

Ellie's Historical Timeline: The Easter Narrative

Learning objective: To understand the sequence of events in the traditional Easter story and to develop narrative structure skills.

Ellie the elephant has been reading ancient historical accounts and has gathered key events from the Easter story. However, her memory is a little jumbled! Your task is to reorder these seven events into the correct chronological sequence by numbering them 1 to 7. Once you have sequenced them, write a short paragraph explaining why historical records use sequencing to help readers understand the 'cause and effect' of a narrative.

Word bank: chronological · sequence · narrative · historical context · climax · resolution · perspective

1. 1. The Last Supper takes place. 2. The arrival in Jerusalem. 3. The discovery of the empty tomb. 4. The trial before the authorities. 5. The events at the Garden of Gethsemane. 6. The walk to the site of the crucifixion. 7. The message of the resurrection. Order these events 1-7. (7 marks)

2. Why is it important for historians to ensure events are placed in the correct chronological order when writing a report? (2 marks)

3. Identify the 'climax' of the story from your list above. Explain your choice. (2 marks)

4. If you were writing this story from the perspective of an observer, which specific event would you choose to describe and why? (2 marks)

5. Ellie wants to buy 7 historical scrolls to research these events. If each scroll costs £4.50, how much will she spend in total? (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a 'memory map' for Ellie. Use symbols or icons to represent each of the seven events in your timeline so that Ellie can remember the story easily.



Extension challenge: Research the origins of Easter traditions in the UK. Write a 100-word diary entry from the perspective of a child living in the Victorian era, describing how they spent their Easter Sunday.