



Donkeys Through Time!

Find out how donkeys have featured in the heritage of different countries and cultures through the centuries...

STUDENT INTRODUCTION

- ▶ Can you put together a donkey timeline based on the information given?
- ▶ Research and summarise what you learn about donkeys and their uses in the past up to the present day!

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▶ Look at the information about donkeys on page 2.

▶ You are going to put this information - and any other interesting facts you've learned from research - into the blank timeline on page 3.

▶ You can do this in two ways:

1. Cut out the boxes and paste them onto the page with arrows placing them correctly in time (if you are doing this your teacher may give you the timeline on larger A3 paper)

2. Annotate the blank timeline with the information by summarising it yourself.

▶ Complete the tasks on page 4 and the optional extension task on page 5.



Content for Timeline

Cut out and stick these facts, stories or legends on the next page, or annotate your timeline by transferring the information



<p>33 AD</p> <p>Jesus rode into Jerusalem on the back of a donkey.</p>	<p>1980 AD</p> <p>Curriculum relevant materials supporting school trips to the Isle of Wight Book today with Education Destination and get full access to this and hundreds more quality resources</p> <p>www.edudest.uk</p>	<p>1914 AD</p> <p>Donkeys called 'beasts of burden' in the Bible and ridden in peace.</p>	<p>1600 BC</p>
<p>800 BC</p> <p>The donkey is the symbol for Dionysus, the Greek god of wine and parties.</p>	<p>600 BC</p> <p>Aesop's fables tell of donkeys being stupid, stubborn, and never happy.</p>	<p>1890 AD</p> <p>Donkey rides offered to visitors to English seaside resorts.</p>	<p>1600 AD</p> <p>In <i>A Midsummer Night's Dream</i>, Shakespeare turns Bottom into a donkey to show he is stupid.</p>
<p>609 AD</p> <p>The Quran says that donkeys can be ridden.</p>	<p>206 BC</p> <p>Donkeys were rare in Han China and the emperors prized them.</p>	<p>1969 AD</p> <p>Motor transport reduced the need for donkeys. Many became neglected and so the movement to protect them began.</p>	<p>2800 BC</p> <p>Donkey was the symbol of the Egyptian god of the sun, Ra.</p>



Annotate / stick your donkey information into the correct timeline position



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BC

AD

Can you match the description to the picture and type of use?
Draw lines to link them. Add these to your timeline.

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Missionary (religious man) on a donkey, Congo Balolo Mission. *c.1910*

Donkey Rides at the Victorian seaside in Kilkee, Co. Clare, Ireland. *c. 1870*

Smuggling



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transport of choice due to their ability to navigate the rough mountains with heavy timber on their backs. *May 2009.*

Sales



A donkey used for selling milk from the Creamery at Kilmeaden in Co. Waterford, Ireland. *May 1928*

Human Transport

1. Which of these examples are part of living memory?

2. Which are before living memory?

3. Which donkey has the heaviest burden?

4. Which donkey has the lightest burden?

Extension Task: Past vs. Present!

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How donkeys were viewed and used in the past, and how has this changed today?
Do some more research and either write a few sentences or fill in the table below.

TIPS

- » Think about where in the world the donkey lives - does this make a difference?
- » Consider if geographical location affects the donkey's quality of life.

Sentences to scaffold your response

- ▶ You can use these to help you shape your ideas about donkeys over time.
- ▶ You can get the evidence from the time line you created.
- ▶ You must take at least one sentence from each of the 3 parts.
- ▶ When you have used a sentence tick it off:

Part 1

Donkeys have been used for ...

Donkeys are still used for ...

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In ... donkeys were liked because they worked hard

These religions refer to donkeys ...

Attitudes to donkeys changed when ...

In modern times donkeys were thought to be ...

Part 3

Overall I feel that donkeys are ...



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Past	Present	Main Changes