

CLOSE READING LESSON

TIMELINE | Mayan Civilization

ANCHOR

ACTIVATE BACKGROUND KNOWLEDGE



Today we are going to read a timeline. A timeline is a line that has times or dates and other information on it. The times or dates tell you when things happened.

NOTE: If you have previously used a timeline in your classroom, make a reference to it and help students to make a connection to their past experiences.

You can make timelines about all sorts of things. Our timeline can show what happened first, next, and last over a day, a year, or many years. Let's make a timeline.

On the board, create a short timeline showing four familiar events occurring over time during a typical school day or on a special school day such as a field trip (e.g. get off the bus, lesson time, go to lunch, lesson time, go home).

TEACHER NOTE



Before the lesson, write each event on a large post-it note so you can work as a class to organize the events. Draw your timeline and add dates / times for each note.



Let's look at our timeline! What would our first event be?

Continue organizing events as a class until the timeline is complete and all post-it notes have been used.

PURPOSE STATEMENT

Have you heard of archeologists? They are people that look for and find things that were made long ago. They look for things that were made by people, just like the ancient Mayan people. Today we are going to read a timeline. It will help us see and understand some important things that happened during the long history of the Mayan people.

Pass out **Timelines**.

TIMELINES

READ

As a whole group read the **Timeline** at the **Conventional 5** or **6-7** level. Have student volunteers read each event where possible. Support students in following the timeline from left to right.

APPLY



We read to learn when some important things that happened during the long history of the Mayan people. What did you learn? When did the Mayan people live? Would you want to learn more about them? Take your timeline home so you share what you learned with your family or friends!