

How to Use This Book

Welcome to A Look Back at Modern History! This book is divided into two five-year units, which together cover an entire decade. Each unit includes five quizzes that require students to put events of each individual year in chronological order. Following those quizzes is a quiz that requires students to sort a list of events into the proper year.

At the end of the second unit, there is a notebooking page for each year of the decade. Students can use these pages to record interesting facts they find, topics they'd like to learn more about, observations they make, etc. They could also use the page to research one specific topic that they find intriguing from the year. The final page is called, "What Do You Think?" This page provides your student a place to record his or her thoughts on the decade as a whole. What was life like? Was the mood hopeful, discouraged, angry, etc.? What stands out about the decade to your student?

There are many ways to use this pack in your studies:

- It is perfect for review after students have studied a time period in history or social studies.
- Parents and teachers can use the pack to help create a list of ideas or areas you wish to explore as you plan your study.
- Students can use the book as a starting point for independent study. Have students take the quizzes to the library or use them at the computer to search for the answers to the questions. Allow plenty of time for rabbit trails so students can investigate facts and stories they discover as they complete their pack.
- It can also be used as a tool to help students practice and sharpen research and notetaking skills. Have students record where they find the answers to each question as they would if they were doing research for a paper or presentation. You can also use this record of sources to help them dig deeper into the topics that interest them.

However you use the pack in your curriculum, I hope you find many forgotten or unknown moments in history to discuss with your students!

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Unit 1: 1960—1964

Which Came First?

For this puzzle, you have five lists of events, one list for each year in this unit. Your job is to put the events for each year in chronological order, with 1 being the first event from the list that happened that year and 10 being the last.

To solve this puzzle, you may need to guess some of the answers using your knowledge and reasoning skills. Then research online or at the library to check your answers. There is an answer key in the back if you get stuck.

1960

_____ Armin Hary is the first man to run 100 meters in 10 seconds.

_____ Upper Volta (now Burkina Faso) becomes independent.

_____ John F. Kennedy is elected president.

_____ Four African American students sit at a whites-only lunch counter at a store in Greensboro, North Carolina.

_____ First TV debate between Richard Nixon and John F. Kennedy takes place.

_____ John F. Kennedy announces his candidacy for president.

_____ Brazil's capital is moved from Rio de Janeiro to Brasília.

_____ British Somaliland and Italian Somaliland unite to form the independent country of Somalia.

_____ The Soviet Union shoots down Francis Gary Powers' U-2 spy plane.

_____ Nigeria becomes independent.

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Unit 2: 1965—1969

Which Came First?

For this puzzle, you have five lists of events, one list for each year in this unit. Your job is to put the events for each year in chronological order, with 1 being the first event from the list that happened that year and 10 being the last.

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1965

- _____ Amos Alonzo Stagg, a college football coach for 70 years, dies at 102.
- _____ *Mariner IV* ends its 228-day flight to Mars and begins sending photographs.
- _____ Weather satellite *Tiros IX* is launched into orbit from Cape Kennedy.
- _____ Casey Stengel ends his 56-year career in baseball.
- _____ *Gemini III*, with Major Grissom and Lt. Col. Young, orbits Earth three times.
- _____ Canada begins using its new Red Maple Leaf flag.
- _____ Los Angeles Dodgers win the World Series.
- _____ Communist China explodes its second atomic bomb.
- _____ New York Worlds Fair closes.
- _____ Act is signed creating Department of Housing and Urban Development.

