

Lesson Blueprints: Graphic Organizers and Charts

Lesson Title: Chain of Events/Timeline

Grade Level: Elementary School

Project and Purpose

Students use a Chain of Events or Timeline Organizer to put ideas or events in a sequential order. This helps them see a bigger picture of how something has progressed over time.

Essential Question

How does organizing ideas and events in sequential order help us show what we know?

Materials

Copies of Chain of Events OR Timeline Organizer

Introduction

1. Ask students to share the things they do to get ready for school in the morning. Does the order you do these things matter? Why or why not? Why is the order important?
2. Explain that sometimes we need to put events or ideas in the order in which they happened to help us show what we know or what we have learned about a topic.

Direct Instruction (I do)

1. Introduce the Graphic Organizer. You may choose to print out copies of one of the organizers on the next few pages, or you may have your students draw one in their notebooks. Explain to students that this organizer is used to help them put ideas or events in order.
2. Demonstrate how you would use it to show your own morning routine.

Guided Exploration (We do)

1. Explain how the group will use the graphic organizer. For example, you could use it to put events from one of the CWK video in order.
2. Make a list of ideas or events. Before having students put anything in order on the organizer, have them make a general list of all of the ideas or events they want to include.
3. As a group, put events and ideas on the organizer.

Independent Practice (You do)

Have students complete the graphic organizer on their own or with a partner.

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