



## 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.

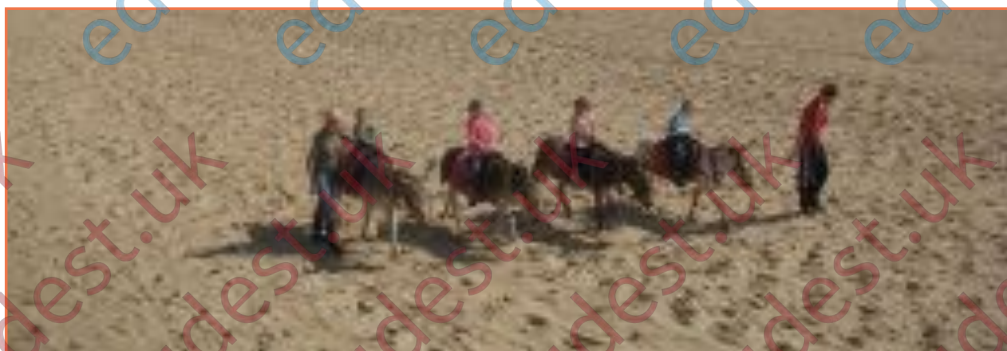
▶ You are going to put this information - and any other interesting facts you've learned from research - into the blank timeline on page 3.

▶ 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>1200 BC</p> <p>Donkey was the symbol of the Egyptian god of the sun,</p>	<p>2300 BC</p>	<p>1600 BC</p>	<p>2800 BC</p>
<p>800 BC</p> <p>The donkey is the symbol for Dionysus, the Greek god of wine and parties.</p>	<p>1400 AD</p> <p>Hairs pulled from the cross on a donkey's back to make into medicine.</p>	<p>www.edudest.uk</p> <p>Aesop's fables tell of donkeys being stupid, stubborn, and never happy.</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>1700 AD</p> <p>In <i>Don Quixote</i> donkeys are steady and loyal.</p>
<p>1951 AD</p> <p>The donkey in Orwell's <i>Animal Farm</i> is hard working and loyal.</p>	<p>1980 AD</p> <p>In football people who do not play very well are described as donkeys.</p>	<p>1960 AD</p> <p>In America a donkey is known as an ass. A 'dumb ass' or a 'jack ass' was someone who was stupid.</p>	<p>609 AD</p> <p>The Quran says that donkeys can be ridden.</p>	<p>609 AD</p> <p>The Quran says that donkeys can carry a large burden of books but will not understand them.</p>
<p>1890 AD</p> <p>Donkey rides offered to visitors to English seaside resorts.</p>	<p>1914 AD</p> <p>Donkeys used in World War One to transport injured soldiers.</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>206 BC</p> <p>Donkeys were rare in Han China and the emperors prized them.</p>	<p>300 AD</p> <p>In China there were lots of stories of how useful donkeys were for carrying things.</p>





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 on a donkey, Congo Balolo Mission.  
*c.1910*

Smuggling



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

Getting drinking water

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

Leisure



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

Sales



Working donkey in Marrakech, Morocco.  
*February 2015*

Goods Transport



African woman working in Ziniare, Burkina Faso.  
*December 2009.*

Human Transport



Using the information on page 4, answer the following questions:

Which of these examples are part of living memory?

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Which are before living memory?

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Which donkey has the heaviest burden?

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Which donkey has the lightest burden?

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Which donkey was the easiest to save from harm?

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### Final Task: Summary!

Summarise, in your own words, how donkeys were viewed culturally and utilised in the past, and how are they valued and utilised today. Does this differ depending on where in the world the donkey lives? If so, what are the reasons for this?

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