

This strategy helps students chronologically organize information found in a text. It graphically shows the students how events occur over time. It is most effective with historical texts, as well as biographies, social studies, and science. A timeline is created by drawing a straight line and inserting dates and events in-between.

1. The teacher introduces students to the concept of a timeline by showing several examples, and by modeling one as a whole group activity.
2. The teacher assigns a text to be read.
3. The teacher instructs students to create a timeline using the dates and information given in the text. Drawing paper and rulers will be needed. This activity can be done in cooperative groups, or individually.
4. The students share and discuss their work.
5. The students may wish to add illustrations.

