

EconEdLink: Corn Timeline

Name: _____ Date: _____

There were many important historical events that centered on corn. Arrange the following list in chronological order.

- _____ 1801 Underground Railroad transports slaves to freedom; they find corn along the way to survive.
- _____ 1492 Columbus encounters “Indians” cultivating corn as a crop.
- _____ 1620 Pilgrims learn to plant corn kernels with herring for a healthy crop of “IndianCorn.”
- _____ 1400 Native American tribes plant corn for a variety of uses.
- _____ 1750 Cornhusk-stuffed mattresses are used in colonial homes.
- _____ 1830 City dwellers begin using Christmas trees decorated with cornhusk angels.
- _____ 1608 Powhatan’s people save Captain Smith’s starving people with gifts of corn.
- _____ 1966 First Kwanzaa celebration featuring fruits of the harvest such as corn.
- _____ 1519 Cortes got his first sight of popcorn when he came into contact with the Aztecs.
- _____ 1621 Popcorn, as another corn dish, is served at the first Thanksgiving.
- _____ 1540 Coronado sees Pueblo Indians raising corn near the Rio Grande River.
- _____ 1804 Lewis and Clark set up a corn mill in the Dakota Territory.
- _____ 1948 Oldest ears of popcorn discovered in Bat Cave of west central New Mexico (4,000 years old)
- _____ 1825 Erie Canal opens for shipping corn east.
- _____ 1840 Pioneer wagon trains head west on the Oregon Trail carrying “Journeycakes.”
- _____ 1800 Settlers eat corn in all 3 daily meals.
- _____ 1843 Cornhusk baskets are woven for daily use.
- _____ 1893 Charles Cretors introduces the world's first mobile popcorn machine at Columbian Exposition in Chicago.