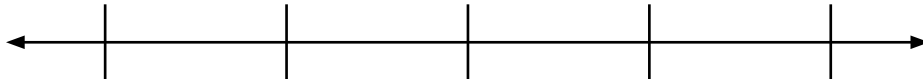


**Ancient Civilizations of the  
Middle East—Mesopotamia****Social Studies Skills****Critical Thinking****Sequencing and Using Time Lines****LEARN THE SKILL**

Time lines are graphic organizers that display historical events in the order that they took place. You read a time line from left to right, as if you were reading a book. The earliest events come first on the time line, and the later events appear toward the right side of the time line.

**PRACTICE THE SKILL**

Choose one section of your textbook chapter and write all of the dates and events from that section in sequential order on the time line below. You may wish to copy the time line below onto larger paper so you have plenty of space to work. Decide how many years each increment, or section of time, on your time line will represent. For example, if each vertical line represented 100 years, you might start at 2000 BC, then go to 1900 BC, 1800 BC, 1700 BC, and so on. The increments will depend on how far apart the events on your time line took place.

**APPLY THE SKILL**

Find a newspaper with multi-paneled comic strips. Cut out each panel of your favorite comic. Number them in the correct sequence on the back, then exchange comic strips with a partner. Try to arrange the comic strip in the correct sequence. Turn the panels over to check your work. Trade comic strips with other classmates for more sequencing practice.