

Student Instructions: Chronological Reasoning

When we are asked to use chronological reasoning, we place a variety of events in historical order. Although it might not seem important to know historical dates, the reality is that dates help us to conceptualize important trends. Understanding when and why things occurred is critical to understanding history. It would be impossible to practice many, if not all, of the historical thinking skills without the proper chronology of content.

The purpose of the Chronological Reasoning graphic organizers is not only to practice placing a number of historical events in the correct order but also to understand how and why things occurred based on that order. For example, you may be asked to apply this historical skill to the Early National or Antebellum periods. This practice will help reinforce your knowledge of the given historical period and will encourage you to think about how these events relate to each other.

At the top of each of these graphic organizers, you will be provided with 15 events. The specific events are jumbled up in no particular order. Notice on the sample provided that the date of each event is written next to it. It is strongly recommended that you write in the dates when completing these graphic organizers, because doing so will help you place them in chronological order. You then will select 10 events to put in chronological order on the left side. The lines next to these events are where you will demonstrate your ability to connect the different events, describing them and determining their causes and effects.

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Chronological Reasoning: Colonial America

Founding of Massachusetts	First Navigation Act
Seven Years' War	Albany Plan of Union
Great Migration	First Great Awakening
Pontiac's Rebellion	Founding of Jamestown
Founding of Maryland	Walking Purchase
King Philip's War	Salem Witch Trials
Bacon's Rebellion	Zenger Trial
Half-Way Covenant	

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Chronological Reasoning: American Revolution

Bill for Establishing Religious Freedom	Publication of <i>The Wealth of Nations</i>
Battle of Saratoga	Vermont bans slavery
Intolerable Acts	Battles of Lexington and Concord
Treaty of Paris	First Continental Congress convenes
Townshend Acts	Boston Massacre
Phillipsburgh Proclamation	Declaration of Independence
First National Census	<i>Common Sense</i> published
Stamp Act Congress	

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Chronological Reasoning: Early 19th Century

Indian Removal Act	Nullification Crisis
Second Great Awakening	Second Bank of the United States
Monroe Doctrine	Fulton's Steamboat navigates the Hudson River
Economic Panic	Manifest Destiny coined
Trail of Tears	Telegraph invented
Invention of the Cotton Gin	Missouri Compromise
Adams-Onis Treaty	Dorr War
<i>Dartmouth College v. Woodward</i>	

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Chronological Reasoning: Reform Movements

Female Moral Reform Society organized	Brook Farm established
Denmark Vessy's slave conspiracy	<i>The Liberator</i> first published
American Colonization Society founded	<i>Uncle Tom's Cabin</i> published
Harriet Tubman escapes slavery	<i>An Appeal to the Colored Citizens of</i>
Nat Turner's Rebellion	<i>the World</i> published
Gabriel's Rebellion	Slave uprising on the Creole
American Temperance Society founded	American Anti-slavery Society founded
Seneca Falls Convention	Great Britain abolishes slavery

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Chronological Reasoning: Civil War Era

Bleeding Kansas	Kansas-Nebraska Act
Emancipation Proclamation	Mexican-American War
Inauguration of Hayes	Ku Klux Klan established
Assassination of Lincoln	Wilmot Proviso
Fugitive Slave Acts	Dred Scott decision
Homestead Act	First Battle of Bull Run
13th Amendment	Feminist organization splits
National economic depression	

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Chronological Reasoning: America in the Gilded Age

Dawes Act	<i>Lochner v. New York</i>
Sherman Anti-trust Act	Spanish-American War
Homestead Strike	Great Railroad Strike
Gold Standard Act	Pullman Strike
Haymarket Affair	Interstate Commerce Commission created
Reconstruction Ends	Insular cases
Chinese Exclusion Act	<i>Plessy v. Ferguson</i>
Populist Party organized	

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Chronological Reasoning: Early 20th Century

Fourteen Points	United States enters WWI
Formation of the Industrial Workers of the World	Espionage Act
Sacco and Vanzetti trial	Scopes Trial
Stock Market crashes	Northern Securities dissolved
Hull House	Hawley-Smoot Tariff
Pure Food and Drug Act	<i>The Jungle</i> published
Roosevelt Corollary	Clayton Anti-trust Act
	Gentlemen's Agreement

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Chronological Reasoning: Depression, New Deal, and WWII

Neutrality Act	Fair Labor Standards Bill
The Hundred Days Congress	Munich Agreement
Smith Act	Yalta Conference
Atlantic Charter	Zoot Suit Riots
GI Bill of Rights	Second New Deal
21st Amendment	Scottsboro Case
Indian Reorganization Act	Exclusion Act
Lend-Lease Act	

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Chronological Reasoning: Cold War

Truman Doctrine	Federal Interstate Highway Act
Korean War	National Defense Education Act
NSC-68	Army–McCarthy hearings
Earl Warren	<i>Brown v. Board of Education</i>
Geneva Accords	Montgomery Bus Boycott
Taft-Hartley Act	North Atlantic Treaty Organization
Marshall Plan	Eisenhower Doctrine
<i>Sputnik</i> launched	

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Chronological Reasoning: Late 20th Century

Voting Rights Act	Watergate scandal
Tet Offensive	Sagebrush Rebellion
Freedom Rides	Alliance for Progress
<i>Roe v. Wade</i>	Kennedy assassinated
My Lai Massacre	Title IX
<i>The Feminine Mystique</i> published	War Powers Act
SALT signed	Reagan elected
Iran-Contra Affair	

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Chronological Reasoning: Modern America

Oslo Accords	Kyoto Protocol
Gulf War	Hurricane Katrina
North American Free Trade Agreement	Panamanian Coup
World Trade Center bombed	Clinton impeached
Operation Enduring Freedom	USA Patriot Act
Operation Iraqi Freedom	Department of Homeland Security
Germany reunites	Great Recession begins
Disabilities Act	

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