

## **Timeline assignment description**

Draft due Thursday, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> for workshop

**Due Tuesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

We will be reading several memoirs (in various media) and hearing from some authors, what are the memories that you hold dear? What are the stories your broccoli longs to tell? The Timeline will be (I'm imagining), the most linear/chronological work of the semester. Do you have a story that fits into several years? Or several days? Personal reflections on historical events? Memories from an annual event, like a holiday, summer vacation, or birthday? Try to think of a narrative where time plays a significant role, perhaps plays a character. Think of this as a supportive structure that you can fill with memories of your choice, like a scrapbook or diary. What would you like to spend the next couple of weeks reflecting on?

### **Method**

I would sketch out/outline the dates/events you would like to write on. Depending on your approach, you can have more slides with less text or less slides with more text, maybe some slides that have no text. You want to keep it under 20 slides (suggested by Knight lab). I suggest writing the text on a Word doc. (also helpful for grading) and compile the images, videos, and links you would like to add to your text. From the webpage: "TimelineJS can pull in media from a variety of sources. Twitter, Flickr, YouTube, Vimeo, Vine, Dailymotion, Google Maps, Wikipedia, SoundCloud, Document Cloud and more!" (More details are provided on the instructions). Keep this in mind when choosing your media.

Then, you will copy the template spreadsheet (we will do this together in class to practice) and fill it in with your content. When you are finished, you copy and paste your link to generate a Timeline link (for sharing and turning in) and the embed code (for the blog). And hope everything works! ☺ As with any technology, there will be hiccups and tweaks, make sure you plan extra time for this. We will also spend some time in class working on these together.

Everything you need to know is on the Timeline site: <https://timeline.knightlab.com/#make> (Including an introductory video that you can watch before class on the 16<sup>th</sup>).

### **Length & format**

**Approx. 1000-1200 words (4 or 5ish pages)** (I'm actually not sure but thinking multiple paragraph-length slides...maybe 10?). With images and external links, videos, etc. Created with Knight lab's Timeline software, turned in with a link, & posted (embedded) to the blog. This is chronological and linear, but try not to let it get too "report-y." Keep exploring creative descriptions, have fun adding videos, images, and sounds, maybe add some research and/or dialogue here. This assignment is worth **15%** of your final grade.