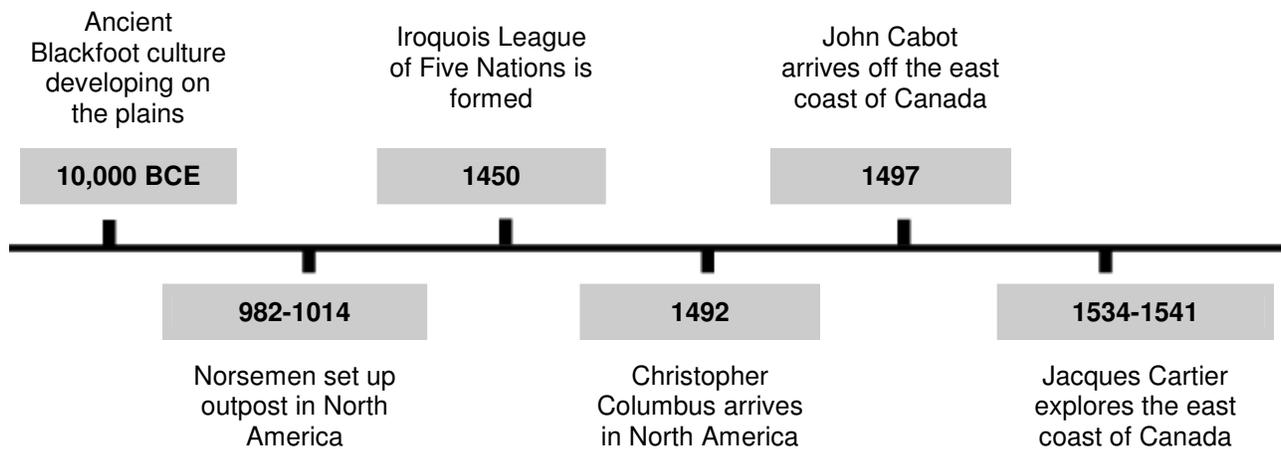


TIMELINES

One of the klutziest moments in history – Christopher Columbus thinks he’s found a way to China and the Indies. Instead, he and his sailors land on an island in the Caribbean they named Hispaniola. This discovery began the European settlement of the Americas.

When we learn History we study large amounts of time. To make it easier to learn we chunk it into pieces. Timelines are used to help us remember History by showing important events in order. They can be *horizontal* or *vertical*. Below is a *horizontal* timeline of some of the early important events in the settlement of Canada.

Settlement of North America Timeline



Timelines can help us remember important dates in our lives too.

1. Write down important events in your life.
2. Put them in order (your birth would be first!)
3. Try to remember when they happened and write down the dates next to them.
4. Time to draw the line! Divide it equally like the one above and write the important events of your life so far.



Studying English History? Do you want to remember how many times King Henry VIII was married? Who were his wives? Try a *vertical* timeline.

<u>Marriages of Henry VIII</u>		
Married 1510	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catherine of Aragon (mother of Mary I) 	Divorced
Married 1533	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anne Boleyn (mother of Elizabeth I) 	Beheaded
Married 1536	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jane Seymour (mother of Edward VI) 	Died
Married 1540	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anne of Cleves 	Divorced
Married 1540	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catherine Howard 	Beheaded
Married 1543	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catherine Parr 	Survived

Timelines are useful for remembering the order of events in a book, memories of a trip abroad or an elderly relative's life. Compare unforgettable dates in their life with important historical events. You'll often hear older people say they remember where they were when U.S. President John F. Kennedy died in 1963. You could even discover all the birthdays of the students in your class and put them in order on a timeline to discover who is the oldest and youngest (and everyone in between!)