

Park Time Trail

Read dates in order and use them to understand history.

3.15.B "create and interpret timelines;"

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Number the four dated park-history events from 1 for the earliest to 4 for the latest. This will help you read the events as a timeline.

National Parks Over Time

- ① A timeline puts events in order from earliest to latest. It helps readers see what happened first, next, and later. Dates are placed in order, usually from left to right. For example, a class could place the first day of school before a field trip. Timelines can also show how many years passed between two events.
- ② The history of U.S. national parks can be read as a timeline. In 1872, Yellowstone became the first national park in the United States. In 1890, Yosemite became a national park. In 1916, Congress created the National Park Service to care for national parks. In 1919, Grand Canyon became a national park in the United States.
- ③ The timeline shows that Yellowstone came before Yosemite. It also shows that the National Park Service was created after both Yellowstone and Yosemite were parks. To find an elapsed time, subtract the earlier year from the later year. From 1890 to 1916, 26 years passed. A timeline helps people connect dates to the order of important events.

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ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1

Which event should you number 1 on the timeline?

2

Which event should you number 3 on the timeline?

3

How many years passed from Yellowstone becoming a national park to Yosemite becoming a national park?

4

Which happened later, the creation of the National Park Service or Grand Canyon becoming a national park? Use a date in your answer.

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YOUR TURN

Your own words

Create a three-event timeline for an imaginary school garden. Use three different years, and write the events from earliest at the top to latest at the bottom.

YEAR	WHAT HAPPENED?

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Number the four dated park-history events from 1 for the earliest to 4 for the latest. This will help you read the events as a timeline. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which event should you number 1 on the timeline?	Yellowstone became the first national park in the United States in 1872.
2	Which event should you number 3 on the timeline?	Congress created the National Park Service in 1916.
3	How many years passed from Yellowstone becoming a national park to Yosemite becoming a national park?	18 years passed.
4	Which happened later, the creation of the National Park Service or Grand Canyon becoming a national park? Use a date in your answer.	Grand Canyon becoming a national park happened later, in 1919. The National Park Service was created in 1916.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

YEAR	WHAT HAPPENED?
2021	Students plan the garden.
2022	The class plants seeds.
2023	Students harvest vegetables.

Accept answers that place the passage events in correct date order and calculate 1872 to 1890 as 18 years. For the student timeline, accept any three clear events with different years in earliest-to-latest order.