

# Triple Timeline Project

## World History & Geography I

Dear Time Traveler:

Humans develop mental structures to help us organize our experience and make it more useful. For example, the alphabet is a structure we invented to make spoken language more useful by giving us a way to write it down.

In class this year we have use three different time structures to help us organize and understand the flow of history through time. In this project, we will show how these three time structures relate to one another.

### A. Four Eras of History

In the center of your paper create a timeline showing the four major eras of history. The timeline will be non-proportional; that is, the eras will be evenly spaced on the timeline although some may be longer than others. Leave space at the top and the bottom of your paper to add two additional timelines. Label this timeline with the names and dates of the following four eras of history:

- Prehistory
- Ancient Times
- Middle Ages
- Modern Era

### B. Six historical periods studied in class

Now, using the dates from your original timeline, draw a second timeline in the space above your first timeline. This new timeline will identify events from the six historical periods we study this year. Place tick marks at the appropriate dates of each historical event. Be sure to use the dates from your first timeline as the basis for your new timeline. Extend your tick marks all the way down to the original timeline. Label each historical event and identify its dates.

1. Emergence of humans
2. Civilization arises in Mesopotamia
3. First Emperor of China
4. Greek victory at Salamis
5. Muhammad returns to Mecca
6. Mongols sack Baghdad

### C. Tool Cultures

Now, go to the bottom part of your page and create a third timeline that shows historical periods based on the tools (technology) that people used at the time. Follow the same procedures that you used in the second timeline; extend the tick marks all the way up to the middle timeline. Again, use the dates from your original timeline as the basis for the new timeline. Label each tool period and identify its dates.

- Stone Age
- Bronze Age
- Iron Age

You should be able to find all the dates you need in the *Student's Friend*.

