



“Time Flies By” –ACTIVITY KEY

—chronologies and timelines—

Goals, Themes, Objectives

Goals:

Students will learn how to set up and read a chronology and a timeline

Themes:

Events can be plotted on a timeline to show chronological order. This can aid in developing an understanding the sequence of a series of events and in seeing relationships between events.

Objectives:

1. Students will be able to construct and read a timeline of events in their own lives.
2. Students will be able to construct and read a timeline of events for the British Campaign of 1777 (American Revolution).

Supplies Needed

- student worksheets
- student copies of 1777 chronology
- pencils
- chalkboard / white board

Summary

Events in time are often easier to understand when they are chronologically listed. Comprehension of progression of events, as well as cause and effect, can be enhanced by placing events on a timeline.

This activity has students construct a timeline of events in their own lives –something inherently relevant and meaningful. Students then move on to construct a timeline of historical events from the British Campaign of 1777 and its culmination in the American victory following the Battles of Saratoga.

Introduction

The activity can be introduced by simply reading the brief description at the top of the activity page. Writing the key terms on the board for students to see may also aid in their comprehension.

After reading the introduction, read the instructions for the class, or have a few students read the instructions. You can model each of the initial steps in the activities by writing your own answers on the board after reading the instructions.