

“Create a timeline using hstry.com”

Although the website description states it allows students and teachers to create and explore interactive timelines of historical events, it can also be used to create timelines for any subject.

Go to www.hstry.co and set up an account. You'll need an email and password.

To create a class

- First, login to your account to access your teacher dashboard. Then click on the '+' under the 'Classes' tab. Next, you can enter the class name and the grade level. Press the 'Create Class' button and you'll be good to go!
- Once you have created a class on Hstry, you will have a specific four-digit code for that classroom on the right of the class dashboard. Share the code with your students and send them to <https://edu.hstry.co/student/register> for them to sign-up. Students just have to create a username & password and input their first & last names to gain access to your classroom.
- To share a timeline with your class, log in to your teacher dashboard and click on 'Timelines' on your menu bar. Once you select a timeline (either from Hstry's, the Community or your own) you will be taken to the timeline overview section. On this screen, you can share the timeline with your selected classes.

To create a timeline

A Timeline is composed of three parts: the introduction, main body, and conclusion. You can create text, image, video, audio, “Did You Know?” and Multiple choice quiz question items. You can also create headings to divide the timeline into different sections. Finally you can also insert an introduction and conclusion. Your work is instantly and automatically saved.

- **Overview of the different items:**
 - **Introduction** - Insert a body of text to introduce what the timeline will be about. It is also here you input the title of the timeline you are creating as well as the banner image and timeline image. This last image will be the one your students will see when they select this timeline.
 - **Text Item** - The basic item. It enables you to add, you guessed it right, text. Here, like anywhere on the timeline, the copy/paste function works.
 - **Image Item** - This is the basic text item, plus an image. You can either upload a file from your computer or import the link to an image directly from the web. Simply enter the web link (the content of the address bar at the top of your browser).

There are four type of files you can upload: *jpg, jpeg, gif* and *png*.

Every image has a credit line that you can fill in to add the source.

- **Video Item** - Add life to timelines by incorporating videos. Currently, it is only possible to share videos from YouTube. Copy and paste the link and it will automatically appear. You can also add a description below.
- **Audio Item** - There are some great historical recordings out there that can add another dimension to a timeline. Upload *mp3* files either from your computer or share them from the web by inserting the link (from freesound.org, for example).
- **'Did You Know?' Item** - A 'Did You Know?' item is like an image item. You can add text and an image, but the emphasis is on introducing an interesting fact or something surprising that your students would not necessarily know.
- **Multiple-choice quiz Item** - This enables you to introduce a form of assessment for the students in the timeline. Once you have input the question and the possible answers (you can put as many possible answers as you like), select the correct answer by clicking on the tick to the left of the box. This will then turn green.

If you wish, you can also insert an explanation that will appear when the student clicks on the correct answer.

- **Heading Item** - Useful if you want to divide the timeline into different sections. One good application of this would be if you were writing a timeline about the *13 day Cuban Missile Crisis in October 1962*. Headings are therefore a good way to structure a timeline.
- **Conclusion** - A nice way to wrap up a timeline and finish on some more general considerations. Next to the text box, you can add an image.

- **Managing items on a timeline**

- **Adding an item**
As simple as pie. Click on the blue plus on the timeline itself. You can then choose the type of item you want to add.
- **Editing an item**
The general rule for editing an item is simply to click on it. Be it a text box, the credit note for a photo, a title, a heading, simply click on it and start typing.
- **Moving an item**
To the bottom right hand corner of each item is a cross symbol. Click, hold the button, and drag the item to where you want in the timeline.
- **Deleting an item**
To delete an item, click on the red trash can in the bottom right corner. Use the same trash can icon to remove an image or an answer from a multiple choice quiz question.