

A Look Back at Modern History

Unit 2: 1970—1974

Which Came First?

For this puzzle, you have five lists of events, one list for each year in this unit. Your job is to put the events for each year in chronological order, with 1 being the first event from the list that happened that year and 10 being the last.

To solve this puzzle, you may need to guess some of the answers using your knowledge and reasoning skills. Then research online or at the library to check your answers. There is an answer key in the back if you get stuck.

1970

- _____ *Apollo 13* is launched from Cape Kennedy for the moon.
- _____ Great Britain's Prince Charles takes his seat in the House of Lords.
- _____ The United Nations celebrates its 25th anniversary.
- _____ The south side of the Himalaya's Annapurna I (26,504 ft.) is climbed for the first time.
- _____ The U.S. Senate approves lowering the voting age to 18.
- _____ 50th anniversary of women receiving the right to vote in the U.S. is celebrated.
- _____ A massive earthquake in the northern mountains of Peru devastates the area.
- _____ Serious antigovernment riots begin in Manila and other Philippine cities.
- _____ Israel, the United Arab Republic, and Jordan accept the formula for peace in the Middle East proposed by America.
- _____ U.S. President signs bill outlawing cigarette commercials on radio and TV as of the beginning of 1971.

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_____ Delegates from eight countries meet in Egypt to plan military and economic strategy against Israel.

_____ Biochemists successfully synthesize the hormone responsible for human body growth.

_____ The U.S. explodes an H-bomb (5 megatons) in the Aleutian Islands.

_____ The U.S. State Department states it will support United Nations membership for Communist China.

_____ Nikita Khrushchev dies.

_____ Amtrak begins a new passenger service that links approximately 300 cities.

_____ Iran celebrates the 2,500th anniversary of the founding of the Persian Empire.

1972

_____ The 11th Winter Olympic Games open in Japan.

_____ Former U.S. President Harry S. Truman dies.

_____ *Apollo 17*, the last planned U.S. mission to the moon, is launched.

_____ Major League baseball players strike against club owners.

_____ Terrorist members of the Black September group kill members of the Israeli Olympic team and kidnap others from Munich Olympic Village.

_____ Actor Dan Blocker, known for his role on *Bonanza*, dies.

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_____ Russia signs agreement to provide aid for the new nation of Bangladesh.

_____ In Australia, the Parliament is formally dissolved until elections.

_____ Gospel singer Mahalia Jackson dies.

1973

- _____ Great Britain, Ireland, and Denmark officially join the European Common Market.
- _____ Gerald R. Ford becomes the 40th Vice President of the U.S.
- _____ U.S. Vice President Spiro T. Agnew resigns.
- _____ Arab oil-producing states totally cut off oil shipments to the U.S.
- _____ The Bahamas become an independent nation.
- _____ For the first time in 35 years, China and Japan exchange ambassadors.
- _____ The U.S. launches *Skylab I* from Cape Kennedy.
- _____ Author Pearl S. Buck dies.
- _____ The 1900th launch of U.S. spacecraft from Cape Canaveral (formerly Cape Kennedy) takes place.
- _____ Australia enacts legislation allowing 18-year-olds to vote in federal elections.

1974

- _____ The Federal Energy Administration is created.
- _____ The U.S. Supreme Court supports the 1970 Bank Secrecy Act.
- _____ Greece votes to abolish the monarchy and become a republic.
- _____ Miami Dolphins win the Super Bowl for the second consecutive time.
- _____ Oakland A's win the World Series for the third consecutive year.
- _____ U.S. President Nixon resigns.
- _____ Anti-trust suit is filed against the American Telephone and Telegraph Company (AT&T).
- _____ The first federal budget in excess of \$300 billion is submitted to Congress by a U.S. president.
- _____ Communism celebrates 25th anniversary of rule in China.
- _____ Bill is signed to increase minimum wage to \$2.30 per hour by the beginning of 1976.

Sort It Out

Put the number of the event in the box under the correct year in the chart below. When you are finished, check your answers by doing research. There is an answer key in the back if you get stuck.

1. Baseball Hall of Fame member Jackie Robinson dies.
2. Britain experiences the first nationwide postal strike in its history.
3. Babe Ruth's home run record is broken by Hank Aaron.
4. U.S. President orders required rationing of certain fuel supplies to avoid energy crisis.
5. Sandy Koufax is voted into the Baseball Hall of Fame.
6. Spanish foreign minister makes the first official visit to France since World War II.
7. The U.S. Post Office Department is replaced by the U.S. Postal Service, which is partially independent.
8. Permit for construction of Alaskan pipeline is issued by U.S. Department of the Interior.
9. The FBI announces it will start recruiting women as special agents.
10. U.S. President Nixon orders a temporary freeze on wages, rents, and prices.
11. In the UN "Question of Palestine" debate, the European Community countries support the existence of Israel.
12. Grand jury ends its inquest into the death of Mary Jo Kopechne.
13. President Nixon becomes the first U.S. President to visit China while in office.
14. The collapse of the 35th government in Italy since World War II occurs.
15. War in the Middle East between Egyptian and Syrian forces and Israeli forces occurs.
16. Physicists report synthesizing a new element which will be No. 105 on the periodic table.
17. Israel celebrates its 25th year of independence.
18. *Mariner 9* begins orbiting Mars after a trip of more than five months.
19. Thomas Bradley becomes the first African American mayor of Los Angeles.
20. Scientists report the first complete synthesis of a gene.

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Answer Key

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16	10	9	17	11
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