

# Make Your OWN Timeline Notebook!

I have no idea if my enthusiasm is showing yet, but if you have had any doubt, this is where my enthusiasm *WILL* have to show! I absolutely *LOVE* our Timeline Notebooks that we have created over the years! Very few things seem to pull all of life together, but timelines pull all of our life and all of our studies together and into perspective! Timelines are great for giving an overview of history, but they are much more indispensable. They show continuity and interrelation of History. With timelines all of the subjects we study weave together for one great big picture.

If you are not sold yet, think about how versatile a *Timeline Notebook* is. *ANYONE* can use them, regardless of curriculum being used...or difficulty normally presented in documenting a study...or age, interest, or abilities of the student.

Ohhhh, and think of what a great teacher a timeline becomes. Those difficult dates become easy to review and remember. Those chains of events finally make sense. The children see real people and real events in perspective. Not only do they begin to treasure the past, but they are encouraged to treasure *TODAY* and *TODAY'S EVENTS!*

Soooo, why a notebook for a timeline?? Ohhhh, space (that commodity more precious than gold to the homeschool mom) is saved best by timelines being kept in a notebook. Not to mention, if the timeline is kept in a notebook, it can go *ANYWHERE* you go!

## **What Goes Inside a Timeline Notebook...**

Ready? What is included? How do ya do it? The good news is that your imagination is the only limit! Anything goes inside a timeline:

Dates...

Pictures and drawings of people...

Explorations...

Discoveries...

Art prints...

Books written...

Inventions...

Religious events...

Church history...

Battles...

Wars...

Key events such as...

Elections

Battles

Births

Deaths

Marriages

Settlements such as Plymouth

You can also include clippings of...

Maps...

Weapons...

Modes of travel...

Clothing...

Jewelry...

Head-dresses...

Shoes...

Dishes...

States and Capitals...

Musical instruments...

Current events...

Food...

Family history...

Samples of songs...

Poems...

Art prints  
Narrations

Quotes...

Covers of books written by authors of the period...

Covers of books about the period being studied...

ON AND ON!

### **What You Need To Begin...**

All you need to make your own is this book and your creativity! All is set up and ready for you to begin adding your dates, pictures, memorabilia, etc on each page!

### **Begin With ONE Book/Notebook Per Child...**

Yep! It is this easy! Begin with just ONE book/notebook per child. You are welcome to reproduce these originals FOR YOUR OWN FAMILY. Please honor our work by not sharing with a friend without our permission. (this book is copyrighted.)

We begin our Timeline Book at Creation with a page for events beginning with Scripture. Our pages are designed on 110lb. white cardstock, so they will be most durable. The cardstock is also better for adding glue, paint, or pressed specimens.

We use a variety of figures for placing on our timelines. We began our first timeline when using KONOS unit studies. We LOVE those figures. They are laminated, so they seem to last FOREVER! We have also found other great resources with figures that work nicely in our notebooks such as...*Lessons from History, Geography Matters*, Old Encyclopedias, Old books and textbooks, library books (just make copies... we reduce ours to fit our timelines more nicely), computer encyclopedias, Websites, ETC.! Be on the lookout!

### **Quick Tips for Making and Using Your Timeline Notebook...**

1. **Work as a family!** YOU make one too! You will LOVE it!
2. **Use while you read and study through every subject!** Use as you study the Bible, travel, research! Mark authors, events, people! At the most bring your notebooks out each week to add new entries. We copy pictures, reducing them to a tiny size that is perfect for our pages.
3. **Bring in YOUR style!** EVERY book/notebook WILL look different! Soooo, make it work for you! We glue in pictures, write a bit about the person or event, etc.
4. **Try a little Scrapbooking!** You may want to add "frames" bright colors behind the pictures of the people...or cut out the pictures with paper-edgers...or use neat pens for special emphasis...etc.! Once you begin, you WILL be hooked!
5. **Have a special spot for your children to keep their books.** If you want your children to use any of their notebooks, especially their *Timeline Books/Notebooks*, they need to have easy access to the notebooks and supplies. IF there is a spot to keep their notebooks, it will be easier keep the notebook nice and neat. Ohhhh, and if there is a special spot for the notebooks, the children can rest assured that their hard work will be safe from younger siblings and pets.
6. **Oh...Don't sweat the divisions!** There will always be an exception. Some time periods may actually become such a delight to study that your family needs to develop an entire notebook just for that study. Don't worry...just GO for it!
7. **Have fun!** Of all of our years of homeschooling, we have several things that have simply made homeschooling FUN! You have got it, making timelines with my children is one of those things! Ours are treasures that we will forever enjoy. They go beyond learning facts and data. They are a memory book. That lasts through the ages!

**More Ideas...**

Need some other ideas to fit your needs? There are as many variations for timeline notebooks as there are people! Here are some to consider...

**"My Country Timeline"**

**"My State History Timeline"**

----(Unit Study) Timeline...Space Exploration, Westward Expansion, The Vikings, Composers, American Artists...

----(Person) Timeline...Robert E. Lee, Thomas Edison...

----(Time Period) Timeline...American Revolution, Egyptian, Greek, Romans, Middle Ages...

**"My Family Timeline"**

**"Famous Men of---**"...Civil War, American Revolution...

**"Battles of---**" The American Revolution, The Civil War, World War I, World War II, The Vietnam War, Desert Storm...

Have fun! Make LOTS of great memories!

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