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“Time Flies By” —chronologies and timelines—

PART #1 Chronology (pronounced “kruh-nol-uh-je”) looks like a big word. It’s actually not so difficult. The word comes from two Greek words, “chronos” (“kro-nos”), which means “time”, and “logos” (“log-os”), meaning “word”. Put them together, chronos+logos, and you get “words about time”.

A chronology is a list of events, written in the order in which they happened. You can make a chronology of your own. It’s easy to do!

Follow the steps below to make a chronology.

A. Write down your birth date (day, month, year) _____

B. Next, write down today’s date (day, month, year) _____

C. Now, make a list of five events in your life and when they happened. If it helps, write down how old you were when each happened. Example: “got my first bicycle (age 8)”, December 25, 1978

EVENT (AGE)	DATE
1) _____	_____
2) _____	_____
3) _____	_____
4) _____	_____
5) _____	_____

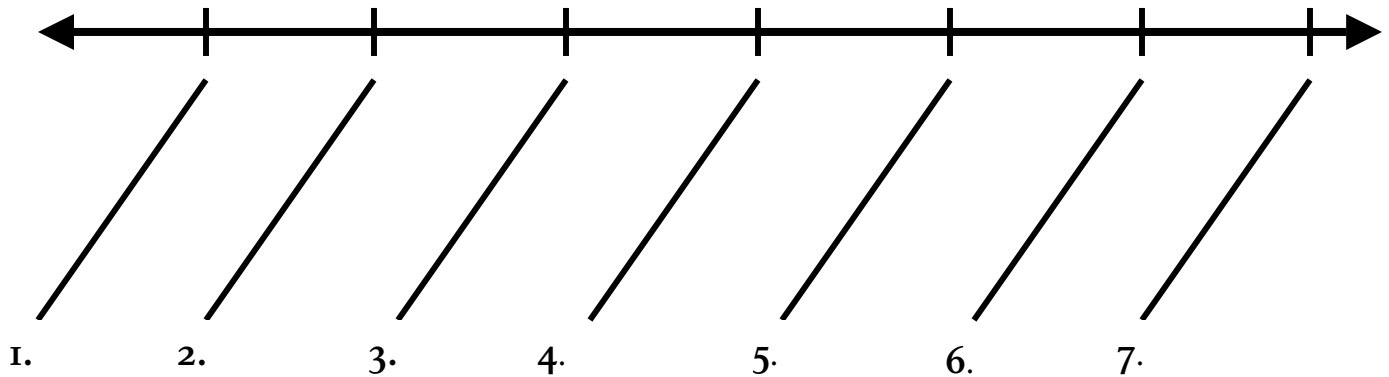
D. Having done that, use all these dates to list the events in the order in which they happened.

1. _____ My Birth Date
2. _____ Event #1
3. _____ Event #2
4. _____ Event #3
5. _____ Event #4

- 6. _____ Event #5
- 7. _____ Today's Date

PART #2 A **timeline** is very similar to a chronology. In fact, it's basically a chronology in picture form. It's a long line that shows how events follow or precede (come before) each other in time, how they exist in relation to each other.

To construct your own timeline, copy your list of chronological events from the bottom of the previous page (Activity D) onto the line below. Copy each date onto the space with its number.



PART III Construct your own timeline for seven events from the Chronology of the British Invasion of 1777, on the handout your teacher provides. The starting line is provided below.

