

# Lesson 4:

How and why should I organize things chronologically?

Unit 1  
Grade 4

Who are historians?

What do historians do?



All of these people study history.  
They are called historians.

# Chronology

It is one of the most important things historians do!

Read the sentences in the box below and use the context clues to define the work **CHRONOLOGY**.  
Read the sentences, discuss a definition with a partner, then write a definition.

Historians use chronology to make sense of what happened in the past. They organize events that happened in the past into the order in which they occurred - first, next, then, last. This helps them draw conclusions about what might have caused an event to happen and what might be some effects of that event happening.

# Chronology:

the arrangement of events or dates in the order that they occurred.

# Which of the following ways of presenting the information would be more helpful to people? Why?

## Presentation A

Bus laws changed

Rosa Parks died

Rosa Parks was born

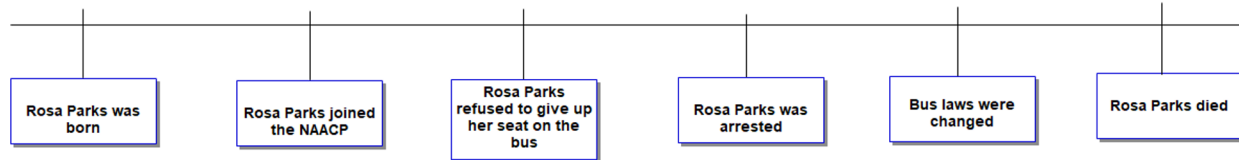
Rosa Parks joined the NAACP

Rosa Parks was arrested

Rosa Parks refused to give up

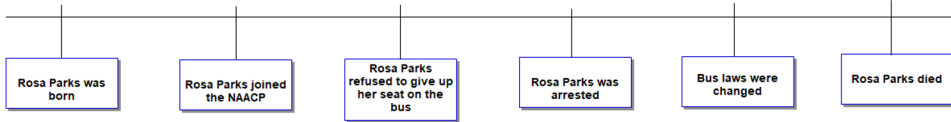
## Presentation B her seat

Same Events in Chronological Order



By putting events in chronological order, those who “do history” can **draw inferences** about what may have caused other events and what the effects of each event might be.

### Same Events in Chronological Order



# PHASES OF MY LIFE



Henry was born in 1981.



In 1986, Henry started kindergarten.



**Let's build a timeline of events for your life!**

Timeline of Events in My Life

