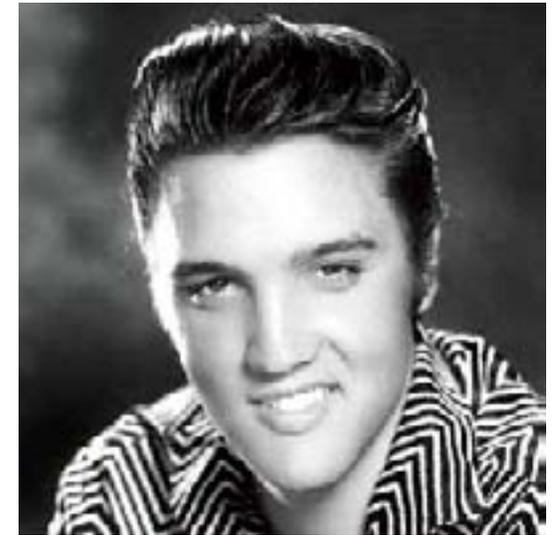


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Developed by Steve Cooke and subsequently tweaked by several colleagues. This is a clues activity to sort out a sequence of significant events (with a UK bias) since WW2. It is designed for groups of four to work together. There is a question sheet for individuals to fill in after or maybe during the groupwork if there is a need for a written outcome.

You might be interested in developing similar activities on other events or also there may be colleagues in the US who might like to produce a US version. There are already several examples on line on the website.

Notes: there is a timeline and a set of cards which the clues help you to place. Cards need to be cut up. The timeline needs to be enlarged to A3. We have provided a teacher's crib to save desperate searches for dates of events.

The webaddress for this activity is:

<http://www.collaborativelearning.org/elvis.pdf>

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## COLLABORATIVE LEARNING PROJECT

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## BRIEF SUMMARY OF BASIC PRINCIPLES BEHIND OUR TEACHING ACTIVITIES:

The project is a teacher network, and a non-profit making educational trust. Our main aim is to develop and disseminate classroom tested examples of effective group strategies that promote talk across all phases and subjects. We hope they will inspire you to develop and use similar strategies in other topics and curriculum areas. We want to encourage you to change them and adapt them to your classroom and students. We run teacher workshops, swapshops and conferences throughout the European Union. The project posts online many activities in all subject areas. An online newsletter is also updated regularly.

\*These activities are influenced by current thinking about the role of language in learning. They are designed to help children learn through talk and active learning in small groups. They work best in non selective classes where children in need of language or learning support are integrated. They are well suited for the development of speaking and listening . They provide teachers opportunities for assessment of speaking and listening.

\*They support differentiation by placing a high value on what children can offer to each other on a particular topic, and also give children the chance to respect each other's views and formulate shared opinions which they can disseminate to peers. By helping them to take ideas and abstract concepts, discuss, paraphrase and move them about physically, they help to develop thinking skills.

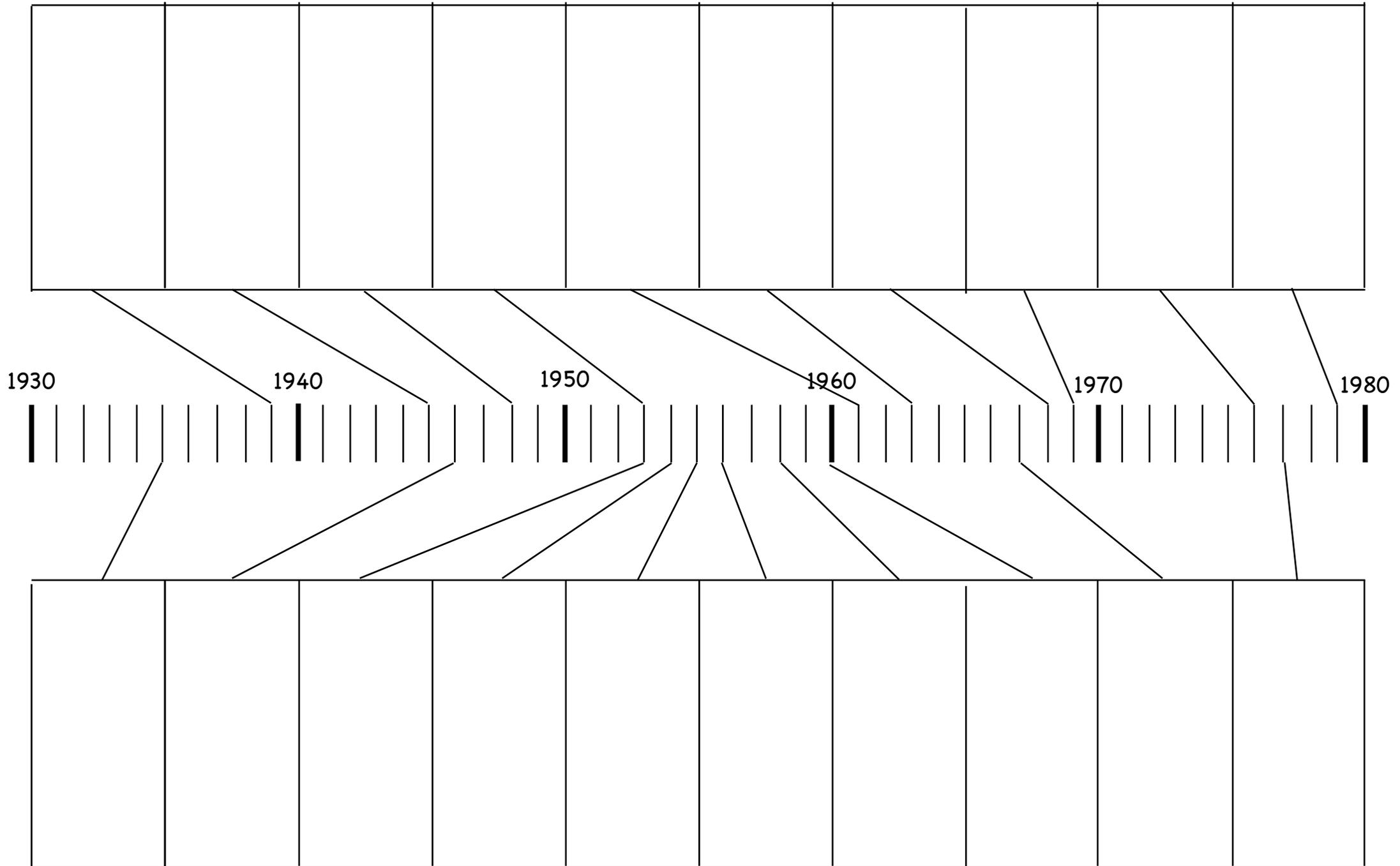
\*They give children the opportunity to participate in their own words and language in their own time without pressure. Many activities can be tried out in pupils' first languages and afterwards in English. A growing number of activities are available in more than one language, not translated, but mixed, so that you may need more than one language to complete the activity.

