

# World Famous Battles and Wars

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## List of World Famous Battles and Wars

**Battle of Marathon (490 B.C.)** – This battle was fought between the Greeks and Persians in 490 B.C. A small Greek Army defeated much larger Persian force.

**Battle of Hastings (1066 A. D.)** – This war was between England and Normans in 1066 A.D. King Harold of England was defeated and England came under the Norman control.

**‘Hundred Years’ War (1338-1453)** – It was fought between France and England. The war was brought to an end by the sacrifice of Joan of Arc.

**War between Henry VII and Richard (1455-85)** – It was a civil war fought in 1455-85 between Henry VII and Richard (The Duke of York) both claiming the British throne on Henry VI's death. Richard was defeated in this war.

**Defeat of Spanish Armada (1588)** – The British fleet defeated Spanish Armada. The British supremacy over the seas was established. Also, it led to renaissance in England life and literature.

**Civil War in England (1642-49)** – It was fought between the Parliament and Charles I of England.

**War of Spanish Succession (1702)** – It was fought between England and France in 1702. The latter were defeated.

**Battle of Blenheim (1704)** – England and Austria defeated the French and Bavarians.

**Seven Years War (1756-63)** – England and Prussia defeated Austria, France, Poland and Russia. It was caused by a revolutionary change in the diplomatic pattern.

**American War of Independence 1776-83)** – It was fought during 1776-1783. In this war, George Washington defeated the English Forces and America became independent.

**Battle of the Nile (1798)** – A naval fight between British and French fleet in 1798. The British fleet commanded by Nelson was victorious.

**Battle of Trafalgar (1805)** – The British fleet under Nelson defeated the combined line of French and Spanish fleet.

**Battle of Waterloo (1815)** – The British under Duke of Wellington defeated Napoleon. Napoleon was captured and exiled to St. Helena where he died in 1821.

**Crimean War (1854-56)** – It was fought during 1854-56 between Russia and the combined forces of England, France and Turkey.

**American Civil War (1861-65)** – This war fought during 1861-65 between the Northern and Southern States of America.

**Boer War (1889-1901)** – This war was fought between British and Dutch forces in 1889-1901 in South Africa.

**Sino Japanese War (1894-95)** – Japan defeated China and occupied Formosa and Korea.

**Russo-Japanese War (1904-05)** – Also known as the Battle of the sea of Japan. The fleet defeated the Russian fleet. It led to the emergence of the wave of Asian resurgence.

**World War I (1914-18)** – The Allied Powers (Britain, France, U.S.A., Belgium) etc. defeated Germany and her associated powers.

**World War II (1939-45)** – The Allies (Britain, France, U.S.A. and Russia and Benelux countries etc. defeated the Axis Powers (Germany, Italy and Japan).

**Battle of El-Alamein (1942)** – The Allies Victory during the Second World War and retreat of Field Marshal General Rommel's Forces.

**Korean War (1950-53)** – It was fought between North and South Korea from 1950 to 1953 A.D.

**4<sup>th</sup> Arab-Israel War (October 1973)** – an indecisive war led to Geneva Peace conference on West Asia (Dec. 1973).

**China-Vietnam War (February 1979)** – China invaded Vietnam and overran a large chunk of Vietnamese Territory. It however, proclaimed ceasefire in the following month and withdrew its forces.

## **Iran-Iraq War (October 1980-August 1988)**

**Falkland War (1983)** – It was fought between Britain and Argentina.

**U.S.-Panama War (1989)** – It was fought between United States and Panama.

**Gulf War (January 17, 1991-February 26, 1991)** – It was fought between multinational forces led by the U.S.A. and Iraq.

**Gulf War-2 (March 20, 2003- April 2003)** – The US led coalition forces launched a full scale attack on Iraq on March 20, 2003. It made use of the latest and the fiercest weaponry to subdue the Iraqi forces. Baghdad fell on April 9, 10 and other cities followed suit. By April 20 the coalition armies were in full control of Iraq. It marked the downfall of President Saddam Hussein. The coalition forces however, found it difficult to face the resistance of Iraqi freedom fighters and, therefore, fixed June 30, 2004, as the date for handing over sovereignty to Iraq. However, political authority was transferred by the U.S. led coalition to Interim Iraqi government on June 28, 2004, i.e. two days ahead of the scheduled date. General Elections were held in Iraq on January 30, 2005 to elect an Assembly which would frame a Constitution for Iraq. The elections returned the Shias in majority. This Assembly would complete the constitution making process by August 15, 2005. This Constitution will be ratified by the people in a referendum by October 2005. The new Government would be elected under this very constitution. Meanwhile new government was formed in Iraq on April 28, 2005 by the first democratically elected Prime Minister Ibrahim-al-Jaafari. The Parliament also accorded its approval to it the same day.

The draft constitution prepared under the present arrangement was put to referendum on October 15, 2005. Its enforcement was subject to its ratification by the people in the referendum. The result of the referendum was announced on October 25, 2005. The Iraqi people gave their overwhelming support to the new Constitution in the referendum. A new government was formed in Iraq under this Constitution with Ibrahim-al-Jaafari taking over on February 12, 2006 as the Prime Minister. Later, he was replaced by Nuri-al-Maliki. Jalal Talabani was re-elected as President of Iraq. The country is passing through orgies of violence and normalcy seems yet a distant dream.

**Civil War in Chad (2005)** – The current civil war in Chad began in December 2005. The conflict involved Chadian forces and several Chadian rebel groups. These include the united Front of Democratic change, United Force for Development and Democracy gathering of forces for change and National Accord of Chad. The conflict has also

involved the Janjaweed, while Sudan allegedly supported the rebels, while Libya mediated the conflict, as well as diplomats from other countries the civil war had deep connection to the war in Darfur and Central African Republic Bush war.

**Darfur Conflict** – The war in Darfur is a conflict in the Darfur region of western Sudan. Unlike the second Sudanese civil war, the current lines of conflict are seen to be ethnic and tribal rather than religious. The combination of decades of drought, desertification, and over population are among the cause of Darfur Conflict. The Baggara nomads searching for water have to take their livestock further south, to land mainly occupied by Black African farming communities.

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