

Florida Through Time

Use dates to place key Florida events in sequence.

SS.4.A.9.1 "Utilize timelines to sequence key events in Florida history."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle every year in the passage, then write a small number beside each year to show its order from earliest to latest.

Changes Across Florida History

- ① Florida's written history includes many changes in control. In 1513, Spanish explorer Juan Ponce de León reached Florida's east coast. In 1565, Spain founded St. Augustine, which is the oldest continuously occupied European-established settlement in the United States. Spanish leaders built forts and missions. These places helped Spain claim and protect the land for more than two centuries.
- ② In 1763, after the French and Indian War, Spain gave Florida to Britain. British rule lasted 20 years. In 1783, Britain returned Florida to Spain after the American Revolution. Later, in 1821, Spain transferred Florida to the United States. Florida became a U.S. state in 1845. Put these dates in order to see how Florida's government changed over time.
- ③ Florida joined the Confederate States in 1861, during the Civil War. After the war, Florida returned to the United States in 1868. Nearly a century later, Floridians took part in the Civil Rights Movement. In 1960, students held sit-ins at lunch counters in Tallahassee to protest unfair segregation. Each date is a point on a timeline. The dates help readers sequence events from earliest to latest.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 Which happened earlier, Ponce de León reaching Florida’s east coast or Spain founding St. Augustine? Give the year.

2 What change in control happened after British rule ended in 1783?

3 List these years from earliest to latest: 1821, 1845, and 1861. Write a short event name beside each year.

4 How many years passed from Florida becoming a state to Florida joining the Confederate States?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Create a four-event mini timeline in the table. Put the events in order from earliest to latest, and include at least one event from each paragraph.

ORDER	YEAR	FLORIDA EVENT

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Circle every year in the passage, then write a small number beside each year to show its order from earliest to latest. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which happened earlier, Ponce de León reaching Florida's east coast or Spain founding St. Augustine? Give the year.	Ponce de León reached Florida's east coast first, in 1513.
2	What change in control happened after British rule ended in 1783?	Britain returned Florida to Spain.
3	List these years from earliest to latest: 1821, 1845, and 1861. Write a short event name beside each year.	1821, Florida transferred to the United States; 1845, Florida became a state; 1861, Florida joined the Confederate States.
4	How many years passed from Florida becoming a state to Florida joining the Confederate States?	16 years.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

ORDER	YEAR	FLORIDA EVENT
1	1513	Ponce de León reached Florida's east coast.
2	1763	Spain gave Florida to Britain.
3	1845	Florida became a U.S. state.
4	1960	Tallahassee students held lunch-counter sit-ins.

Accept equivalent event descriptions that match the passage and are in correct date order. For the mini timeline, accept any four accurate events in chronological order, including at least one event from each paragraph.