

Illustrated Timeline Rubric

Category	7 pts	5 pts	3 pts	1 pt
Title	The timeline has a creative title that accurately describes the material and is easy to locate	The timeline has an effective title that accurately describes the material and is easy to locate	The timeline has a title that is easy to locate.	The title is missing or difficult to locate.
Content Facts	Facts were accurate for all events reported on the timeline.	Facts were accurate for almost all events reported on the timeline.	Facts were accurate for most (~75%) of the events reported on the timeline.	Facts were often inaccurate for events reported on the timeline.
Graphics or Pictures	All graphics are effective and balanced with text use.	All graphics are effective, but there appear to be too few or too many.	Some graphics are effective and their use is balanced with text use.	Several graphics are not effective.
Dates	An accurate, complete date has been included for each event.	An accurate, complete date has been included for almost every event.	An accurate date has been included for almost every event.	Dates are inaccurate or missing for several events.
Style & Organization	The timeline was set up to cover the relevant time period. It contains appropriate yearly gradations of set intervals	The timeline was set up to cover the relevant time period. It contains yearly gradations, but not at set intervals.	The timeline was set up to cover most of the relevant time period. It contains appropriate yearly gradations.	The time period covered was in appropriate. yearly divisions were not uniform.
Fonts & Colors	The use of font styles and colors is consistent and shows a logical pattern. It	The use of font styles and colors is consistent and shows a logical pattern for	The use of font styles and colors is consistent but is not used effectively to organize the	The use of font styles and colors is not consistent or detracts from the

	helps organize the material.	the most part. It helps organize the material somewhat.	material.	organization.
Resources	The timeline contained at least 11-15 events related to the topic being studied	The timeline contained at least 8-10 events related to the topic being studied	The timeline contained at least 6-7 events related to the topic being studied	The timeline covered 5 or fewer events
Preparation	The student had notes about all the events and dates s/he wished to include on the timeline before beginning to design the timeline.	The student had notes about almost all the events and dates s/he wished to include on the timeline before beginning to design the timeline.	The student had notes about most (~75%) of the events and dates s/he wished to include on the timeline before beginning to design the timeline.	The student had not prepared adequate notes before beginning to design the timeline.
Documentation	You have properly documented 4 or more good sources for your topic.	You have properly documented less than 4 good sources for your topic.	You have properly documented less than 4 sources for your topic, some of which are weak.	You have not properly documented the sources for your topic and the sources are too few or inappropriate.
Objective or Thesis	Clearly stated and appropriately focused.	Clearly stated but focus could have been sharper.	Thesis stated not appropriately focused.	No statement of thesis or objective for research.