How to Make a Timeline

Timeline: a record of information organized chronologically

A timeline can be constructed using a simple list on a sheet of paper.

- 1976 Mom & Dad Married
- 1977 I was born
- 1980 My brother was born
- 1984 We moved to California
- 1988 We moved back to Mississippi
- 1995 I graduated high school
- 2000 I graduated college

Or, you can use a more visual method to record information chronologically from left to right using event boxes.

Here’s an example of a timeline showing the evolution of the electric guitar over the course of 70 years.

A Timeline can be useful for keeping track of several different kinds of information:

- **Historical Events**
- **Fictional Events**
- **The Steps of a Process**

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