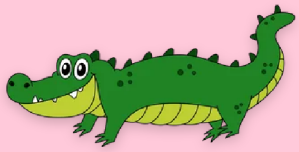
AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE · DEAF HISTORY · GRADES 3–5

Deaf History Timeline

Write each event from the box in the right place on the timeline.



Name: _____ **Date:** _____

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Write each event next to its year.

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1864 _____

1880 _____

1960 _____

1988 _____

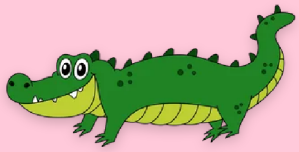
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Answer Key: Deaf History Timeline

Answers for grown-ups. Where kids write their own ideas, the key shows one example.



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