

How to Make a Timeline

0:00	Owl: Welcome to How to Make a Timeline, an instructional video on reading comprehension brought to you by the Excelsior College Online Writing Lab.
0:13	As you read, you may come across passages that narrate when or how events unfold.
0:19	One way to process this information is by creating a Timeline.
0:24	A Timeline is a record of information organized chronologically.
0:29	That means it lists information according to when it happened, usually from first to last.
0:36	A Timeline can be useful for keeping track of several different kinds of information.
0:42	Most obvious are historical events, which unfold over time and thus can be tracked chronologically on a timeline.
0:49	Fictional events can also be tracked using a timeline.
0:53	For instance, you can record the stages of a story's plot on a timeline.
0:59	Additionally, timelines can be used for tracking the steps of a process or procedure.
1:05	For instance, if you're reading a chemistry textbook, you might use a timeline to break down the steps of a chemical reaction.
1:12	A timeline can be constructed using a simple list on a sheet of paper.
1:18	However, for this example, we'll use a more visual method for displaying information.
1:24	This method involves displaying information chronologically from left to right using event boxes to record each step.
1:32	Now, let's practice making a timeline from something you've read.
1:36	Imagine you've just read an interesting article online about the history of the electric guitar.
1:42	You would like to remember the most important information by placing it into a timeline that you can use as a reference after you read.
1:50	Using a blank timeline template, we'll start by writing down an appropriate title.
1:55	Let's call it "Evolution of the Electric Guitar."
1:58	Then, fill in each box with a different event in the evolution of the electric guitar.
2:04	Make sure to organize your information chronologically and write it down from left to right.
2:09	You will need to alternate between the top and bottom row of boxes.
2:14	The first electric guitar was the Rickenbacker "Frying Pan," which was created in 1931.



- 2:21 Next came the Les Paul “Log” in 1941, followed by the Fender Broadcaster in 1948.
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- 2:28 In 1952, Gibson released its legendary Les Paul guitar, and Fender released its legendary Stratocaster guitar shortly thereafter in 1954.
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- 2:39 1979 saw the birth of the Van Halen “Frankenstrat.”
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- 2:43 It was closely followed by the Jackson Randy Rhoads “Flying V” in 1982.
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- 2:49 In 1994 Ibanez released its 7-String Guitar.
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- 2:53 Finally, 2008 saw the rise of virtual guitars with the production of the Guitar Hero Controller for the popular video game Guitar Hero.
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- 3:03 That’s it!
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- 3:04 Our timeline for the evolution of the electric guitar is complete!
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- 3:08 Creating a timeline from the information you read is an excellent way to organize and remember information the next time you need it.
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- 3:16 You can download a timeline template [here](#).
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- 3:22 Thanks for listening to this instructional video on [How to Make a Timeline!](#)
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