

TIMELINES

1 Read the text and answer the questions.

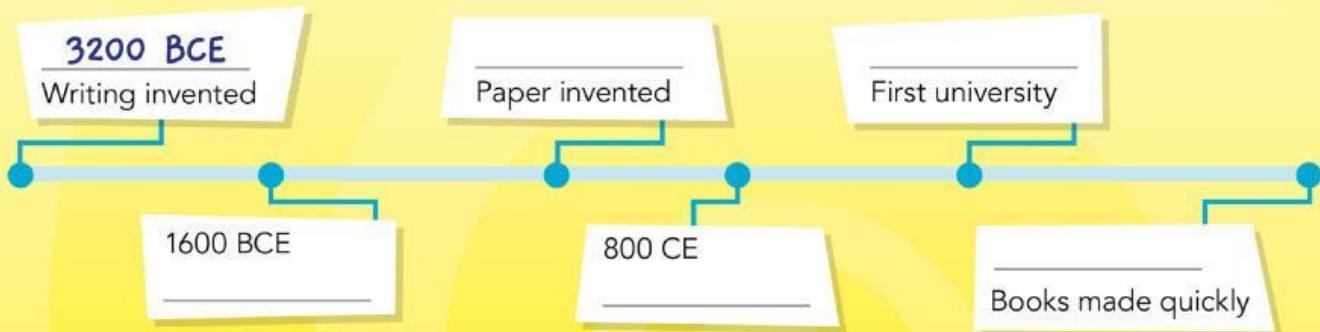
Timelines show different events in the right order. They help us to understand history. Timelines tell us what happened and how much time there was between important events. Timelines don't have big texts to read, but they always have the important events and the dates. Many timelines also have pictures. Timelines can also show people's lives, explain life cycles of plants and animals, and show events in stories. You could even make a timeline about your holiday.

- 1 Are timelines used only in history?
- 2 Do timelines show events in any order?
- 3 Do timelines have big texts?
- 4 What two things do timelines always have?
- 5 What else can timelines have?
- 6 What can timelines explain?

No, they aren't.

2 Read the text and complete the timeline with the dates and important events.

Thousands of years ago our world was different. There wasn't any reading and writing. Learning things was difficult. But in 3200 BCE, writing was invented. People started to write about important events in history. The Roman alphabet was invented in 1600 BCE. And when was paper first made? It was in 100 CE. The first paper was made in China. The oldest printed book was made in 800 CE, in China too. It was printed from pieces of wood. Books made learning things easier. In 1088 CE, the first university was started in Italy, so people could learn about difficult things. But there weren't many books. A man called Gutenberg invented a printing machine in 1440 CE. After that lots of books were made quickly. Now there are millions of books and it's easy to read and learn.



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Look at the timeline. Then complete the text.

700 – the first knights



1023 – Knights Hospitaller



1348 – Order of the Garter



1400s – knights gave money to the king

Today – people who do something important are made knights

A knight was a person who worked for the king. Usually it was someone who had a lot of money. This is because knights needed a horse, a sword and a shield. These were very expensive! Men first became knights in (1) 700. They helped the king and the king gave them land. Knights were important people because they had a lot of money and land. Later, the knights made their own groups. One of the first groups were the (2) Knights Hospitaller, who started in 1023. They helped people who were ill.

In 1348, King Edward III of England started a famous group of knights: the (3) Order of the Garter. Then, in the (4) 1400s, many knights gave money to the king so they didn't have to help him. The king used this money to get other people to help him.

Today, people are still knights, but they don't ride horses. It is just a special name. It is given to people who do (5) something important. Men are 'Sir' and women are 'Dame'. Bill Gates, who started Microsoft, is a knight. Angelina Jolie, the actress, is a dame.

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Imagine you are a king or queen. Make a timeline of people you have made a knight or dame. Write why they have the title.

2008 Dame Rihanna
for helping the poor

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