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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:

1992 Prime Minister John Major announced the formal separation of Prince Charles and Princess Diana.

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.

Hawaii became the 50th US state.

Tom Brady was drafted by the New England Patriots.

President Ronald Reagan died at age 93.

The first blockbuster mini-series, ROOTS, was broadcast over eight consecutive nights.

Prime Minister John Major announced the formal separation of Prince Charles and Princess Diana.

The German airship *Hindenburg* exploded.

Apple introduced the smart phone era with the debut of the iPhone.

M&M's chocolate candies were introduced.

IBM's PC (personal computer) went on sale.

***The Tonight Show* started airing in color.**

Half a million people gathered at Woodstock, NY for three days of peace and music.

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ANSWERS

- 1937 The German airship Hindenberg exploded.
- 1941 M&M's chocolate candies were introduced.
- 1959 Hawaii became the 50th US state.
- 1960 *The Tonight Show* started airing in color. (This was seen as a pioneering move by NBC, as the majority of Americans did not own color TVs until the early 1970s.)
- 1969 Half a million people gathered at Woodstock, NY for three days of peace and music.
- 1977 The first blockbuster mini-series, ROOTS, was broadcast over eight consecutive nights.
- 1981 IBM's PC (personal computer) went on sale. (It cost roughly \$1500.)
- 1992 Prime Minister John Major announced the formal separation of Prince Charles and Princess Diana.
- 1999 Tom Brady was drafted by the New England Patriots. (However, Brady wouldn't see the field until Drew Bledsoe was injured nearly two years later.)
- 2004 President Ronald Reagan died at age 93.
- 2007 Apple introduced the smart phone era with the debut of the iPhone.