

DK Timelines of Everything

Overview:

Travel through time with this superb, beautifully illustrated reference book that introduces a myriad of topics, all presented through the medium of timelines. Subjects covered include dinosaurs, ancient civilisations, chemistry, trains, world wars, feminism, space exploration and more.

Target:

Ideal for children ages 9+ / Upper Key Stage 2.

Curriculum aims:

- Use fieldwork to observe, measure, record and present the human and physical features in the local area using a range of methods
- Understand historical concepts such as continuity and change, cause and consequence, similarity, difference and significance. Create structured accounts, including written narratives
- Retrieve, record and present information from non-fiction
- Provide reasoned justifications for their views

Activities	Extension
<p>Activity 1: Drawing a plan of the local area (Geography/History)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Using the timeline on pages 26–27, talk to the pupils about how towns have developed through history.• Highlight buildings from different periods in your area. Ask the pupils about when their houses/the school/other public buildings were built.• If possible, arrange to take the class for a walk around the area with a view to creating a plan of it. Or use satellite imagery and street views of the area around the school to go on a virtual ‘walk’.• On your walk, draw attention to street names and any buildings or monuments that might reveal the area’s history.• Back in the classroom, split the class into groups and ask each to create a 2D or 3D plan of the local area, marking any features they think are important.	<p>Create a plan of the school grounds and, if time allows, a floor plan of the building.</p>
<p>Activity 2: Researching and descriptive writing (English)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use the timeline on pages 134–135 to show the development of ships.• Highlight four or five of the types of vessel described. Ask the pupils to choose one of these and find out more about it, and to think about what it would have been like to sail on one of these ships.• Pupils should plan and write a short piece of descriptive writing about a voyage in the ship of their choosing. (The writing could be done as homework.)	<p>Draw a labelled diagram or picture of the kind of ship you chose to write about.</p>

DK Timelines of Everything

Lesson Plan Page 2

Activities	Extension
<p>Activity 3: Creating a newspaper (English)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• As a class, look at the development of how humans share news on pages 210–211.• Show the pupils examples of modern newspapers, pointing out different features (headlines, articles on different topics, images, adverts, etc.).• Explain that the class will be working in groups to make their own newspaper.• Groups should work together to decide on a name for the newspaper, write articles (which could cover local news, sports, opinion pieces, family announcements, etc.), choose or draw images and create adverts for real or imagined businesses.	<p>Find out about your local newspaper. Who is the editor? How often is it published? When was it first published? How much did it cost then - and now? What sort of information is included in the paper? (Note: Make sure you have some copies available for the pupils to look at.)</p>

Homework:

- Design a new, small housing estate for your town. Draw a sketch of it, showing where the roads are. Choose names for the roads that relate to your town. Consider famous people associated with the town, events in history, the buildings on your roads, the surrounding countryside and so on.
- Local newspapers include stories about what has happened in the area. Ask the pupils to write a 100-word article about a local event. You can ask them either to make up a story about, for example, a dramatic rescue or the opening of a new library/school/hospital, or you can choose to discuss local news in class and ask the pupils to write about a real event.

Key vocabulary:

timeline – a diagram or illustration showing the development of something in chronological order

Other DK books

Other DK reference books for children include:

- *The Knowledge Encyclopedia* series
- *The Periodic Table Book*
- *The Super* series
- *Picturepedia*
- *The Wow!* series

