

Interpreting Time Lines

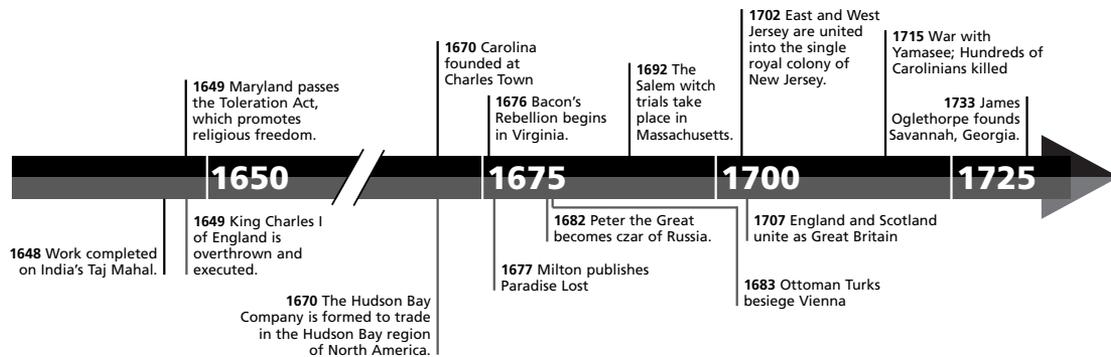
LEARN THE SKILL

A time line is a way to represent relationships between events and time. It is a graphical organizer—a line representing some period of time—on which important events are marked. A time line allows a student to see quickly which events precede or follow another. Often relationships that might not have seemed obvious can be seen in time lines.

Time lines can represent any duration, from hundreds or thousands of years to only a few days. A time line may show events that appear to be totally unrelated to other events. The time line helps to place the events in historical context. For example, when the American colonies were quite new, older and more established civilizations continued to evolve. This relationship will be clear on the appropriate time line.

PRACTICE AND APPLY THE SKILL

Study the timeline and answer the following questions.



1. Why might some people on both sides of the Atlantic have worried in 1650 that order was breaking down?

2. How long after Carolina was settled did Oglethorpe found its next-door neighbor, Georgia?

3. With New England and Virginia already settled, and Carolina settled in 1670, what additional event showed that England's reach in North America was continental in scope?
