Important and Significant and Substantial and Useful Info #8
Decolonization

Some terms & people:
Mohandas Ghandi                          Pakistan (&East Pakistan)
Viet Minh                                Dien Bien Phu (1954)
Charles de Gaulle                        French Fourth Republic (1946-1958)
FLN (Front de Libération Nationale)      Carnation Revolution (Portugal)

Some major moments in decolonization:
1919  Britain & France take over former Ottoman Arab lands as mandates
1922  Egypt gains formal independence from Britain
1932  Iraq gains formal independence from British mandate
1935  Italy invades Ethiopia; last overt European conquest of overseas territory
1942  Japan takes over many European colonies in east Asia
1944  Formal & complete independence for Iceland from Denmark
1945  End of WWII; Japan deprived of all colonial holdings
1946  France relinquishes control over mandates in Syria & Lebanon
      Beginning of revolt in Indochina against French rule
      Independence for Philippines from the US
1947  Independence for India from Britain and partition into India & Pakistan
1948  Indonesia gains independence after bitter fighting with the Netherlands
      Independence for Sri Lanka (Ceylon) and Myanmar (Burma) from Britain
1949  Successful communist revolution in China
1950  Chinese invasion and incorporation of Tibet
1954  Full independence of Egypt (removal of British forces)
      French defeat at Dien Bien Phu, ends French presence in Indochina
      Beginning of Algerian revolt against French rule
1956  Suez Canal crisis
1957  Independence for Ghana begins process of African decolonization
1958  Fall of French Fourth Republic over Algeria (return of Charles de Gaulle)
1960  Independence for Belgian Congo (Zaire) & Nigeria
      France grants independence to all its black (sub-Saharan) African colonies
1961  Independence for Republic of South Africa
1962  Independence for Algeria after protracted war with France
1974  "Carnation Revolution" in Portugal
1975  Independence for Angola, Mozambique from Portugal
1979  Home rule (independence) for Greenland
      Islamic Revolution in Iran
1988  Beginning of conflict between Armenia & Azerbaijan over Nogorno-Karabakh
1990  Independence for Namibia (South West Africa), in effect from South Africa
1991  Break-up of the Soviet Union; independence for various "union republics"
1994  Russian invasion of Chechnya (ends in indecisive peace in 1996)
1999  Beginning of second Chechen War

* Pakistan was itself composed of two geographically separate entities known as West Pakistan and East Pakistan.
The latter became independent as Bangladesh in 1971.