

TIMELINE ASSIGNMENT SHEET

Now you have practiced making timelines. Make this same kind of timeline for the historical period assigned to you. Here's how to do it:

1. Click on your historical period at The History of Mesoamerica website (<http://www.elbalero.gob.mx/kids/history/html/conquista/home.html>) and read the pages. (If you are working on the *Discovery of America*, start with the year 1492 by clicking on "Consequence of the voyage of Christopher Columbus.") Be sure to click on all links and read them too.
2. Take notes on the important events that occurred in your own words. Decide on five or more main events to include in your timeline. Number them in the order you think they should appear on your timeline.
3. Draw or print an illustration for each event and write a caption to describe it.
4. Go to the interactive Timeline (<http://www.readwritethink.org/materials/timeline/index.html>) and do the following:
 - a) Type in the title of the timeline and your name where appropriate. Under *unit of measure*, choose *event*. Then click on *next entry*.
 - b) In the *event space*, write a few words to summarize the event. Put the date or year in the *title space* if you know it. Otherwise, leave it blank. For *description*, write the full description of the event as it will be on your final timeline.
 - c) Click on *next entry* and type in your next event. Continue until your timeline is complete. Then click on *finished*.
 - d) Click on *print* and review the printed page to make sure it is correct.
5. Turn in your printed timeline draft along with your illustrations and captions using numbers to show which events they match with.
6. When you get your work back from the teacher, make all necessary corrections. Then cut out cards to make your final draft.
7. On each card, write the event, illustration, and caption very neatly. Do not write the years yet because you are going to play a mix-up game with your classmates so that you learn from each other's work.
8. After playing with the timelines, add the correct dates and years where appropriate, make a title card, and put them all up in order on the wall.