

Class Project: Create a Timeline

A timeline is a graphical representation of the order in which things happened. You can create a simple timeline by listing important events, and the date (or year) that they occurred. Then, using your information, put your events in chronological order by writing the date of each event at the bottom of each line and the name of the event at the top.

For this project, you will create a timeline of the birthdays of everyone in class.

Step 1: Each student should have a sheet of light-colored construction paper and magic markers. Students should create sheets that are in portrait orientation.

Step 2: Across the top of the construction paper, write your name in large letters

Step 3: Across the bottom of the construction paper, write your birthday in large letters in this format: Date, Month, Year.

Step 4: Decorate the center of your sheet of construction paper with an illustration that describes or represents you.

Step 5: The teacher will hang a clothesline from one end of the classroom to the other, while the students lay their sheets of paper in chronological order across the classroom floor. You may start with January birthdays (the beginning of the year) or September birthdays (the beginning of the school year).

Step 6: Once the birthday sheets are in order, the teacher will hang them from the clothesline using clothespins. Hang birthdays that occur close together close together. Hang birthdays that occur far apart far apart.

Study the class timeline. Answer the following questions:

1. Who was born first? _____
2. What month or months have the most birthdays the closest together?

3. Who was born last? _____
4. Which two students were born the furthest apart? _____
