

Issue Timeline

Grade Level: All
Time: Several days

Objective:

- Understand the historical development of an issue or problem.
- Identify Stakeholders.
- Identify

Curricular Connections: Civics, Technology, Math, History, Language Arts, Visual Arts

Materials: Butcher paper/posterboard, markers, computer access

Procedure:

- 1) Teams research their issue and identify when stakeholders became involved in an issue (see www.publicachievement.com/TeacherGuide/Lessons/PowerAnalysis.pdf).
- 2) Determine major events and actions that impacted issue.
- 3) Develop a rough draft of the issue timeline (it is useful to use a computer at this stage to facilitate adding new dates and actions as they are discovered).
- 4) On a long sheet of butcher paper students illustrate the major events impacting their issue. Encourage students to be creative when representing events with illustrations and other art work.
- 5) Students display or present timelines.

Reflection:

- Teams exhibit and discuss timelines and current direction of issue.
- Review timeline to discern strategies that led to successes and failures.
- Write a journal entry about what the team will do differently based upon the experiences of those historically involved in the issue.

Assessment:

1. Timelines (evaluate inclusiveness and pertinence of data).