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- _____ **1800** Settlers eat corn in all 3 daily meals.
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Complete this timeline by cutting out the events from your chronological timeline sheet and gluing them on this sheet, or write them in.



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