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Framework for Creating a Timeline

1. Decide which timeline you wish to create from the four options.
2. List the events in chronological order from the earliest to the latest.
3. Choose the period of time that your timeline will cover, be sure to include your earliest and latest dates. For example: earliest date would be 1609, latest date would be 1737, time period would be 1600 to 1750.
 - a. Earliest Date: _____
 - b. Latest Date: _____
 - c. Time Period: _____
4. Decide what units of time you will use (days, months, years, decades, centuries, etc.) to divide your timeline into equal segments. For example: unit of time is a decade 25 years, start time is 1600, end time is 1750.
 - a. Unit of Time: _____
 - b. Start Time: _____
 - c. End Time: _____
5. Calculate the number of segments that your timeline will have and the time period each segment will cover. For example: each time segment covers a 25 year time span, and I will need 6 segments, segments are 1600 - '25, '25 - '50, '50 - '75, '75 - 1700, 1700 - '25, '25 - '1750.
 - a. Number of segments: _____
 - b. Segments: _____

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6. Given the width of your paper, determine the size of each segment, and divide it into the number of equal segments that you will need. Verify that the timeline will fit the width of your paper.
 - a. Size of paper: 11 inches wide
 - b. Size of each segment: _____
 - c. Length of the timeline (size of each segment times number of segments): _____
7. Review the attached grading rubric to determine how the assignment will be graded.
8. Create a draft of your timeline, using the chronological list, figure out where the events will fall on your timeline.
9. Decide on how you will mark and label each event. For example: you could write directly on the timeline, attach colored labels, or make a code that refers back to your chronology.
10. Create a representative title for the timeline that reflects the contents of the timeline: _____
11. Place the timeline title centered on the top of the paper, in large print.
12. Verify that all the events are within the time range, the segments are of equal length and that the timeline will fit on the paper.
13. Have another student review and edit your timeline.
14. Review the timeline grading rubric to determine how the assignment will be graded.
15. Create a clean final copy of the timeline for grading.

Timeline Options

1) Pennsylvania's Historic Highlights

1737	“Walking Purchase” negotiated between the Indians and the settlers
1736	Benjamin Franklin founds the first volunteer fire company in the colonies
1681	King Charles II grants 45,000 square miles of land, almost all of what is Pennsylvania, to Admiral Penn, father of William Penn
1614	Dutch explorer Cornelius May sails into the lower reaches of the Delaware River
1683	Francis Daniel Pastorius founds Germantown
1638	New Sweden, first European settlement in Pennsylvania, is established near Philadelphia
1682	William Penn arrived on the schooner <i>Welcome</i>

2) Fashion, art, museums in Pennsylvania

1732	Ephrata Cloister, a German Protestant religious community between Lancaster and Reading, is built
1936	<i>Fallingwater</i> , a unique example of architecture designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, is built near Bear Run
1770	Hopewell Village, an iron-making community near Birdsboro, is established
1847	Mary Cassatt, painter of <i>The Boating Party</i> and <i>Morning Toilette</i> , is born in Allegheny City
1682	Pennsbury Manor, the home of William Penn, is built
1898	Sculptor Alexander Calder is born in Philadelphia
1742	The Cornwall Furnace, one of the few remaining examples of a colonial iron-smelting furnace, is built
1906	The state capitol is completed in Harrisburg
1879	Thomas Bridge is built over Crooked Creek

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3) The technology that has shaped Pennsylvania

1940	First link of the Pennsylvania Turnpike opens
1829	George Stephenson develops the first practical locomotive; Pennsylvania's first railway begins operation
1944	Howard Aiken is credited with creating the world's first digital computer
1957	Pennsylvania opens the nation's first full-scale nuclear power plant for civilian use
1920	Radio station KDKA in Pittsburgh pioneers commercial broadcasting in the nation
1732	Steel is first manufactured in the state
1690	The colonies' first paper mill is established
1797	The <i>United States</i> , the nation's first frigate, is launched at Philadelphia

4) Trivia about our State

1731	Benjamin Franklin founds the first circulation library in the colonies
1664	British drive Dutch out of Pennsylvania
1767	John Dickenson publishes his <i>Letters From a Farmer in Pennsylvania</i> in protest against British taxes
1790-1800	Philadelphia becomes the capital of the United States
1775	Second Continental Congress opens in Philadelphia and George Washington is elected commander-in-chief of the Continental Army
1792	The first labor union in the United States is organized by shoemakers in Philadelphia
1776	The Liberty Bell rings for the first time
1716	Thomas Rutter builds the first ironworks in Pennsylvania

Timeline Grading Rubric

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Graded Component/Description	Points Possible	Points Awarded
Events		
All events represented on the timeline.	3	
One missing event on the timeline.	2	
Two missing events on the timeline.	1	
Three or more missing events on the timeline.	0	
Time Segments		
All segments are equal in duration and size.	2	
Segments are not of equal duration or size.	1	
Segments are not of equal duration and size.	0	
Time Range		
Time range includes all dates, earliest and latest.	1	
Time range excludes one or more dates.	0	
Event Placement		
All events accurately placed on the timeline	3	
One event not accurately placed on the timeline.	2	
Two events not accurately placed on the timeline.	1	
Three or more events not accurately placed on the timeline.	0	

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Graded Component/Description	Points Possible	Points Awarded
Timeline Title		
Accurate title prominently displayed.	3	
Accurate title not prominently displayed.	2	
Title does not accurately reflect timeline.	1	
Title is missing or not representative of timeline.	0	
Grammar and Mechanics		
Free of grammatical and mechanical errors	3	
One grammatical or mechanical error.	2	
Two grammatical or mechanical errors.	1	
Three or more grammatical or mechanical errors.	0	
Overall Appearance		
Timeline is neat and clean.	3	
Timeline is basically neat and clean, may have one or two markings	2	
Timeline is messy or dirty, with one or two markings.	1	
Timeline is messy or dirty, with three or more markings.	0	
Total Points		/ 18