South Texas Timeline

Instructions For Creating Your Timeline

1. Read about the events in South Texas history. Look at the dates carefully.
2. Cut apart the boxes on the dotted lines.
3. Sort them in chronological order, stating with the oldest.
4. Glue them on a piece of paper.

Sea reptiles swam in an ocean that covered Texas 80 million years ago. They were called Mosasaurs.

25,000 years ago, mammoths lived in Texas. They looked like large elephants.

In 1,000 A.D., small tribes of Coahuiltecan Indians used stone tools.

Álvarez de Pineda sailed along the Gulf coast in 1519. He came from Spain.

Oxcarts carried trade goods such as salt, hides, and wool to markets in 1845.

From 1846-1848, cannons were used during the Mexican War.

Steam-powered riverboats carried goods and passengers on the Rio Grande River in 1855.

By 1880, ranching in South Texas was big business. Cattle like longhorns were moved north on trail drives.

Locomotives began to pull the railroad cars through the Valley in 1904.

In the 1920s, the Model T—sometimes called the horseless carriage—traveled the bumpy roads.

In 1942, a WWII U.S.-Mexico agreement let Mexican workers called braceros cross the border to work on farms.