

RETELLING HISTORY (LEVEL 3)

Description	Learners will begin to explore events in a timeline getting a deeper understanding of the calendar, time, cause and effect, tenses and sequencing. Learners will eventually write their own historical incident and depict that in a sequence as a puzzle
Leading Question	Can you retell history?
Total Time Required	~5 hours over 5 days
Supplies Required	Paper, Pen, Colours, Scissors and Cardboard
Learning Outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Understanding chronology and sequence of stories 2. Comprehending the concept of cause and effect 3. Understanding the past, present and future of events and incidents 4. Retelling stories and incidents orally, in written and drawn formats 5. Developing an understanding of the processes of change and development-both in terms of time and space, through which human societies have evolved 6. Realizing that the process of change is continuous and any event or phenomenon or issue cannot be viewed in isolation but in a wider context of time and space
Previous Learning	None

DAY 1

Today you will begin to understand that history is what happened with people in the past!

Suggested Duration	Activity and Description
20 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design your own calendar for the last year (July 2019-2020) drawing out each of the 12 months. The month will either have 28, 30 or 31 days and we need a box for each day of the month. Draw

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each row as a week with 7 boxes for each day of the week and the extra days at the bottom.

- Label the days in each column e.g. column 1 is Monday, column 2 is Tuesday, column 3 is Wednesday etc. Learners should label with row as week 1, week 2 etc. Mark each day with the date e.g. 1st, 2nd, 3rd etc. and write the name of the month and the year on top.

JULY 2020

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Week 1			1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
Week 2	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th
Week 3	13 th	14 th	15 th	16 th	17 th	18 th	19 th
Week 4	20 th	21 st	22 nd	23 rd	24 th	25 th	26 th
Week 5	27 th	28 th	29 th	30 th	31 st		

15 minutes

- Numeracy extension problems:
 - What are the factors and divisors of the number 365? How many different numbers can you multiply or divide to reach the total number of 365 days? Hint: $73 \times 5 = 365$ or $730 / 2 = 365$
 - What three prime numbers can you multiply to reach 365?
 - If you attend 1260 hours of school a year and 7 hours of school in a day, how many weeks and days do you attend school? What percentage of time do you attend school, can you represent this in ratios and decimals too?
 - Use mental math to calculate the number of days in each of the 4 quarters of the year?
 - There are 28 days in February. Three quarters of the days are working days, 4 of the days are Sunday and the rest are national holidays. How many national holidays are in the month? If we increase one Sunday – what fraction of days in the month are Sunday now?

15 minutes

- Draw and make a weekly calendar for the last week creating a long rectangle and marking 7 boxes one for each of the days. Label each day as Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Label the two days of the weekend in a different color
- Journal what happened in each of the 7 days in each of the column.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY

- Remember important incidents and events from the last quarter and mark these on the monthly calendar e.g. birthdays, date of lockdown for COVID19 etc. Also ask other family members to mark the incidents and events from the last year on the same calendar

20 minutes

- Write a short story putting together a few incidents that happened in their life over the last year. Also draw the images of the key incidents and mark these incidents as First, Second, Third and Fourth and numerically represent this as 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th. If the incidents cover something that happened in the same day, they will mention what happened in the morning, afternoon, evening and night.

DAY 2

Today you will begin to understand stories and how they relate to time and sequence.

Suggested Duration

Activity and Description

15 minutes

- Ask a family member to narrate a historical story from their country of significance or relevance for example the independence struggle of the country (1947 in India and Pakistan), when women got their voting rights or the migration of their own family. Take notes and hear this story a few times from different people in the family to understand different details or perspectives to the story. If you have access to any related printed materials you can use the same for reference. Attached are stories as examples in the appendix

30 minutes

- Retell the story orally in the order of which things happened. Then, divide the story into the various events and incidents that happened and draw as well as write about these in the chronology. Make a number-line underneath marking the dates that these events / incidents took place. Using the South African struggle against apartheid as an example:

- Incident 1: 1948: the Apartheid laws becoming more strict
- Incident 2: 1955: Nelson Mandela lead the African National Congress started the Defiance Campaign
- Incident 3: 1960 Sharpeville incident when the police opened fire killing 69 innocent protesters
- Incident 4: 1962 ANC changed their beliefs for an armed struggle and Mandela travelled abroad to raise money and support
- Incident 5...

