



# Past, Present, and Future Timeline Lesson

**Directions:** Use the timeline located at [www.fortbendisdtturns50.com](http://www.fortbendisdtturns50.com) or a provided copy of the timeline to learn about your school in relation to other events in time.

First you need to establish some points to compare. Complete the following questions:

- Find your school on the timeline and list the year it opened: \_\_\_\_\_
- Write the year you were born: \_\_\_\_\_

To find the number of years between something that happened and your school you will subtract the years. See the examples below for more info.

Event happens **after** your school was built—subtract the year of your school opening from the date of the event.

$$1999 - 1990 = 9 \text{ years}$$
$$\text{year of event} - \text{year school opened} = 9 \text{ years between events}$$

Event happened **before** your school was built—subtract the year of the event from the date your school opened.

$$1990 - 1981 = 9 \text{ years}$$
$$\text{year school opened} - \text{year of event} = 9 \text{ years between events}$$

1. How many years was it between your school opening and the Bicentennial of America? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Was the movie Jaws released before or after your school was built? \_\_\_\_\_

How many years before or after? \_\_\_\_\_

How many years before or after you were born? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Of the last decade which year(s) included more than one middle school opening? \_\_\_\_\_

How many years ago was that from today? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Create a graph below that shows the total number of schools that were opened each decade. Be sure to label the different parts of the graph.

