

Environmental History Timeline

This resource can be used for display but also can be adapted as a research activity for your students. Explore this 200+ year timeline that features major scientific achievements, groundbreaking environmental policy, setbacks from contamination and extinctions, environmental heroes, and many other events detailing how humans have shaped our environment.

Use the PowerPoint version to add your pieces of history. You can add local events, carbon emission levels or other world events. Environmental events have interdisciplinary impacts on politics, history, science, economics, culture and more. Get creative! How can you adapt this resource for your students?

Ask students to pick a piece of the timeline and do a report on the event or person. Have students roleplay different environmental heroes to have conversations or debates. Assign creative writing tasks, multimedia art projects or science experiments around the big events that have shaped our environmental history.

Complete the timeline with how your classes will take action across 2020 to help our environmental future! Sign up to be an [Earth Day 2020 School](#) and explore our free resources for Teach-Ins, the Great Global Cleanup and the Earth Challenge 2020 citizen science project at www.earthday.org.