

Timeline Project

You will be creating a timeline about a topic.

For this project we will use a web-based application: timeline.knightlab.com

Once on the site, you will use the spreadsheet template - it will show up in your Google Drive - just rename it to something that makes sense and move it into your Dig Lit Folder. This is the file that you will put your data in.

Leave the title columns alone - I repeat - **Leave the title columns alone** - and replace the sample data with your own facts.

Why you may ask? This file is loaded into a computer program that is expecting the columns to contain certain information - even if you don't need that column for this project leave it in the file but just don't put any information into it.

I would recommend starting with just one fact - get it to save, publish and view;

Does your timeline display correctly?

If yes

then continue by adding a second line of data

Else

figure out what is wrong.

Project Details

1. Include **at least 6 slides/facts plus one title slide**
2. Keep text on the screen brief (titles, a few facts)
3. The bulk of the presentation will be you talking about your topic in detail
4. Include images - you will link to online versions of these - if you would like to use your own images we can look into making this happen
5. Include the media and source citations
6. Once complete - copy the link and the embed code
 - post **both** on your blog
 - *sometimes a link works better and other times the embed does...*

Here is an example of the sheet I used to create the demo timeline

Year	Month	Day	Time	Headline	Text	Media	Media Credit	Media Caption	Media Thumbnail	Type	Background
1600s				History of Music Technology	How we listen to music... Alexander Graham Bell used an actual human ear as the recording device	http://wallpaper.com	safetechoo.com	Listening to Music		#6e4006	
1874				Phonograph	Built by both Thomas Edison and Alexander Graham Bell - one used tin while the other used wax to record	http://www.mainless.com	http://www.mainless.com	Phonograph Drawing		#666666	
1878				Phonograph/Graphophone	A zinc disc is stamped with the recordings - could be played by using a tone arm	http://www.phonograph.com	http://www.phonograph.com	Edison's Phonograph		#6f319b	
1894				Gramophone	Interesting Note: Courts decided producers did not have to pay the composers any fees	http://thumb4.ebay.com	ebay.com	Victor Talking Machine Company advertisement		#333333	
1900				Video of Old Phonograph	Music continued to be recorded and distributed in new ways	https://youtu.be/O9j198584		Edison Phonograph Video		#6197a0	
1901				Piano Scrolls	Music continued to be recorded and distributed in new ways	http://www.amica.org	piano.ica.org	Advertisement for Aeolian Pianos		#31e070	
1920				Cassettes, 45's and LP Records	CD technology arrives	https://underbeck1.wikimedia.org	underbeck1980.file	Cassette tapes		#5cb3b8	
1980				Compact Disc	Audio Compression and peer-to-peer allows files to be sent digitally from on computer to another - Napster became the fastest growing business ever (in such a short time)	https://upload.wikimedia.org	commons.wikimedia.org	Music CD Collection		#65e031	
1990				MP3	iTunes is available	http://history-computer.com	http://www.mousair.com	Shawn Fanning Time Magazine Cover		#3d33aa	
2003				Apple	Pandora, Spotify and others change provide new listening and delivery methods	http://www.rologo.co	rologo.com	Icons for iTunes		#6f9d31	
2007				Online Music Streaming	Everything old is new again. Sales of vinyl records outdoes music purchases	http://track0.mashoh.com	mashoh.com	Streaming Radio Stations		#6e4006	
2010				Vinyl Records Return in Popularity		http://odn2.ubergizm.com	www.cbbc.com/	vinyl record		#756b5f	

Just a few of the very many potential ideas to pursue:

- try to pick a topic where you can give some background/history, pros/cons, how it works, significance of the topic to society, culture or economy. A presentation should not just be a list of items, right?

- Biofuel
- Solar Power
- Cell phones (history of or technically how they work)
- Ecommerce
- Crypto Currencies (how they work)
- Social Media
- Science or Technology Innovation
- History of...
- Biography of...
- A topic of interest to you ...

We will review your topic choices before you start putting together the timeline - to be sure there is enough of a plan in place so that you can put together a useful and effective presentation.