MAPPING WITH TIME

Backstory and Beyond

BIG PICTURE, SIDEBAR, TEMPORAL NOTATION — TIMELINES PRESENT INFORMATION VISUALLY TO HELP PEOPLE UNDERSTAND, WELL, A LOT OF THINGS. LEARN ABOUT THE PAST AND PRESENT OF TIMELINES AS WELL AS EDUCATIONAL IMPLICATIONS. WHAT'S THE NEWEST? EASIEST? TECH-Y WOW? SIMILAR TO BUT NOT? WE'LL CHECK OUT CURRENT FREE ONLINE DIY SITES IN THIS PRESENTATION AND VIEW A GALLERY OF CREATIVE TIMELINE EXPRESSION.

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This primarily visual session discussed the theory and history of time and also its visual representation.

Also discussed were timeline benefits and drawbacks, e.g., timelines inadvertently can flaw historical interpretation because:
- Sequencing implies events relate to another and an earlier event caused following events.
- Events appear as abrupt changes without transition or influence.
- Simplicity leaves out struggles, complexities, and related multiplicity of details that convey a more accurate accounting.
- Traditional timelines present only one view, one "argument," in the guise of objective reality.

Poe leaves West Point

Poe died

Poe born

The Raven published

1809

1831

1845

1849
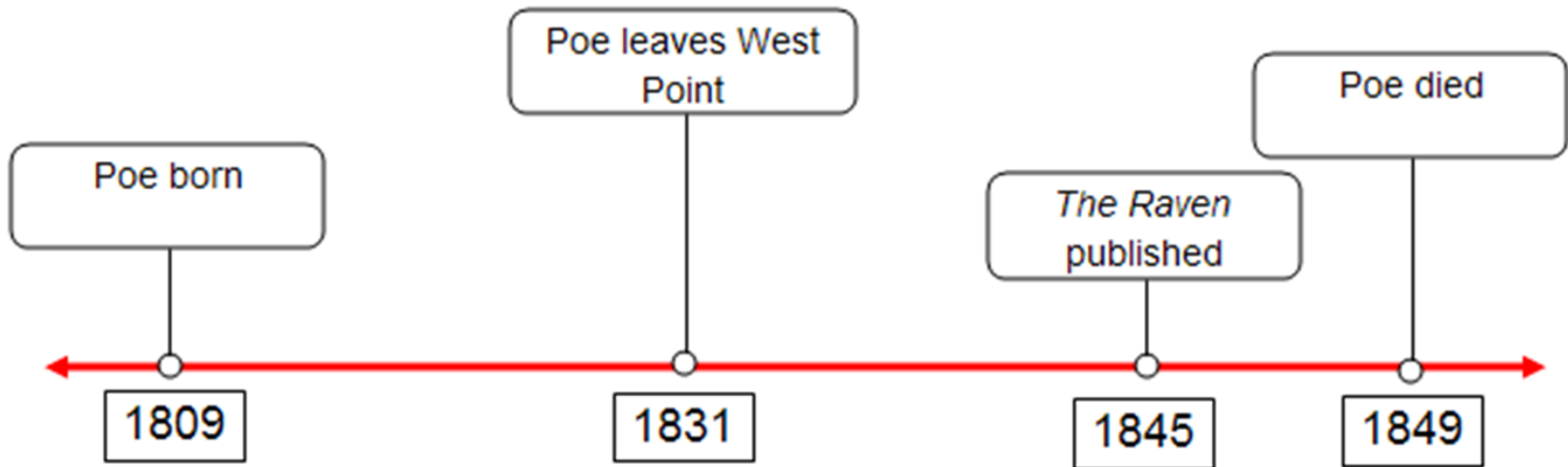
Digital timelines mitigate and even solve some of these problems with linkages for tiered communication and the multiple perspectives option as seen in The Path of Protest and Texas History Timeline.

