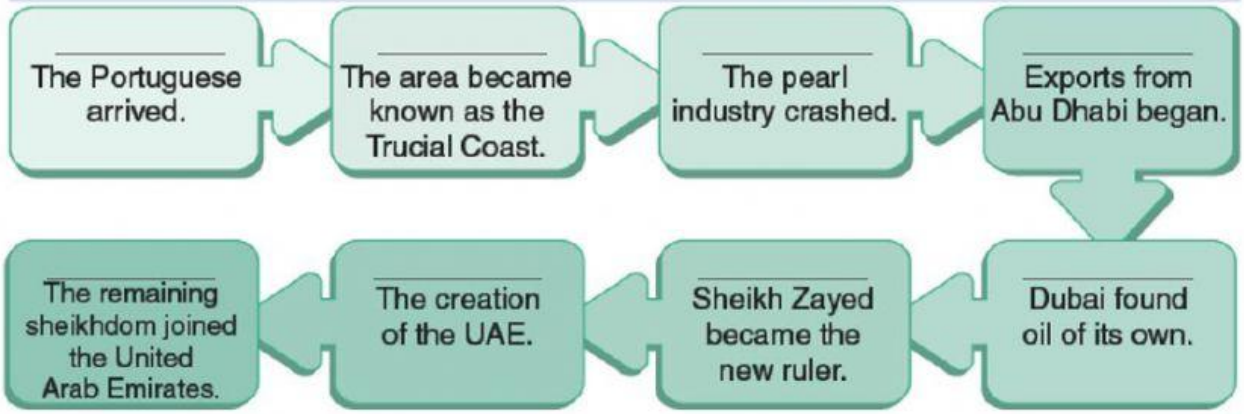
1 Listen to a lecture on the history of the UAE and answer the questions.

1 Where did Bedouins live? Name three areas.
2 When did the Portuguese arrive in the UAE?
3 What was the area known as before 1971?
4 In the early 1900s, which emirate had the largest population?
5 Why did the pearl industry crash in the 1930s?
6 When did Abu Dhabi start exporting oil?
7 Which was the last sheikhdom to join the UAE?

2 Listen again to the lecture. Make a timeline of important dates in the history of the UAE.

1498 1930s 1820s 1971 mid-1960s 6th August 1966 1972 1962



Vocabulary

4 Use the words below to replace the words in bold in the sentences. There are more words than you need.

ancient	generations	previous	
nomads	tribes	values	before

1 The Portuguese forts are **very old**.
2 The Bedouin were **people who lived in different places**.
3 There was no UAE ruler **prior to** Sheikh Zayed.
4 My parents and grandparents come from different **groups of people who were born and lived around the same time**.
5 Sheikh Zayed shared the **beliefs** of the Bedouins.

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