

The Birth of America Timeline

Using a piece of computer paper, create a foldable for your timeline.

1. Fold your piece of paper hotdog style.
2. On the inside, right side of your foldable, draw a vertical line in black, fine point marker.
 - a. The top year should be 1680 and the bottom year should be 1790.
 - b. In pencil, mark every ten years on your timeline, they need to be spaced EVENLY.
 - c. When perfect, go over in black pen.
3. Add the dates from below:
 - a. Mark a small dash where the date belongs.
 - b. Write the date next to the dash.
 - c. Draw a straight line next date.
 - d. Write the event, word for word, as you see it below, on the line.
4. On the left side of your foldable, draw a picture that corresponds with each event.
 - a. Pictures need to be in full color.
 - b. Stick people are beautiful if you give them lots of details.
5. Put the title of your timeline on the cover.
 - a. Your title is: The Birth of America Timeline.
 - b. Decorate a border around your cover.
 - c. COLOR, COLOR, COLOR! Take pride in your work.

Directions: Using “We the People” find the date that corresponds with each event, fill in the blank with the appropriate year.

- _____ John Locke published *Two Treatises of Government*, which was read and discussed in the American colonies.
- _____ The British government enacted the Sugar Act in an attempt to stop colonists from smuggling goods into and out of the colonies.
- _____ The Stamp Act was enacted and placed a tax on every legal document, newspaper, pamphlet, and deck of cards coming into the colonies.
- _____ The Quartering Act was enacted and forced colonists who were innkeepers or public officials to house and feed British soldiers.
- _____ The Tea Act gave the East India Company the sole right to see tea to the colonies, this caused the Boston Tea Party.
- _____ The Boston Massacre happens when British troops open fire on a crowd in Boston.
- _____ Fighting breaks out between Great Britain and the American colonies.
- _____ On July 4th of this year, members of Congress passed the Declaration of Independence.
- _____ Congress passes the Articles of Confederation, the country’s first constitution.
- _____ The Articles take effect and the constitution is put in place.
- _____ The Treaty of Paris is signed and the fighting between British and American troops officially ends.
- _____ The Philadelphia Convention occurs in an attempt to improve the Articles of Confederation.