Famous Dates in Ukrainian history

700 bc  Scythians develop warfare on horseback
482  Kyiv is founded
840  First mention of Ukrainian empire
856  Askold becomes prince of Kyiv
863  Kyriil and Metodiy create the Cyrillic alphabet
882  King Oleh takes control of Kyiv
907  King Oleh defeats the Byzantines
988  Ukrainian empire accepts Christianity as its official religion
1111  Ukrainian empire defeats the pechenyhy
1027  Saint Sophia cathedral in Kyiv is constructed
1240  Mongol sacking of Kyiv
1228  Knyaz Danylo unifies Kyiv and western Ukraine
1238  Knyaz Danylo defeats the crusader army
1256  Western capital of Lviv is founded
1362  Lithuanians and Ukrainians defeat the Tatars
1410  Ukrainian Lithuanian Polish armies defeat Teutonic Knights
1490  First mention of cossacks
1530  Hetman Vyhovsky founds the island fortress of Zaporizhya, the Cossack state is born
1569  Lublin union with Lithuania
1576  Ostroh Academy Kyiv first Eastern European University
1648  Ukrainian War of Liberation led by Bohdan Khmelnytsky
1659  Ukrainian armies of Ivan Vyhovsky defeat the Russians in the Battle of Konotop.
1708  Battle of Poltava where Ukrainian Hetman Ivan Mazepa and Karl XII of Sweden battle the Russian army led by Peter the Great.
1775  Catherine the Great destroys Sich, the last stand of the democratic Cossack republic
1814  Famous poet and artist Taras Shevchenko is born
1861  Abolition of serfdom
1918  Ukrainian National Republic is formed, on the 22nd of January
1932  Holodomor. Artificial famine created by Stalin in order to force collectivization on Ukraine, 10 million Ukrainians perish from starvation.
1991  Ukraine proclaims independence from the Soviet Union
1994  Budapest memorandum. Ukraine gives up nuclear weapons in exchange for protection of its territorial integrity by the US, England and (ironically) Russia
2014  The "heavenly hundred" innocent protesters are executed in Kyiv's central square as the nation rises up to ouster Putin's puppet president, the corrupt Viktor Yanukovich, Vladimir Putin of Russia invades Crimea and eastern Ukraine. Despite the Budapest memorandum, the international response in support of Ukraine is tepid at best.