

Time Trail Detectives

Teacher-led practice with past, present, future, and event order.

SS.1.A.2 "Historical Knowledge"

NAME _____

DATE _____

Teacher: this page is run aloud. The script and answers are on the guide page.

1 PAST OR NOW _____

a	PAST	NOW	FUTURE
b	FUTURE	NOW	PAST
c	NOW	PAST	FUTURE

2 STORY ORDER _____

A	•	•	1
B	•	•	3
C	•	•	2

HOW TO RUN THIS PAGE

History is made of true stories about people and events from long ago. Read the short stories aloud, then watch for students who can identify the time and put events in order.

Students never read directions on this sheet. Read each part's script aloud, then each prompt, giving think time before students mark.

PART 1 • PAST OR NOW

SAY “You will hear a short story for each row. Listen to the choices and circle the time word that fits the story.”

ROW	SAY	STUDENTS CIRCLE
a	Listen: In 1776, people in the thirteen colonies declared independence from Great Britain. The choices are PAST, NOW, and FUTURE. When did this happen? Circle one.	PAST
b	Listen: People use smartphones to make video calls with family far away. The choices are FUTURE, NOW, and PAST. When does this happen? Circle one.	NOW
c	Listen: In 2100, a family takes a trip to Mars. The choices are NOW, PAST, and FUTURE. When does this happen? Circle one.	FUTURE

PART 2 • STORY ORDER

SAY “Listen to this true story from 1969: A says, “Astronauts walked on the Moon,” B says, “A rocket carried astronauts away from Earth,” and C says, “The astronauts came back to Earth.” Which part happened first, next, and last? Draw a line from each letter to its number, 1 for first, 2 for next, and 3 for last.”

- **A** matches **2**
- **B** matches **1**
- **C** matches **3**

WHAT TO ACCEPT

Circle row answers are PAST, NOW, and FUTURE. Story-order lines are A-2, B-1, and C-3.