troops are ordered by the hard-liners to attack but they refuse.
August 21 1991	The military from Moscow and   Gorbachev to Moscow.
December 25 1991	By early December, all 15 republics have declared independence and form Commonwealth of Independent States (without the Baltic republics and Georgia- p.1049). Gorbachev announces resignation as president of USSR