

A Look Back at Modern History

Unit 7: 1995—1999

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.

1995

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- _____ Hillary Clinton testifies before a grand jury. She is the first First Lady to be subpoenaed by a grand jury.
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- _____ Senator Strom Thurmond becomes the longest-serving senator in history.
- _____ H.J. Heinz announces massive layoffs and the closing of its frozen food subsidiary.
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- _____ The first gold medal for competition in women's ice hockey in the history of the Olympics goes to the U.S.
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- _____ 77-year-old U.S. Senator John Glenn returns to Earth after a mission onboard the space shuttle *Discovery*.
- _____ Kim Jong Il officially becomes "Great Leader" of North Korea.
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- _____ The Japanese government announces that Japan's economy is in recession.
- _____ The U.S. House of Representatives votes to impeach President Clinton.
- _____ Terrorist car bombs destroy the American Embassy in Nairobi, Kenya.

1999

- _____ The U.S. Supreme Court rules that the 2000 census must be conducted by an actual head count.
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- _____ Canada creates the new territory of Nunavut.
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- _____ A Danish physicist and her research team announce that they have accomplished slowing light to the slowest speed ever observed.
- _____ It is estimated that the human population of the Earth has hit 6 billion.
- _____ The U.S. women's soccer team wins the World Cup.
- _____ Scientists announce that they have discovered a type of major fault under downtown Los Angeles.

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. A fast-moving blizzard moves up the East Coast, leaving over 20 inches of snow in New York City.
2. Eleven members of the European Union launch the euro.
3. A poison gas attack occurs in Tokyo's subway system.
4. The 15th perfect game in major league history is pitched by New York Yankees pitcher David Wells.
5. Ross Perot is selected as the presidential candidate of the Reform Party.
6. Embryologists in Edinburgh, Scotland announce the successful cloning of an adult animal.
7. Commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II in the Pacific is observed.
8. A report issued by an arm of Congress finds evidence linking health problems of Persian Gulf War veterans to nerve gas and other chemical weapons.
9. The Dow closes above 10,000 for the first time in history.
10. Kobe, Japan is hit by a disastrous earthquake.
11. Gerhard Schroeder is elected chancellor of Germany.
12. The U.S. Census Bureau announces the gap between the wealthiest Americans and the remaining Americans is widening.
13. Ben Crenshaw wins the 59th Masters gold tournament.
14. The Canadian government sends 400 soldiers to Toronto to help the city with the latest storm that is expected.
15. The Winter Olympics opens in Nagano, Japan.
16. Ireland's High Court grants the first divorce in the country's modern history.
17. The Dow closes above 9,000 for the first time in history.
18. Princess Diana and Prince Charles agree to a divorce.
19. Navies and merchant fleets around the world end the use of the Morse code system.
20. Diana, Princess of Wales dies in a car crash.

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- __3__ A proposed amendment to the Constitution requiring the U.S. government to balance its budget fails to pass the U.S. Senate. (March 2, 1995)
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7	5	8	11	9
10	12	16	15	14
13	18	20	17	19