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**Purpose**

This activity will introduce you to a whole bunch of world history events that we’ll be learning about in this course. You don’t need to know too much about the events right now. This opener is more about understanding historical concepts than knowing all the details of these historical events.

## Process

1. Your teacher will hand out an event card to each of you. Each card will reference one major world history event that took place between 1200 and today.
2. On the back of your event card, write a short description of the event. If you aren’t familiar with your event, take a couple of minutes to do a quick search online. You can keep your description brief—a couple of sentences—and stick to the basics of who, what, when, where, and why/how.
3. Your teacher will ask everyone to line up—bring your completed event card with you. Work with your class to put these events in order. Listen and follow along with your teacher’s instructions.
4. After you’ve sorted the event cards, consider how this activity connects to our earlier discussions about learning history. What do you think is meant by the phrase, “History is not a straight line”? Write your response below.