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Important World Events
A Russian submarine out on a training exercise suffered a major explosion due to a leaking weld during the firing of a dummy torpedo. The submarine then sank and crashed into the bottom of the ocean. At this point most people were still alive. They used superoxide chemical cartridges (which stored oxygen for emergency situations) to survive for several days. The cause of death of all the people on board was one of these cartridges igniting in a chemical reaction with oily seawater and igniting. Most died due to asphyxiation as all the air inside burned out. This occurred on August 12, 2000.
Microsoft releases Windows XP

Windows XP was quite a big deal. It included a new GUI and important features (such as the taskbar and the start menu) that would become key to the future of Windows. Some people consider XP to be the best Windows OS to this day. The launch occurred on October 25, 2001.
Euros are implemented

Currency used for the European union: original currencies (i.e. Franks) were abolished. The official change to Euro coins/bills occurred on January 1, 2002.
On October 23, 2002, 40-50 Chechen terrorists captured a theater in Moscow. Around 900 hostages were taken. Three days later, the Russian Alpha-Group (antiterror division) had to use poison gas in the ventilation system. They then infiltrated the building. All attackers along with 133 hostages were killed.
Facebook is launched

On February 4, 2004, Mark Zuckerberg launched Facebook, the website that would come to revolutionize social media and one that is EXTREMELY popular to this day, netting 5.1 billion $ in profit in 2012.