Timeline creation suggestions included

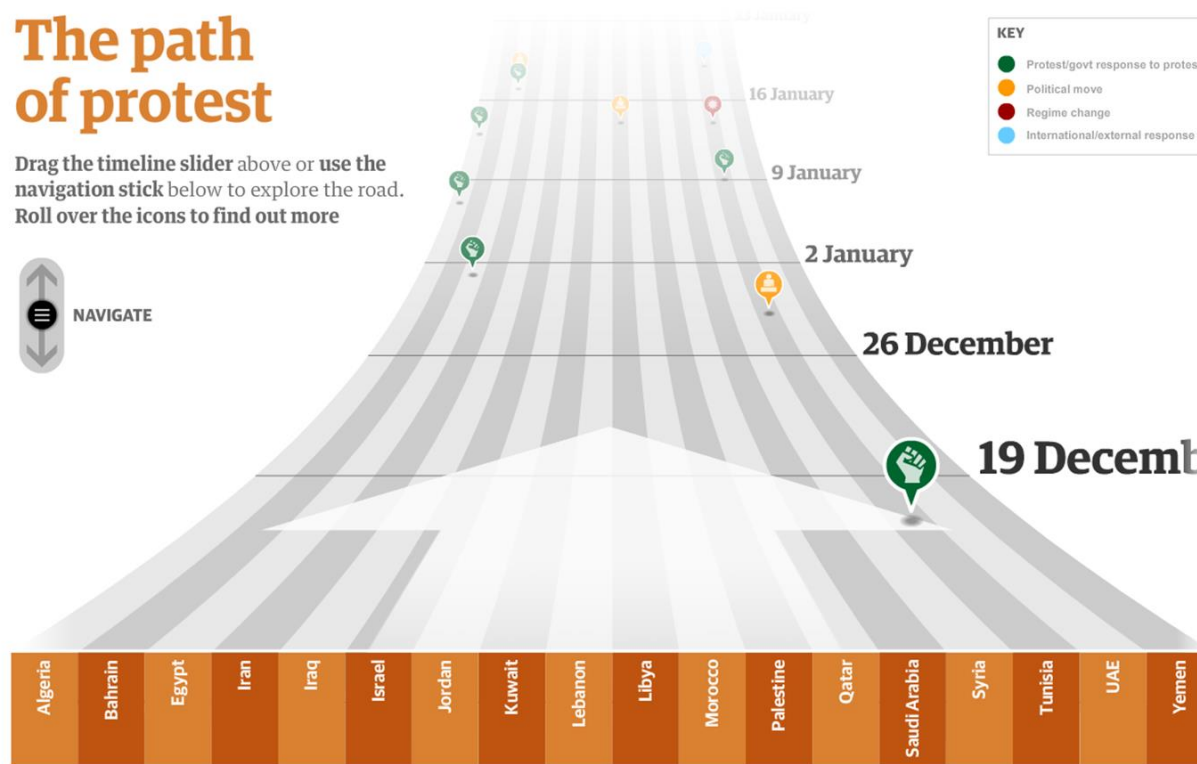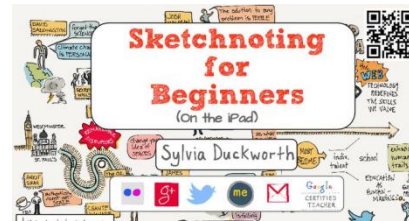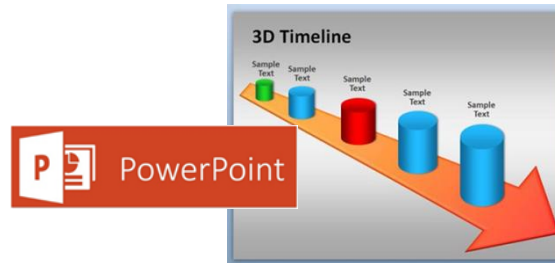|	Free	Premium option	Audience	Multimedia	Map feature	Format	Output	Registration	Collaborate	Minus	Plus
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TIMELINEJS	Free	No	General	URL links	No	Slides	URL, embed	Yes	No	Spreadsheet data entry	Spreadsheet provided

Honoring a request made during the presentation, this chart of examined digital timeline makers was made.

Arguably, the timeline has never been more important or more ubiquitous than it is today. Even in contrast to its great popularity in print form, in interactive media, the timeline is everywhere. P. 246
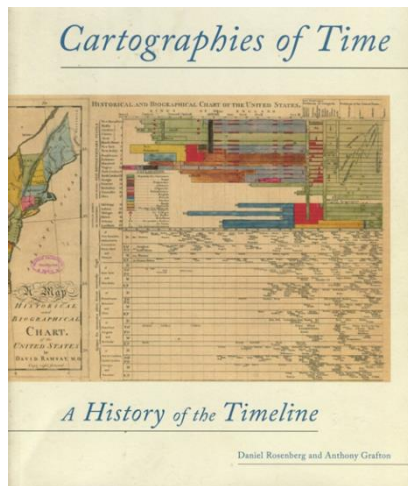
Ubiquitous for good reason, the timeline illuminates but also can distort.

Question it!
Explore it!