

Reading and Building Timelines

Grade 3 • SOCIAL-STUDIES • Students place community and national events in chronological order and interpret simple timelines. • Standards: D2.His.1.3-5

Read each question carefully and use the dates given to help you answer. Remember, events that happened earlier have smaller year numbers!

1. The library opened in 2015. The park opened in 2018. Which place opened first?
2. Emma was born in 2014. Her brother was born in 2017. Who is older?
3. Our town had a parade in May 2022. We had a festival in August 2022. Which event happened last?
4. The school built a new gym in 2010, added a computer lab in 2016, and painted the building in 2019. What happened in the middle?
5. Timeline: A fire station was built in 1995, a hospital opened in 2005, and a new bridge was finished in 2020. How many years passed between the fire station and the hospital?
6. Put these events in order from earliest to latest: The mayor gave a speech on March 15, 2023. The town meeting was held on January 8, 2023. New roads were paved on June 30, 2023.
7. A community garden started in spring 2018, hosted its first harvest party in fall 2018, added new flower beds in spring 2019, and won an award in fall 2020. What was the third event to happen?
8. Timeline: 1980 - Town founded, 1992 - First school built, 2001 - Library opened, 2015 - Museum opened. Which two events happened just over 20 years apart?
9. A neighborhood cleanup happened on April 12, 2021. A tree planting day was on November 5, 2020. A recycling program started on September 18, 2021. Write these three events in the order they happened.

10. Timeline: 2008 - Community center built, 2012 - Swimming pool added, 2017 - Basketball courts added, 2023 - Playground installed. If a new tennis court is added exactly halfway between when the basketball courts and playground were added, what year would that be?

Answer Key — Reading and Building Timelines

For the teacher / parent. Do not distribute with the worksheet.

1. The library (*2015 comes before 2018 on a timeline*)
2. Emma (*The person born earlier (2014) is older*)
3. The festival (*August comes after May in the same year*)
4. Added a computer lab (*2016 is between 2010 and 2019*)
5. 10 years (*2005 minus 1995 equals 10*)
6. Town meeting, mayor's speech, new roads (*January comes before March, which comes before June*)
7. Added new flower beds (*Spring 2019 is the third event in chronological order*)
8. Town founded and library opened (*2001 minus 1980 equals 21 years, which is just over 20.*)
9. Tree planting day, neighborhood cleanup, recycling program (*November 2020, then April 2021, then September 2021*)
10. 2020 (*2017 to 2023 is 6 years; halfway is 3 years; 2017 plus 3 equals 2020*)