Anglo Saxon Timeline Activity

Group construction of a timeline from 400 CE to 2100 CE
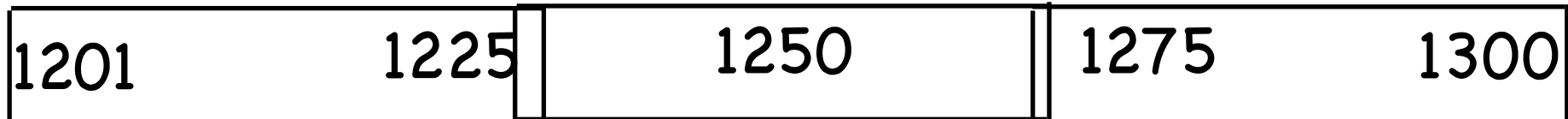
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Seventeen pupils need a blank sheet of A4 which they fold lengthwise into three. We have printed some instructions below for you to try out so they can work together on this to reduce teacher talk.

They then cut the page into three horizontal strips and stick them together to make a long thin strip.

They are each given a century card and divide their 100 years into four sections writing the dates on the strip. Here is the example of the 13th Century.

| 1201 | 1225 | 1250 | 1275 | 1300 |

Meanwhile the rest of the class prepare their events cards: instructions below. We have provided seventeen in case you have a large class so is one for each century. With a smaller class you can decide to leave out the centuries that no classes have studied so far nor are likely to until they reach KS3.

Then you will need some space for the next stage – if you adapt this activity for the Stone Age you will need the playground! The "century" pupils get themselves in order from 401 CE to 2099 CE and hold out their timeline in front of them. The events pupils find the date where they belong. You might want to extend this for later group work where two century pupils and their linked events could research another event to add to the timeline or they could do an assembly so that older pupils could contribute events from the history they have learned.

Century Cards

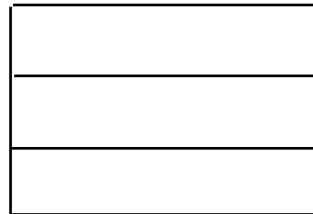|			
Fifth Century from 401 CE to 500 CE Century Card	Sixth Century from 501 CE to 600 CE Century Card	Seventh Century from 601 CE to 700 CE Century Card	Eighth Century from 701 CE to 800 CE Century Card
Ninth Century from 801 CE to 900 CE Century Card	Tenth Century from 901 CE to 1000 CE Century Card	Eleventh Century from 1001 CE to 1100 CE Century Card	Twelfth Century from 1101 CE to 1200 CE Century Card
Thirteenth Century from 1201 CE to 1300 CE Century Card	Fourteenth Century from 1301 CE to 1400 CE Century Card	Fifteenth Century from 1401 CE to 1500 CE Century Card	Sixteenth Century from 1501 CE to 1600 CE Century Card

Century Cards

Seventeenth Century from 1601 CE to 1700 CE Century Card	Eighteenth Century from 1701 CE to 1800 CE Century Card	Nineteenth Century from 1801 CE to 1900 CE Century Card	Twentieth Century from 1901 CE to 2000 CE Century Card

Twenty First Century from 2001 CE to 2100 CE

Century Card

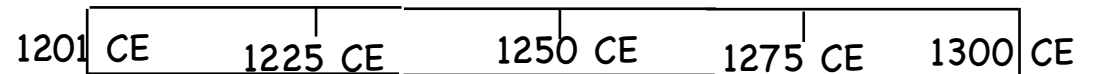# Century Cards

Instructions for Century Cards Holders

1. Fold your paper horizontally. Then cut your paper into three lengths.

2. Glue the lengths together to make one long strip. This is now your timeline!

3. Mark your five dates along your timeline.

4. Decide whose timeline comes before you and whose comes after you.

1201 CE   1225 CE   1250 CE   1275 CE   1300 CE

This example is the thirteenth century.

Events Cards

410 CE The Romans sailed away from Britain. Event Card	595 CE Pope Gregory sends Augustine to Kent. Event Card	624 CE King Raedwald dies and may be buried at Sutton Hoo. Event Card	793 CE Vikings raid the monastery of Lindisfarne. Event Card
878 CE King Alfred defeats the Great Heathen Army. Event Card	924 CE Aethestan becomes first king of England. Event Card	1066 CE William of Normandy defeats King Harold. Event Card	1185 CE First windmill appears in Yorkshire. Event Card
1215 CE King John seals Magna Carta. Event Card	1381 CE Wat Tyler leads the Peasants Revolt. Event Card	1455 CE Battle of St Albans. First in War of the Roses. Event Card	1588 CE Spanish Armada defeated by Francis Drake. Event Card

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1605 CE Gunpowder Plot.	1718 CE England/Wales and Scotland unite as Great Britain.	1830 CE Stephensons' Rocket makes first railway journey.	1945 CE First Atom bomb dropped on Japan.
Event Card	Event Card	Event Card	Event Card

2016 CE Britain votes to leave the European Union.

Event Card

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Instructions for Events Cards Holders

Read your event card. Try to find out at least one and not more than two statements about the event. You are going to have to tell the class about your event.

If you have more time, try to find another event in your century and find two or three statements about this event.