

Title: This Year in History!	Grade: Grades 6th-8th
Content: English Language Arts/Social Studies/ Social Emotional	Duration: Three sessions of 30-45 minutes

Standard:

- **W.7.2:** Write informative text to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
- **W.7.4:** Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
- **HGSS:** Societies experience continuity and change over time.

Objective:

Students will compare the events, prices, trends, etc. of the year they were born to the current year, understanding that today is actually history in the making.

Resources Needed:

- Paper, markers, colored pencils, etc. OR computer
- Examples below

Introduction/Description:

This **BACK IN THE DAY** poster (made to look like a newspaper) is filled with fun facts of what happened in the year you were born. It's always fun to look back at what happened in the past, especially years that hold meaning to you.

Now that you are in middle school, wouldn't it be fun to make one containing what life is like now? It will be a keepsake you can keep and look back on in 10-13 years from now.

You will be creating a "History in the Making" page: a poster of the events of 2020 so far. You have creative freedom in this project. Make it meaningful and something you will like to look back on in the future.

Steps:

- **Brainstorm** a list of topics you want to include on your 2020 newspaper poster. What's important to you? What's important in the world?
- Do **research** to get the information for the topics you've decided to include.
- **Create your poster**, making it look like a newspaper page similar to the examples below. (It can be computer-generated or hand-drawn.)

- Be creative with your design. This will be a treasure for your future.
- Add small graphics, other design elements (like borders or fonts), and color, if you choose.

Finished Product:

Share your poster with your teacher and/or peers as directed.

Adaptations:

- You could make it look like a vintage newspaper. Get crafty.
- Interview an adult, finding out what they'd put on their poster from their birth year. Research to complete the project. This would make a great family project, helping everyone get to know each other as well as know more about history.

Examples:

BACK IN 2005

AVERAGE COSTS

A first class stamp \$0.37
 A gallon of gas \$3.18
 A loaf of bread \$1.05
 A movie ticket \$6.41
 A new house \$297,000.00

U.S. PRESIDENT
George W. Bush





World POPULATION
 6.542 BILLION

TECHNOLOGY

The video-sharing website "YouTube" was founded.

Microsoft releases the Xbox 360 gaming console in North America.

AVERAGE MEDIAN INCOME

\$46,326

2000s SLANG

Fo sheezy - Yes, for sure
 Cray - Really crazy
 Peeps - Friends; people
 Swag - Mad style
 Late - Goodbye
 Sweet! - Beyond cool
 Redonkulus - Ridiculous
 OMG - Oh my God

IN THE NEWS...

Live 8 benefit concerts take in the G8 states and in South Africa. The purpose of the event was to raise money for charities fighting against poverty around the world.

Condoleezza Rice is sworn in as U.S. Secretary of State, the first African American woman to hold the post.

The Disneyland Resort celebrates its 50th birthday.

Carrie Underwood won Season 4 of American Idol.

After nearly 15 years together, Destiny's Child announced their official breakup.

IN THEATERS...

Star Wars: Episode III: Revenge of the Sith

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire

The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe

ON THE RADIO...

We Belong Together - Mariah Carey
 Hollaback Girl - Gwen Stefani
 Let Me Love You - Mario
 Since U Been Gone - Kelly Clarkson
 1, 2 Step - Ciara feat. Missy Elliott

ON Television...

American Idol
 CSI
 Two and a Half Men
 Grey's Anatomy
 Desperate Housewives

IN Style...

Trucker hats
 Streaky highlighted hair
 Velour tracksuits
 Cardigans
 V-neck t-shirts
 Babydoll dresses
 Slip dresses
 Boot cut jeans
 Moto jackets
 Oversized belts

BACK IN 2006



World Population
6,623,847,913
USA Population
298 millions

President of the
United States

George W. Bush



TOP MOVIES

Cars
Night at the Museum
The Da Vinci Code
X-Men: The Last Stand

Popular TV Shows

Grey's Anatomy
Dancing with the Stars
CSI
American Idol
House



WHAT THINGS COST

Gallon of Milk.....	\$ 3.00
Dozen Eggs.....	\$1.54
Postage stamp.....	\$0.39
Average salary.....	\$49,968
Gallon of gas.....	\$2.59
Average new car.....	\$23,629
Average house.....	\$303,900

Popular Songs

Bad Day
Daniel Powter
Sean Paul
Temperature
Promiscuous
Nelly Furtado featuring Timbaland
You're Beautiful
James Blunt
Hips Don't Lie
Shakira featuring Wyclef Jean

HISTORICAL EVENTS

Subprime mortgage crisis:
The housing bubble burst in
the summer of 2006, starting
a chain of events that would
eventually develop into a
full-blown market meltdown.
The Blu-ray Disc format is
released in the United States.
Nintendo's Wii released in
America.
The Walt Disney Company
buys Pixar Animation Studios
from Lucasfilm Ltd. for \$7.4
billion.

