We hope that this proves a useful guide to some of your general reading. We have provided links to good timeline sites such as those built by Columbia and the BBC, fleshing out the context of the events we have listed. And while timelines are the kinds of things that can grow forever in detail, please feel free to forward suggestions for additional entries.

1670-1900  Indonesia: **Under Dutch colonial rule** (Umbrella of Dutch East Indies)
1863-1953  Cambodia: **Under French colonial rule**
1868-1912  Japan: **Meiji Restoration Period**
1895  Taiwan: **China cedes Taiwan to Japan**
1898-1901  China: **Boxer Rebellion**
1910-1945  Korea: **Japanese colonial rule**
1911-12  China: **Collapse of Qing Dynasty**
1912-1949  China: **Republican Period**
Sun Yat-Sen establishes Kuomintang (KMT)/Nationalist Party
1912-1926  Japan: **Taisho Period** (Liberal movement)
1915-1920  China: **New Culture Movement**
1916-1926  China: **Warlord Period**
1920-1922  India: **Gandhi launches anti-British civil disobedience campaign**
1921  China: **Chinese Communist Party (CCP) formed under Mao Zedong**
1930  Vietnam: **Ho Chi Minh forms Indochinese Communist Party** (to oppose French colonial rule)
1930  Taiwan: **Japanese forces crush Taiwanese Wushe Rebellion**
1930-1931  Vietnam: **Nghê Tinh uprising by Vietnamese and violent French response**
1931  China: **Japanese expansion in Manchuria**
1937-1945  Japan: **Japanese Invasion and Occupation of China**
1940-1945  Vietnam: **Japanese invasion of Vietnam**
1941  Vietnam: **Ho Chi Minh forms League for the Independence of Vietnam**
1941  Japan: **Attacks US (Pearl Harbor)**
1941-1945  Cambodia: **Under Japanese occupation during World War II**
1942  Indonesia: **Japan invades Dutch East Indies**
1942  Taiwan: **Chinese Kuomintang Government demand return of Taiwan (supported by Allies in 1943 as part of Cairo Declaration)**
1942-1943  India: **Congress launches “Quit India” movement**
1942-1945  Japan: **Japanese occupation of Malaysia**
1945  Vietnam: **Defeats Japanese occupiers**
1945  Indonesia: **Independence leader Sukarno returns from exile, independence declared**
1945-1954  Vietnam: **Period of unrest in Vietnam in relation to colonisation and independence struggles**
1945-1948  Korea: **Northern Korea under Soviet Occupation/ Southern Korea under American Occupation**
1945  China: **Soviet Union enters war against Japan; invades Manchuria**
1945  Japan: 6 August – US drops nuclear bomb on Hiroshima
1945  Japan: 9 August – US drops nuclear bomb on Nagasaki
1945  Japan: 15 August – Japan announces surrender
1946  Cambodia: **Communist guerrillas begin armed campaign against French colonisers**
1946-1949  China: **Civil war between Communists and Nationalists (Communist victory)**
1947  India: **End of British rule**
1947  India and Pakistan Partition
1947  Taiwan: **228 Incident – Chinese authorities impose martial law**
1984  India: Indira Gandhi assassinated
1985  Cambodia: Hun Sen named as Prime Minister; guerrilla warfare continues
1987  India: Deploy troops to Sri Lanka for peacekeeping operation
1989  Japan: Shōwa emperor (Hirohito) dies
1989  China: Tiananmen Square protests
1989  Cambodia: Vietnamese troops withdraw; country re-named State of Cambodia
1989-1990 Malaysia: Local and Sarawak communist insurgents sign peace accords
1990  India: Troops withdrawn from Sri Lanka
1990  India: Muslim separatist groups begin violent campaign in Kashmir
1991  Cambodia: A peace agreement is signed in Paris; Sihanouk is named Head of State
1991  India: Rajiv Gandhi assassinated
1992  India: Hindu extremists destroy mosque in Ayodhya, triggering widespread Hindu-Muslim violence
1993  Cambodia: Monarchy is restored and Sihanouk becomes King; country re-named the Kingdom of Cambodia
1997  Cambodia: Hun Sen mounts a coup and replaces the prime minister; Khmer Rouge try Pol Pot and he is sentenced to life imprisonment
1998  Indonesia: Political unrest; protests and riots (Suharto replaced as President by BJ Habibie)
1998  Pakistan: Conducts nuclear tests after India deploys nuclear devices
1998  India: Carries out nuclear tests, results in international condemnation
1999  India/Pakistan: Kargil conflict (in relation to Kashmir territory)
2000  Taiwan: Chen Shui-bian wins presidential election, ending Kuomintang's 50-year monopoly of power
2001  Cambodia: Tribunal created to bring genocide charges against Khmer Rouge leaders
2001  India/Pakistan: India fires on Pakistani military posts along the dividing line of control in Kashmir
2001  India imposes sanctions on Pakistan re: Kashmir conflict; Pakistan responds with similar sanctions on India
2001  India/Pakistan: Troops mass on border; fears of looming war
2002  India/Pakistan: Tensions escalate; war of words between leaders and fears of war escalate
2003  India/Pakistan: Both declare Kashmir ceasefire
2003  Cambodia: Serious diplomatic upset with Thailand in relation to Angkor Wat; Thai embassy is attacked
2005  Malaysia: Malaysia and Singapore settle long-running dispute re: land reclamation in border waters
2005  China: Protesters attack Japanese Embassy
2005  Cambodia: Tribunal receives go-ahead from UN to try remaining Khmer Rouge leaders
2006  Taiwan: China highlights Taiwan as a security threat
2007  Pakistan and India sign agreement aimed to reduce risk of accidental nuclear war
2007  Pakistan: State of emergency put in place (Oct-Nov); lifted in December
2007  Cambodia: Khmer Rouge trials
2008  Cambodia and Thailand move troops to disputed land near Preah Vihear temple, invoking nationalist emotion on both parts
2008  India: Mumbai attacks; India blames militants from Pakistan
2009  India: Government declares it will allow a new state (Telangana) to be created from part of Andhra Pradesh; violent protests break out for and against
2010  India: Allahabad High Court rules that holy site of Ayodhya should be divided between Hindus and Muslims
2011 Cambodia: [FEB] Thai and Cambodian forces exchange fire at disputed Preah Vihear temple site; both agree to Indonesian monitoring to prevent further dispute

2011 Cambodia: [APR] New fighting breaks out between Thailand and Cambodia over disputed Hindu temple sites