

Rights Won, Rights Used

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You may choose to ask students to learn about just 1 event in small groups. Then you can come together to make a class-wide timeline. If you do that, you can cut up events using the template on this page.

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