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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:

**1959 Cans with pull-tab openers
were introduced.**

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.

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Disney premiered its first animated feature film, *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*.

In Toronto, insulin was discovered to treat diabetes.

Rock Hudson became the first mainstream celebrity to announce that he had AIDS.

The Pony Express began offering 10-day mail service between Missouri and California.

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The Space Shuttle *Challenger* disintegrated during launch, killing all seven crewmembers aboard, including teacher Christa McAuliffe.

The first volume of *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott was published.

Advertising executive Gary Dahl introduced Pet Rocks. This “pet” didn’t need to be fed, walked, bathed, or groomed.

The first cable car route was introduced in San Francisco.

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ANSWERS

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- 1873 The first cable car route was introduced in San Francisco.
- 1900 L. Frank Baum's *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* was published in Chicago.
- 1921 In Toronto, insulin was discovered to treat diabetes.
- 1937 Disney premiered its first animated feature film, *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*.
- 1959 Cans with pull-tab openers were introduced.
- 1962 Andy Warhol painted his famous Campbell's Soup Can series, a soup he said he ate every day for twenty years.
- 1975 Advertising executive Gary Dahl introduced Pet Rocks. This "pet" didn't need to be fed, walked, bathed, or groomed.
- 1985 Rock Hudson became the first mainstream celebrity to announce that he had AIDS.
- 1986 The Space Shuttle *Challenger* disintegrated during launch, killing all seven crewmembers aboard, including teacher Christa McAuliffe.