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A timeline is a great way to illustrate

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a set of historical events. The events on

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a timeline usually follow a theme or

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take place within a specific period of

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time. To make a timeline, first, create a

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list of events you want to include and

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order them chronologically. That's a

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fancy way of saying earliest to latest.

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Then look at your earliest and latest

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event dates to determine the period your

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timeline will cover. The earliest date

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goes at the left end of the timeline,

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while the latest date goes on the right.

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Now split the timeline into segments by

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drawing smaller intersecting lines at

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equal lengths apart. Each line represents

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a unit of time. A unit can be a day, a

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month, a year or even a hundred years.

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Label every few units with the year

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represents on the timeline. Now add your

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list of events to the timeline marking

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them at the corresponding year. You can

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make a timeline about anything. The

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events of your favorite TV show, the

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founding of the United States, even the

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history of baseball.