

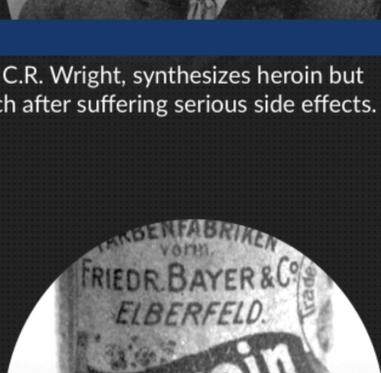
TIMELINE OF AMERICA'S HISTORY WITH HEROIN

1874-2016

1874

IT STARTS

English researcher, C.R. Wright, synthesizes heroin but wisely halts research after suffering serious side effects.



1895

MAKING MONEY

Bayer Pharmaceutical's scientist, Heinrich Dreser, continues Wright's studies and declares heroin successful in treating many common respiratory ailments.



1924

ADDICTIONS ACKNOWLEDGED

Approximately 200,000 individuals in the United States addicted to heroin. Congress bans heroin's manufacture, sale, and importation.



1925

GLOBAL ISSUE

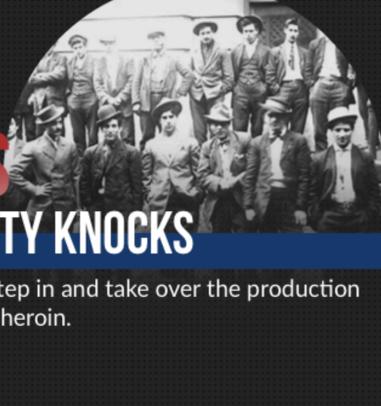
The League of Nations regulates the international production of legal heroin.



1930s

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS

Crime syndicates step in and take over the production and distribution of heroin.



1931

STEMMING THE TIDE

The Limitations Convention restricts heroin production to only the amount needed for medical and scientific purposes.



1939-1945

EFFECTS OF WAR

Heroin-addicted individuals forced to get clean as heroin's purity decreased due to increased border security and diminished trafficking.



1940s

COLD WAR HEATS UP PRODUCTION

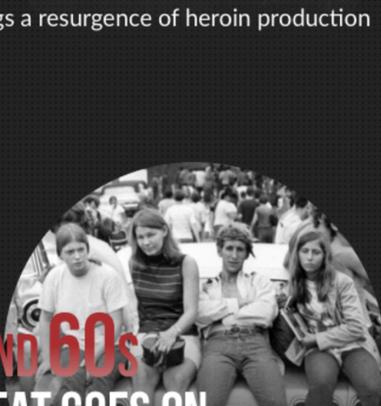
The Cold War brings a resurgence of heroin production and trafficking.



1950s AND 60s

AND THE BEAT GOES ON

Illegal heroin use gains favor in beatnik and hippie culture.



1971

WAR ON DRUGS

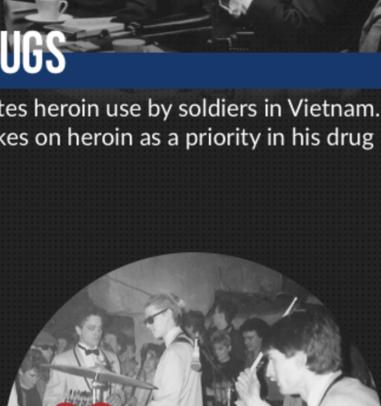
Congress investigates heroin use by soldiers in Vietnam. President Nixon takes on heroin as a priority in his drug policy agenda.



1980s AND 90s

PURE AS THE DRIVEN SNOW

Heroin purity improves and use increases with alternate snorting or smoking intake. Use amongst grunge musicians becomes a serious problem for the continuation of some grunge bands.



1993

RUN FROM THE BORDER

South America expands cocaine market by supplying large amounts of heroin.



2010-2014

DEATH TOLL RISES

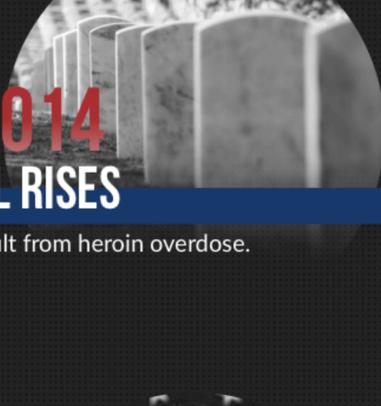
10,574 deaths result from heroin overdose.



2016

PRESIDENT TAKES ACTION

President Obama proposes \$1.1 billion to address the epidemic of prescription opioid and heroin abuse.



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