Sports Highlights

MLB World Series
St. Louis Cardinals
Superbowl
Pittsburgh Steelers
NBA Champions
Miami Heat
Stanley Cup Champs
Carolina Hurricanes



Oscar Winners

ACTOR
Capote
Philip Seymour Hoffman
ACTRESS
Reese Witherspoon
Walk the Line
DIRECTING
Ang Lee
BEST PICTURE
Crash

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY EDITION

The 2007 Chronicle

5 CENTS
.05\$
DAILY

12 YEARS AGO ON MARCH 31, 2007 - NEW HAVEN, CT

MARY STINER WAS BORN!

CURRENT EVENTS:

Congress elected Nancy Pelosi as the first female Speaker of the House in U.S. history.

"New7Wonders" Foundation announce the new Seven Wonders of the Modern World. Winners are: Great Wall of China, Petra, The Colosseum, Chichen Itza, Machu Picchu, Taj Mahal and Christ the Redeemer.

The first iPhone, the first modern Smartphone, was announced.

AVERAGE COSTS:

House: \$313,300
Average Income: \$49,100
New car: \$23,700
Milk: \$ 3.35 a gallon
Gas: \$ 3.38 a gallon
Bread: \$ 1.62 a loaf
Postage stamp: \$.41
Movie ticket: \$ 6.88

MUSIC

Taylor Swift - "Our Song"
Kenny Chesney - "Never Wanted Nothing More"
Rodney Atkins - "Watching You"
Kenny Chesney - "Don't Blink"
Brad Paisley - "She's Everything"
Carrie Underwood - "So Small"
Rascal Flatts - "Take Me There"

SPORTS:

WORLD SERIES: Boston Red Sox
NFL CHAMPIONSHIP: New York Giants

TOP CELEBRITIES:

Tom Cruise
Oprah Winfrey
Tiger Woods
Johnny Depp
Mel Gibson
Puff Daddy
George Lucas
Steven Spielberg

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES:



Mary Stiner
born in New Haven, CT
MARCH 31, 2007.

TELEVISION:

- Gossip Girl
- Mad Men
- Chuck
- The Tudors
- Heartland
- Skins
- Californication
- Burn Notice
- Gavin & Stacey

TOP MOVIES:

- Into the Wild
- Spider-Man 3
- Transformers
- Hot Fuzz
- Atonement
- Stardust

WORLD POPULATION

6.706 BILLION

FLASHBACK TO 2008

THE FLASHBACK TIMES...BACK IN 2008...10¢

BILLBOARD CHART

1. "Low" by Flo Rida feat. T-Pain
2. "Bleeding Love" by Leona Lewis
3. "No One" by Alicia Keys
4. "Lollipop" by Lil Wayne feat. Static Major
5. "Apologize" by Timbaland feat. OneRepublic
6. "No Air" by Jordin Sparks & Chris Brown
7. "Love Song" by Sara Bareilles
8. "Love in This Club" by Usher feat. Young Jeezy
9. "With You" by Chris Brown
10. "Forever" by Chris Brown
11. "Sexy Can I" by Ray J feat. Yung Berg
12. "Take a Bow" by Rihanna
13. "Viva la Vida" by Coldplay
14. "I Kissed a Girl" by Katy Perry
15. "Whatever You Like" by T.I.
16. "Disturbia" by Rihanna

WHAT THINGS COST

NEW HOME: \$238,880

INCOME: \$40,523

STAMP: 42 cents

GALLON OF GAS: \$3.39

NEW CAR: \$27,598



HISTORICAL EVENTS

- FEBRUARY 10 - The 50th Annual Granny Awards took place at the Staples Center in Los Angeles, CA
- MAY 14 - NASA announced the discovery of Supernova remnant G1.9+0.3
- NOVEMBER 4 - Barack Obama was elected as the 44th President of the United States
- DECEMBER 1 - The Dow Jones Industrial Average dropped 680 points

SPORTS

SUPERBOWL XLII
New York Giants (24) - New England Patriots (14)

NBA CHAMPIONSHIP
Boston Celtics (4) - Los Angeles Lakers (2)

WORLD SERIES
Philadelphia Phillies (4) - Tampa Bay Rays (1)

FIRST APPEARANCES

BEATS ELECTRONICS
GOOGLE PLAY
MACBOOK AIR
UDI'S FOODS
KUNG FU PANDA
DEAL OR NO DEAL

Box Office Hits

THE DARK KNIGHT
INDIANA JONES & THE KINGDOM OF THE CRYSTAL SKULL
KUNG FU PANDA
HAWK
MAMMA MIA
MADAGASCAR: ESCAPE 2 AFRICA
QUANTUM OF SOLACE

TV SHOW LINEUP

American Idol
Dancing With the Stars
CSI: Crime Scene Investigation
NCIS
The Mentalist
Sunday Night Football
Desperate Housewives
Greys Anatomy

WORLD POPULATION
6,700,000,000