

TIMELINE ACTIVITIES

Link to site page: <https://www.harlem-is.org/timeline>

Timeline Activity 1: Topic Areas

Explore each section of the timeline and identify one person or place to each of these topic areas:

- Arts and Entertainment
- Politics and Community Activism
- Sports and Recreation
- Religious and Faith-Based Institutions
- Literature and History
- Business and Entrepreneurialism

Timeline Activity 2: Who's Who of Harlem History

Scan the archival images and the timeline facts to see how many faces and names you recognize. Create a list of people to learn more about and assign students to research the person. Students can print one archival image of the person and write a list of 5 fun facts to share with the class. Create your own in-class mini-gallery of Harlem history from student posters using archival images and biographical writings.

Timeline Activity 3: Community Landmarks

What fun facts can you find throughout the timeline about these Harlem community landmarks?

- The Harlem YMCA
- The New York Public Library's 135th Street Branch
- The Apollo Theater
- The Hotel Theresa
- The Savoy Ballroom
- Sylvia's Restaurant
- The Adam Clayton Powell Jr. State Office Building

Timeline Activity 4: What Happened in Harlem the Year You Were Born?

Find your birth year in the timeline chronology and learn what was happening in Harlem when you came into the world.

Timeline Activity 5: Contemporary Culture in Harlem

Who are the people and where are the places that are key to Harlem's contemporary culture? You can use local newspapers such as the New York Times, The Amsterdam News, and the Daily News to research new developments in Harlem and update the timeline from 2012-2020.

Timeline Activity 6: What does Harlem Mean to You?

After viewing the timeline, complete one of the following sentences:

- Harlem is...
- Harlem is important because...
- The people of Harlem...

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