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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:

1924 This future US president was born in a hospital in Plains, Georgia.

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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This future US president was born in a hospital in Plains, Georgia.

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ANSWERS

1512 After four years, Michelangelo completed painting the Sistine Chapel ceiling.

1666 Isaac Newton observed an apple fall from a tree, leading to his discovery of gravity.

1865 More than two years after Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation, US troops informed African Americans in Texas that they're free. *(Now known as Juneteenth.)*

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1906 Theodore Roosevelt became the first US sitting president to visit a foreign country when he went to inspect the construction of the Panama Canal.

1924 This future US president was born in a hospital in Plains, Georgia. *(The president, of course, was Jimmy Carter. All previous presidents were born at home.)*

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1959 Charles Schulz introduced The Great Pumpkin to the *Peanuts* comic strip.

1966 Pringles debuted as the first potato chip sold in a can.

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