



GIANT Black History Timeline!

The Project

Make a three-dimensional black history timeline to encircle your classroom and enthral your parents!

Products To Use With This Project

- *Mini Timeline of Awesome African American Achievements & Events*
- *The Best Book of Black Biographies*
- *1000 Readers Series!*
- *The Color Purple & All That Jazz!: African American Achievements in the Arts*

Requirements

Long wall space, oversize white paper, markers/crayons/chalk

Time

1 day

Here's How



Think gigantic! Use every inch of space available to create a Black History timeline (2 feet tall and as long as possible). Draw large blank squares (1 foot) along the top edge of the paper with big Sharpie markers. Assign each child three events to cover. Students will research each event and write a title, brief paragraph, and date on the timeline. Students will also color a picture, that describes or represents their event in history, inside the blank squares. Write the date and title under the picture square with big letters that any student can read from across the room. Add descriptive paragraphs in smaller writing underneath. Begin with African tribal development, move into the slave trade, Civil War, Reconstruction, Harlem Renaissance, the civil rights movement, etc. Don't forget to include events in the last decade! African Americans are amazing! Here's your chance to show students the breadth and depth of black history!

Variations

Make the timeline travel around all four walls! Leave part of the last wall for events in the coming months. The class can keep adding to the timeline all year.

Extra Help!

Download a Timeline Template that you can print on 11x17 paper, or one that will print on two 8.5 x 11 sheets. Get the PDF(s) from here:
http://www.gallopade.com/gallopade_pages/VEMA.cfm