1. Short-term Events

Natural Disasters

- 2010 Haiti Earthquake
- 2010 Chile Earthquake
- 2013 Typhoon Haiyan
- 2015 Nepal Earthquake
- 2017 Hurricane Irma
- 2017 Mexico Earthquake
- 2018 Kilauea Volcano Eruption
- 2018 Sulawesi Earthquake and Tsunami

Man-made Disasters

- Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill
- 2014 Ebola Outbreak
- 2019 Amazon Rainforest Wildfires
- 2019 Notre-Dame de Paris Fire
- 2019 Kyoto Animation Studio Arson

Terrorist Attacks

- Death of Osama bin Laden
- 2011 Norway Attacks
- 2012 Aurora Shooting
- 2013 Boston Marathon Bombing
- 2015 Charlie Hebdo Attacks
- 2015 Paris Attacks
- 2016 Brussels Bombings
- 2016 Orlando Nightclub Shooting
- 2017 Westminster Attack
- 2019 Christchurch Mosque Shootings
- 2019 Sri Lanka Easter Bombings
- 2021 Kabul Airport Attack

Political/Social Events

- 2022 U.S. Capitol Attack
- 2022 Russian Invasion of Ukraine
- 2023 Silicon Valley Bank Collapse
- 2023 French Pension Reform Protests
- 2021 Myanmar Coup d'état

Accidents/Disappearances

- 2012 Costa Concordia Disaster
- 2014 Malaysia Airlines MH370 Disappearance
- 2018 Hawaii False Missile Alert
- 2018 Parkland School Shooting
- 2017 Las Vegas Shooting
- 2018 Camp Fire in California

Rescue Operations

- 2018 Thai Cave Rescue
- 2021 Surfside Condominium Collapse

2. Cyclical Events

Sports Events

- FIFA World Cup
- Commonwealth Games
- European Football Championship (UEFA Euro)
- Olympic Games
- Wimbledon Tennis Championships
- Tour de France

International Summits

• United Nations Climate Change Conferences

Cultural/Art Festivals

- Cannes Film Festival
- Berlin International Film Festival
- Comic-Con International
- Sundance Film Festival

Technology Exhibitions

- International Consumer Electronics Show (CES)
- Mobile World Congress (MWC)

3. Long-term Events

Political Conflicts

- Syrian Civil War
- The Rise of ISIS
- Iran Nuclear Deal and Subsequent Tensions
- The U.S.-China Trade War
- Hong Kong Protests

Economic/Social Crises

- The Refugee Crisis in Europe
- Rohingya Refugee Crisis
- Brexit

Environmental/Health Issues

- Amazon Rainforest Deforestation
- The COVID-19 Pandemic

Technological Advancements

• Space Exploration Advancements