15 minutes

- Develop a character sketch for the main character of the story. What do you know about the character and his / her background and thinking that helped him / her think and act the way he / she does?
- What if you had to describe the same character from the perspective of the antagonist or the opposing force e.g. describe Mandela as if you were a member of the white ruling government – think about losing all the special privileges that you have?
- How different does the same individual sound?

DAY 3

Today you will begin to understand the concept of cause and effect and identify the main causes and effects of the historical story.

Suggested Duration

Activity and Description

15 minutes

- The world works on the concept of cause and effect. That is, something happens and because of that, something else happens. For example:
 - Cause: Single used plastic is low cost
 - Effect: We use it more
 - Cause 2: Single use plastic has to be discarded more frequently
 - Effect 2: Landfills are becoming full
- Write your own 3 cause and effect statements using the words because, as a result of, therefore, or so to illustrate the relationship between the two events.
- Now, identify the main incidents and events that were the cause and the effects, dividing this into two columns. As an extension, learners can also form a chain of causes and results e.g.
 - Cause: The brutality of the Sharpeville police violence
 - Effect / Cause: Resulted in Mandela and ANC changing their perspective on an armed struggle

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Effect: Mandela travelled internationally to get support for the armed struggle
20 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Now, try and understand the multiple forces that influence a decision and the fact that it is unlikely to be a single cause for an effect e.g. local and international pressure (economic and political) on the government resulted in the end of Apartheid. Identify an event and its multiple causes.
15 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Think of their own story from the first day what were the causes and effects in that story. What were the multiple causes that resulted in the effects and impact?

DAY 4

Today you will get a chance to re-write the historical story today.

Suggested Duration	Activity and Description
20 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First, you will get a chance to write yourself into the story. Imagine you are the main character. How would you react and act? What about your main beliefs or experience would influence your actions? For example: As an advisor to Mandela would you advise him to not go abroad to seek for support because you think countries can be self-sufficient?
20 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change one of the main causes and incidents/events or introduce a new cause into the story and think about the impact of that on the entire story and re-write it accordingly. • For example: if the government had not caught and arrested Mandela, he would have succeeded in developing an armed struggle. Many of the protesters would have been killed and the resistance might have been suppressed.
20 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-write the end of the story, and how do you think this story would continue to play out? • For example: Mandela died in prison and that squashed the resistance struggle with no leader. The apartheid system continued until there was a new leader who took over and tried a violent resistance

DAY 5

Today you will have a chance to write the story in modern times and think of how different it would be and then design a chronologically sequenced puzzle for it.

Suggested Duration	Activity and Description
20 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Imagine the same historical event/incident and story would happen in today's modern time? What would be different? Could you re-write it for our times? For example: Mandela would be able to call or email internationally and not travel there – as a result people might not be as aware of how bad things were in South Africa and there would be less international support.
20 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finally, re-write the story from the perspective of the antagonist? How would it be different? Think about whether they can call either of these stories a lie? Explore that history is often subjective from the perspective of the writer. History is often written by the ones that “won,” which is why alternative perspectives are important and not taking historical accounts at face value
20 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create chronologically sequences puzzle of your historical storyboard. You will use the version of the story that you have rewritten with yourself as a character, a future incident and set in modern times. Paste the illustrations of the 5 - 10 incidents on cardboard pieces and cut them out like puzzle pieces so that the first incident can fit into the second incident and so on. In the absence of cardboard, you can also use paper to make the puzzle
15 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ask family members to put together your historical story puzzle in the right sequence and retell the story.
10 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reflect on how historical stories are a function of time, place, people and other causes that result in relevant decisions.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

- Learners ability to use the correct chronology and sequence when retelling a story
- Designing a calendar and telling their own stories
- Accurately identifying the cause and effect of incidents in stories
- Learners creativity in changing causes, timing and characters to reflect how the story would change

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- Clarity of illustrations and retelling of stories

ADDITIONAL ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

- As a historian, learners can create a fictional narrative inspired by an event or incident in their life detailing causes and effects using identified primary and secondary sources

MODIFICATIONS FOR SIMPLIFICATION

- Learners can use the story given in the appendix
- Learners can focus on designing the calendar, cause and effect, and chronology of a life event

