

Key events of the past 60 years

Why are these key events? Which ones had most impact at the time? Which have an impact on our lives now?

Discuss with your partner, cut and stick the events into a chronological timeline in your book and write a sentence for each event explaining why you think it is important.

1945



World War
Two ends.

1948



The National Health Service is
set up to provide free health care.

1953



The coronation of
Queen Elizabeth II
takes place in
Westminster Abbey.

1969



Man walks
on the moon.

1957



Russia launches
Sputnik,
the first satellite
to orbit the earth.

1966



England wins
the World Cup.

1991



<http://www>

The first
website goes
online.

1955



ITV, the first
commercial
television
station is
launched.

1959



Britain's first motorway,
the M1, opens.

1979



Margaret Thatcher becomes the
first woman Prime Minister.