

Organizing Time



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▶ Main Idea (Objective):



▶ Historians organize history by dividing it into blocks of time.

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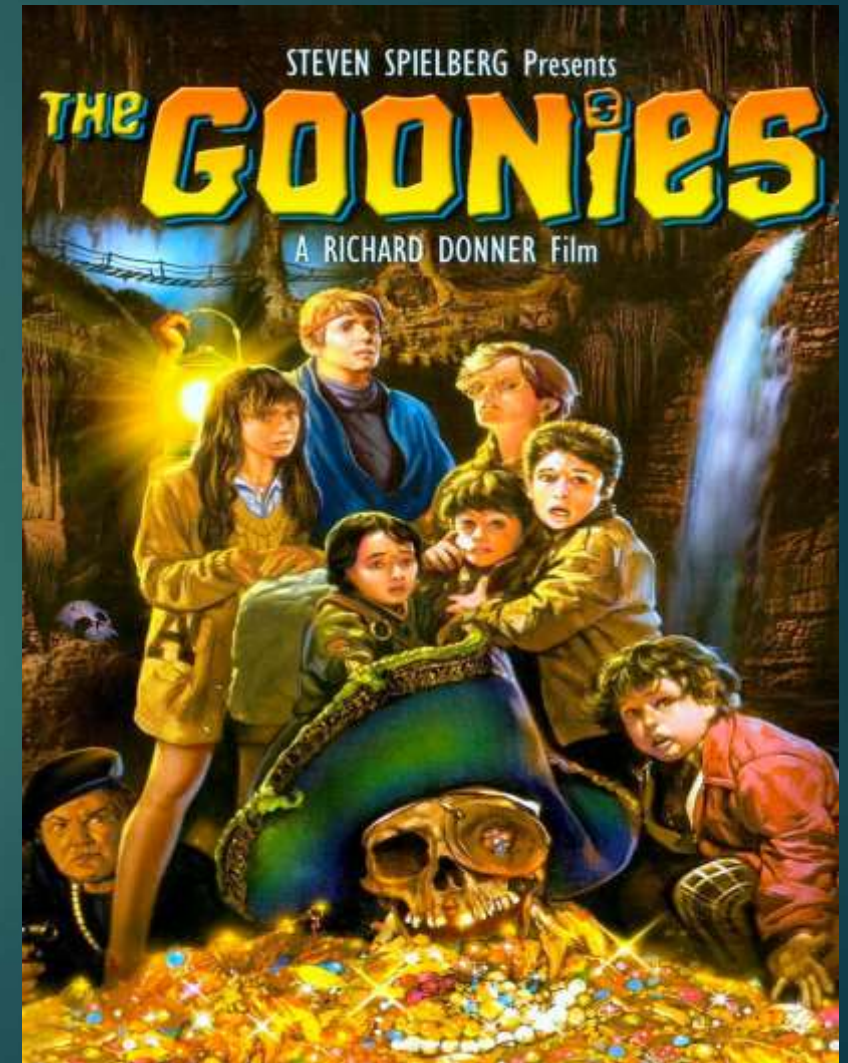
► Lecture Focus (Essential Question):



► Have you ever thought about the names given to a block of events, such as “**Summer Vacation**” or “**Baseball Season**”? Lets look at how Historians use names to describe different stretches of time.

Periods of History

- ▶ Historians divide history into blocks of time known as **Periods**, or **Eras**.



- ▶ For example, a period of 10 years is known as a **Decade** and a period of 100 years is known as a **Century**.

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- ▶ Centuries are grouped into even longer time periods, which are given special names.



- ▶ The first of these long periods is called **Pre-History**, or **Prehistoric**, which refers to a time before people developed writing, about 6,000 years ago.

Periods of History



► Pre-History is followed by the period known as **Ancient History**, which lasted about 500 B.C.E.

Periods of History



► Historians called the next thousand years after the Ancient History period the **Middle Ages**, or the **Medieval Period**.

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► **Modern History** began in 1,500 C.E., and continues to the present day.

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- ▶ Throughout this class we will study the history of the world from Pre- History to the beginning of the Modern Era and really dive into the story of Mankind.

Periods of History



- ▶ **Questions:**

- ▶ **1)** What do Historians divide blocks of history into?

