

Lesson Plan

North Carolina Timeline

Book: *It's Great to Be a Fan in North Carolina*

Series: Sports Nation

Level: Voyager

Objective

To help students practice identifying the key details in a text and arranging those details in chronological order to create a timeline.

Supplies

- *It's Great to Be a Fan in North Carolina*
- Paper and pencils

Before the Activity

Have students read *It's Great to Be a Fan in North Carolina*.

Activity

American Indian tribes have lived in North Carolina since at least 10,000 years ago. Europeans didn't arrive until the 1500s. However, that it still quite a long history compared to some other US states.

Chapter 1 ("The Tar Heel State") of *It's Great to Be a Fan in North Carolina* describes the state's history. Students should read this chapter again and take notes about changes to North Carolina's government and economy, as well as any wars the state was part of. Students should use their notes to create a timeline showing the state's history. The timeline should include 12 events. Each timeline entry should begin with a specific year or decade. Under that, students should write a one-sentence summary of the event. This sentence should be written in past tense. And it should be in students' own words, not directly copied from the book.

Evaluation

Use the attached answer key to give students 1 point for each correct timeline entry, for up to 12 points.

Standards

This lesson may be used to address the Common Core State Standards' reading standards for informational texts, grade 6 (RI 6.2, 6.7).

Answer Key

Note: Summaries of each event (especially the wars) will vary, but students should include some form of the following events:

1585: European settlers built a village at Roanoke Island.

1663: Settlers established the British colony of Carolina.

1712: The colony officially separated into North and South Carolina.

1783: The United States officially became an independent country after the American Revolutionary War (1775–1783) ended.

1789: North Carolina became the nation's 12th state.

1800: The number of slaves in North Carolina had risen to more than 130,000, up from 6,000 in 1729.

1813: The state's first cotton mill opened.

1840: North Carolina had more than 25 textile mills.

1861–1865: North Carolina sided with the Confederacy during the US Civil War.

1919: North Carolina had more industry than most other Southern states.

1920s: The state gained national fame for making furniture in the Piedmont region.

1990s: The state had more than nine million hogs.