

## 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: 1990—1994

### 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.

## 1990

\_\_\_\_\_The *Hubble Space Telescope* is launched from space shuttle *Discovery*.

\_\_\_\_\_Builders complete the Washington Cathedral in Washington, D.C.

\_\_\_\_\_Temporary closure of Yosemite National Park because of forest fires is announced.

\_\_\_\_\_The first crossing of Antarctica by dog sled is completed.

\_\_\_\_\_Poland's Communist Party votes to dissolve and reorganize.

\_\_\_\_\_Margaret Thatcher announces her resignation as Prime Minister of Great Britain.

\_\_\_\_\_ *Mega Borg*, a Norwegian oil tanker, explodes in the Gulf of Mexico, near Galveston, Texas.

\_\_\_\_\_The Cincinnati Reds win the World Series in 4 straight games.

\_\_\_\_\_A ban on smoking begins on all U.S. domestic flights of less than 6 hours.

\_\_\_\_\_Latvia declares its independence from the Soviet Union.

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## Unit 2: 1995—1999

### 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.

## 1995

\_\_\_\_\_ A truck bomb destroys the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

\_\_\_\_\_ A terrible outbreak of the Ebola virus occurs in Zaire.

\_\_\_\_\_ 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United Nations is celebrated.

\_\_\_\_\_ A disaster declaration is issued after heavy flooding hits California.

\_\_\_\_\_ Israel's Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin is assassinated.

\_\_\_\_\_ AT&T says it plans to split into three separate companies.

\_\_\_\_\_ The Russian *Mir* space station and the *Atlantis* space shuttle link in space.

\_\_\_\_\_ A proposed amendment to the Constitution requiring the U.S. government to balance its budget fails to pass the U.S. Senate.

\_\_\_\_\_ The United Nations Security Council votes to send peacekeeping forces to Angola.

\_\_\_\_\_ A bomb set by terrorists explodes in Paris near Notre Dame Cathedral.

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