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Put the List in Order

Estimated play time: Approximately 15 minutes

Number of players: Unlimited

Supplies needed: Printed copy of this document. Scissors to cut the answers into strips. Sticky tape and white board or large paper pad on an easel.

May be suitable for visually impaired players.

Overview:

Rearrange a list of historical events in the order of when they occurred, starting with the earliest. To get you started, here's one event with the year it occurred:

1861 Hostilities began in the American Civil War.

You will need to place each of the other events either before or after that one.

Instructions:

Note: We find this game is most fun when all players participate in a non-scoring format.

1. Print the large-type list of answers for each question. Cut them into strips.
2. Using scotch tape or masking tape, put up the answers in random order in a column, with each answer below another.
3. Read the list aloud.
4. Tell your players to identify what they think is the earliest event, and then work through the years from there, one historical event at a time.
5. As the players shout out how the answers should be ordered, rearrange the strips of paper according to their instructions.
6. When they reach a final order, check it against the answers. You can choose to tell them: 1) how many answers are in the incorrect position; or 2) which specific answers are in the incorrect position (which may be a bit easier for them).
7. Have them try again to put the answers in the correct order.
8. Again, tell them either how many answers are incorrect, or which specific answers are incorrect.
9. Continue instructions 7. and 8. until they succeed in putting all answers in the right order.

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to escape the Nazis.**

**William Shakespeare completed writing
Hamlet.**

Hawaii became the 50th US state.

**Norse explorer Erik the Red established
a settlement in Canada.**

**The 19th Amendment to the US
Constitution granted women the right
to vote.**

**Alexander Graham Bell patented the
telephone.**

Hostilities began in the American Civil War.

Chocolate kisses, perhaps Hershey's most famous product, were introduced.

All apartheid laws were repealed in South Africa.

Michelangelo completed painting the Sistine Chapel ceiling.

A Dutch ship brought 20 African slaves to Jamestown, VA.

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- 1000 Norse explorer Erik the Red established a settlement in Canada.
- 1512 Michelangelo completed painting the Sistine Chapel ceiling.
- 1601 William Shakespeare completed writing *Hamlet*.
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- 1861 Hostilities began in the American Civil War.**
- 1876 Alexander Graham Bell patented the telephone.
- 1907 Chocolate kisses, perhaps Hershey's most famous product, were introduced.
- 1920 The 19th Amendment to the US Constitution granted women the right to vote.
- 1933 Albert Einstein left Germany for the US to escape the Nazis.
- 1959 Hawaii became the 50th US state.
- 1991 All apartheid laws were repealed in South Africa.