- ▶ **2)** What are the four different longer time periods called?

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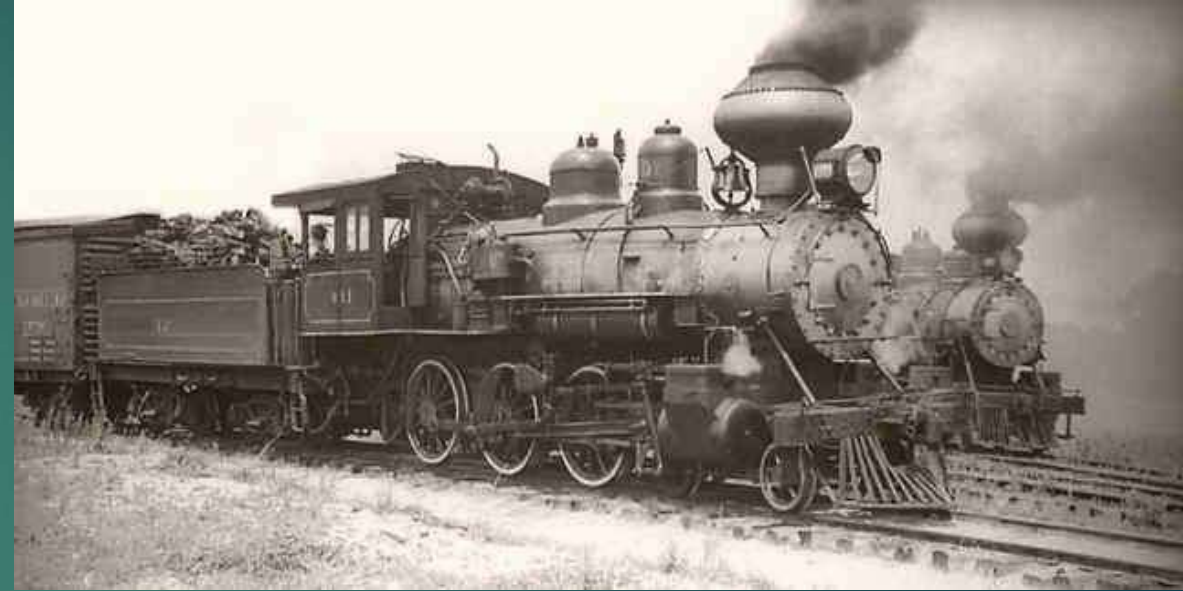
 - ▶ **Periods of history or Eras**

- ▶ **2) What are the four different longer time periods called?**

 - ▶ **Pre-History, Ancient History, Medieval History and Modern History**

What is a Time Line?

- ▶ Which came first: the American Civil War or World War II?
- ▶ Did the Train come before or after the invention of the Airplane?
- ▶ In studying the past, Historians focus on **Chronological Order**.
- ▶ **Chronological Order** - The order of dates in which they happened.



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- ▶ You might be wondering how to make sense of the flow of dates and events...an easy way is to use or make a **time line**.



- ▶ **Time Line** – A diagram that shows the order of events within a particular period of time.

What is a Time Line?

- ▶ Most time lines are divided into sections in which the years are evenly spaced.



- ▶ In some cases, however, a spread of time may be too long to show all of the years in even spaces.

What is a Time Line?

- ▶ To save space, a period of time may be omitted from the time line.



- ▶ Where this happens, a slanted or jagged line appears on the time line to show a break in the even spacing of events.

What is a Time Line?

- ▶ A time line also labels events.



- ▶ Each event on a time line appears beside the date when the event took place.

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- ▶ Sometimes events and their dates are shown on a single time line.



- ▶ In other cases, two or more time lines are stacked on top of each other, these are called **Multilevel** time lines.

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- ▶ Multilevel time lines help to compare events in different places at certain periods of time.



- ▶ For example, this multilevel time line shows WWII.

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What is a Time Line?

- ▶ **Thinking like a Historian:**

- ▶ Mini-Project Time!!!

- ▶ Create a time line using the terms B.M.B. (Before my Birth) and A.M.B (After my Birth). Fill in the time line with five key events that happened before you were born.
- ▶ Be creative with this mini project. You may illustrate your time line with hand drawn copies of the events or even photos of your family.