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Timelords & Timelines: Four Web Apps for Storytelling in Libraries

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Time Lords & Timelines

In Libraries
Time Lord

(noun)

• a person who has mastered time travel
• a fictional, ancient extraterrestrial species [see also Doctor Who]
• named for their command of time travel technology and their non-linear perception of time
• an individual who has achieved a level of technology that is indistinguishable from magic
What to Expect from your Time Travelers

I. **Why Timelines** - Pedagogical Reasons

II. **How to Apply Them** - Four Applications
   A. Best for Instruction & Presenting - Prezi
   B. Best for Physical Displays/Printing - Piktochart
   C. Best for Preservation & Embeds - TimeToast
   D. Best for Interactive Events & Multimedia - Tiki-Toki

III. **Make it a Multi-Purpose & Collaborative Process**

IV. **Questions?**
WHY TIMELINES?

There are several pedagogical reasons:

- Put events in context or place new events or developments into those already known about
- Categorize similar or related events and concepts to show their relationships
- Explain a process or procedure in a visually appealing way
- Show the development of a product or service
- Exhibit growth or evolution of a concept or idea, even trends
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- Prezi: 31%
- Piktochart: 19%
- Other: 44%
How have you used timelines?

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- In class (slides or handouts): 36%
- As other print materials (displays): 29%
- An online embed (guide, blog, etc.): 36%
- At events (interactive): 0%
INSTRUCT & PRESENT: Prezi
PRESERVATION

TimeToast

Simplest to Use & Best Embed!
This month marks the anniversary of the start of possibly the most famous witchcraft cases in history: The Salem Witch Trials. In February 1692 an incorrect part-medical, spiritual diagnosis was made of young girls in Massachusetts. Before long accusations were flying left and right, and in the end several men and women were executed. As interesting as these trials are, they occurred near the end of “witch hunt mania”, which centuries had been used to discriminate against a variety of people involved in the unexplainable or unusual. To better illustrate the vast and rich legal past surrounding occult individuals and practices, we have composed the above timeline.
EVENTS & MULTIMEDIA: Tiki-Toki
COLLABORATE

When an idea comes to you:
- Write it down & say it to at least one other colleague
- Gather items over time, not last minute

Before making a new timeline:
- Check to see if a free one exists
- Choose an app based on main purpose

After making new (or reusing) timelines:
- Use it in another form - blogs, guides, social media images, share at events, embed in repository pages, set reminders to use again next year
MAP IT OUT TO RECYCLE

Map it out in advance for recycling later:
- How could you re-use it?
- What other events/displays would give this timeline a second life?
- Set reminders in advance to use again (and again, and again)

After making the new (or re-used) timeline:
- Use it in another form -
  - Blogs
  - Guides
  - Social Media
  - Other site embeds (ex. IR site)
Which two applications would you like to see demos of most?

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Questions?

Thank you!

-Lord Shield (Rachel)
- Professor Pioneer (David)
- Grand Saint (Sharon)
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