\*They encourage study skills in context, and should therefore be used with a range of appropriate information books which are preferably within reach in the classroom.

\*They are generally adaptable over a wide age range because children can bring their own knowledge to an activity and refer to books at an appropriate level. The activities work like catalysts.

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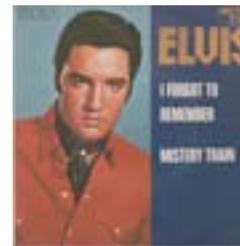
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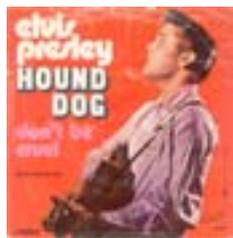
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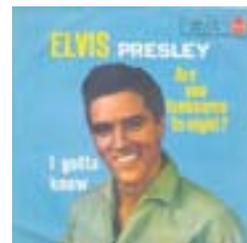
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# Elvis Presley

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3. What happened on his eleventh birthday?	4. When did his family move to Memphis?
5. When did he make his first demo record?	6. Where did he make the demo recording?
7. What song did he record in 1954?	8. Who played on the record with him?
9. In what year did he record "Mystery Train"?	10. What number did "Mystery Train" reach in the country music charts.?
11. When did "Hound Dog" become a number 1 hit?	12. For how many weeks did it stay at number 1?
13. What happened in 1958?	14. How long did he stay in the Army.?
15. When was "Are You Lonesome Tonight" a number 1 hit?	16. For how long was it number 1?
17. When did Elvis get married?	18. Who did he marry?
19. When was their daughter born?	20. What was her name?
21. When did Elvis get divorced?	22. Where and when did he die and what did he die of?

## Clue Sheet 1

Britain declared war on Germany, four years after Elvis was born.

The United States dropped two atom bombs on Japan three years before India and Pakistan became independent countries.

Elvis got his first guitar in 1946.

Elvis got his first guitar the year after the Second World War ended.

"Are You Lonesome Tonight" was number one in the chart, the year after Elvis left the Army.

## Clue Sheet 2

Elvis recorded his first demo record in the same year as Elizabeth II became Queen of England.

"Mystery Train" was number one in the country music chart two years after he recorded his first demo record.

Elizabeth became Queen of England ten years before John Kennedy was assassinated.

President John Kennedy was shot and killed in 1963.

Elvis recorded 'That's All Right' eight years after he got his first guitar.

### Clue Sheet 3

Elvis got married four years after John Kennedy was killed.

Yuri Gagarin was the first man in space four years before Elvis got married.

The first men landed on the Moon eight years before Elvis died.

'Hound Dog' became a number one hit two years before he joined the US Army.

Elvis left the US Army in 1960.

### Clue Sheet 4

Martin Luther King was killed the year before the first men landed on the Moon.

The Race Relations Act was made law three years before Margaret Thatcher became Prime minister of Britain.

Margaret Thatcher became Prime minister two years after Elvis died.

Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin landed on the Moon in 1969.

Elvis was born in 1935.