Using TimelineJS

TimelineJS is an open-source tool that enables anyone to build visually rich, interactive timelines. Beginners can create a timeline using nothing more than a Google spreadsheet. Experts can use their JSON skills to create custom installations while keeping TimelineJS's core functionality.

Learn more

Get up and running in minutes. Learn how to:

- Use our spreadsheet template
- Publish a timeline

Getting stuck?

- Frequently Asked Questions (and Answers!)

Technical documentation

Go further with Timeline:

- Supported Media Types
- JSON data format reference
- Overriding Timeline's Styles
- Timeline Configuration Options
- Using TimelineJS in Javascript

Tips & tricks

1. Keep it short. We recommend not having more than 20 slides for a reader to click through.

2. Pick stories that have a strong chronological narrative. It does not work well for stories that need to jump around in the timeline.

3. Write each event as a part of a larger narrative.

4. Include events that build up to major occurrences — not just the major events.

Need help?

First, please be sure to look at our list of frequently asked questions.

If you don't find an answer there, we offer tech support via email or a web form. We try to be prompt, but please understand that we do not have a dedicated tech support staff.

Find a bug?

If you are confident you have found a bug, please report it as a GitHub issue. Be sure to include detailed instructions on how to reproduce the bug. If you're not sure, please start with the tech support system.