

HAND OUT 2 - Time Line

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BBC British History Timeline http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/british/launch_tl_british.shtml

- 1086 Domesday Book (Public Record Number 1) completed.
- 1538 Thomas Cromwell from the court of King Henry VIII, ordered that every wedding, baptism and burial be recorded.
- 1553 There may be gaps in Parish Registers between 1553-58 during Catholic Mary Tudor' reign.
- 1598 Parish ministers were required to make a copy of their register annually and send it to the bishop. These records are called Bishops' Transcripts.
- 1642 There may be gaps in the records during the English Civil War and Commonwealth period (1642-60), as records were poorly kept or hidden, and some were lost.
- 1752 The calendar changed from beginning the year on 25 March to beginning the year on 1 January.
- 1753 Hardwicke's Marriage Act passed, stating that all marriages in England and Wales required a license and must be performed in the Church of England and be recorded. Jews and Quaker excluded.
- 1801 The first census since Domesday. No names or any other genealogical information.
- 1812 Baptisms/christenings, marriages and burials were entered in separate, specially printed books, 8 entries per page.
- 1837 The UK government began to record births, marriages and deaths (civil registration).
- 1841 The first national census was taken, with names and genealogical information.
- 1851 Parish or place of birth and relationship to head of household were recorded in census records from this date on.
- 1875 Civil registration enforced.
- 1921 The most recent census available to the public.
- 1931 This census was destroyed during World War 2.
- 1939 Register, available to the public.
- 1941 No census taken.
- 1974 UK government changed counties throughout UK.
- 1986 Domesday's 900th birthday.