

How to Use This Book

Welcome to A Look Back at Modern History! This book is divided into two units, each containing quizzes about the sports, history, independence, inventions and discoveries, and literature of the twentieth century. Each quiz includes ten events that the student must put in chronological order according to the year they occurred. Following those quizzes is a quiz that requires the student to sort a list of events into the proper time periods.

At the end of the second unit, there is a notebooking page for each subject covered in the quizzes. 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 they find intriguing from the subject. The final page is called, "What Do You Think?" This page provides your student a place to record his or her thoughts on the topics as a whole. What stands out about the subjects covered 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!

A Look Back at Modern History

The 20th Century

Unit 1

Which Came First?

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

Sports

_____ Affirmed wins the Triple Crown, beating Alydar in each of the three races.

_____ No. 5-ranked Miami wins the Orange Bowl, beating the undefeated No. 1-ranked Nebraska by one point.

_____ Gertrude Ederle swims the English Channel, despite stormy weather and large waves, breaks all previous time records by two hours, and becomes the first woman ever to swim the Channel.

_____ Wayne Gretzky beats the "50 goals in 50 games" benchmark by scoring 50 goals in 39 games.

_____ Nadia Comaneci, at 14 years of age, becomes the first person ever to receive a perfect 10 in an Olympic gymnastics event.

_____ Brazilian soccer great Pele makes his international debut in the World Cup.

_____ The first Australian Open women's tennis competition is held.

_____ Englishman Roger Bannister becomes the first person to run a mile in less than four minutes.

_____ Firmin Lambot of Belgium wins the first Tour de France held after World War I.

_____ Sonja Henie of Norway wins her first gold medal in women's figure skating in the Olympics.

Sort It Out

Put the number of the event in the box under the correct range of years in the chart below. Check your answers by doing research. There is an answer key in the back if you get stuck.

Sports

1. Women are admitted to track and field Olympic competition.
2. In golf, John H. Taylor of England wins his third British Open.
3. Jean-Claude Killy becomes a triple champion, winning all three skiing titles—downhill, slalom, and giant slalom—at the Winter Olympic Games in Grenoble, France.
4. The American Hockey team wins the gold medal at the Olympic Games in Lake Placid, NY.
5. The Toronto Maple Leafs defeat the Detroit Red Wings to win the NHL's Stanley Cup.

History

6. Sir Winston Churchill dies.
7. The League of Nations is established.
8. Nunavut becomes a territory in Canada.
9. The building of Auschwitz concentration camp begins.
10. The British passenger ship *Lusitania* is sunk by a German U-Boat.

Independence

11. Burma achieves its independence.
12. Belize achieves its independence.
13. Central African Republic achieves its independence.
14. Egypt achieves its independence from the United Kingdom.
15. The Mongolian People's Republic is established.

Inventions

16. The first web browser allows people to use the Internet more easily.
17. The shopping cart debuts.
18. Jules Vedrines of France reaches 108.18 miles per hour (174.1 kph) in the aircraft *Deperdussin Racer*, which uses the new laminated wood fuselage and bracing wires.
19. Playdoh debuts.
20. The first optical fiber that could be used for long-range communication is produced.

Literature

21. *Sarah, Plain and Tall* is published.
22. *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* is published.
23. *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* (first in the Chronicles of Narnia series) is published.
24. *The Boxcar Children* is published.
25. *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* is published.

1900-1919	1920-1939	1940-1959	1960-1979	1980-1999

Sports

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