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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:

**1903 Edward Binney and Harold Smith  
invented crayons.**

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 find 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.

**The Teddy Bear was “born.”**

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**The first email was sent.**

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**Charles Dickens published his second novel,  
*Oliver Twist*.**

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**The United States doubled its size with the  
Louisiana Purchase.**

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**The first talking film (*The Jazz Singer*)  
premiered.**

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**Mary Shelley published *Frankenstein*.**

**The Hershey Company introduced foil-wrapped Kisses.**

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**In Atlanta, John Pemberton formulated the recipe for Coca-Cola.**

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- 1921 Insulin was invented in Toronto, Canada.
- 1927 The first talking film (*The Jazz Singer*) premiered.
- 1961 Construction began on the Berlin Wall, symbolizing the division of Germany for nearly 30 years.
- 1971 The first email was sent.