

Exploring Africa

Fishline Timelines

In an effort to learn about the countries and history of Africa, each group will be required to create a fishline timeline to hang in Mr. Wood's classroom. I'll toss out a few from last year up so that you get a look. But remember this creation is YOUR CREATION...not theirs. The due date for Timeline creation is still up in air - probably May 12 upon our return from Close Up.

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FISHLINE TIMELINE GUIDELINES



1 - 12 entries minimum

You must have at least 12 entries hanging on your final timeline. You may choose to have more than 12. Many students have done - 20 or more. Whatever you feel is necessary to write your story.

2 - Consistent color

Choose a paper color and stick with it throughout. This will lend consistency to your message. You might want to choose a color that is symbolic to your African Nation - flag, people, or tribal culture.

3 - 8 X 10 Folded / CREATE in duplicate

You will be using an 8 X 10 paper, so when creating your message fold the paper and mirror your message on each side. by hanging it over the fishline you will have a consistent message on either side of the

wire. Type or draw your dates at a consistent level on your paper so that they are legible throughout the length of the timeline; consequently the timeline will hang chronologically on one side reverse chronologically on the other. Dates must be at least 48 Pt font.

4 - five photos

Someplace on these 12 pages - five need to have photos. or drawings the photo needs to be repeated on each side of the hanger. you may choose to have photos on all 12 if you wish.

5 - 2 thematic

Two of your hangers must be thematic (no dates). One of those two has to feature the name of your country. Make it large enough to see from across the room. you may choose to place flags,

maps, country outlines, words (your choice) to identify your african nation. If you do a map - remember the borders only - without an accompanying map of Africa is confusing - since no country in the world, maybe other than Australia is recognizable without its bordering states.

6 - 10 dated hung in chronological order

The other ten required hangers must be dated. These dates need to hang in chronological order.

7 - specific date requirements

1 date - Pre islamic history / prior to 672 AD when Mohammed founded the religion of islam

1 date - must deal with time period of the european / american slave trade from 1500 to 1865

1 date- must deal with the time period of 19th century european imperialism and africa conquest

5 dates - 20th century

...the other 2 dates can go anywhere you choose them to go

8 - 2 PEOPLE

You must feature at least two individuals from your nation's history. You may choose to date their lives from birth to death, or date a significant event in their lives. However, they must dominate the particular creation. Make sure that when you are looking for your people that you find individuals that left their stamp on your chosen state.

9 - Quality - Quality - Quality

I don't mean any disrespect, but this is not a sixth grade "copy from the encyclopedia" book report on Dragonflies. If you don't know why you are placing something on that timeline, then don't put it up there! And if you put it up there, make sure that it deserves to be. This is a nation state we are talking about. Each has a long rich history. I've asked you to concentrate on the twentieth and twenty first century. All you got to do is read. If you want, I will give you feedback on your first draft...Learn from it and improve that final product. Because every single thing that hangs on that line - it will be up to you to thoroughly provide me an explanation on why it is there...

Plan on a twenty to thirty minute after or before school presentation of the entire Timeline.

10 - Follow up research

Once we finish - and hang the timelines - I will choose three of your 10 entries for you to do further research on. so as you are selecting your final dates - keep in mind that you will be digging deeper on some them.

DUE DATE FOR HANGING - 3:00 PM - TUESDAY MAY 12

you'll have until end of the day Friday May 15 to schedule a 30 minute walk through with Mr. Wood - before or after school for your final grade. See Mr. Wood for sign-up. Check Fishline Timeline for specifics.