**History of a Country**

**Learning intention:**

To identify the development of a country over time

**Instruction:**

Students will choose one country, from the passport project (or can be a new one - based on their interest) to be investigated further. They will need to find out about its history using an appropriate article from the internet or books. In their UOI book, students need to record the important events throughout time using their research- note taking and note making –skills learnt in English. After a teacher check, they will present the results visually using a timeline.

**Success criteria:**

1. Write the dates (year, century or complete date) in sequence to show the changing of the country
2. Write the keywords about the important events in that period of time (date)
3. From the keywords, create a sentence about the event using your own words only (note making skills).
4. Create a timeline to show the development of a country visually.

**Example:**

After reading an article about the history of Cuba, students make a table like this in their UOI book:

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| **Date** | **Key Words (Note taking)** | **Events (Note Making)** |
| **1492** | Columbus, arrived Caribbean | *In 1492, Columbus arrived in the island of Caribbean and found Cuba along with other countries located in this area.* |
| **1800’s** | Sugarcane industry, rich | *Cuba became a rich country after successfully building sugarcane industries which was really needed by other countries during the 1800’s.* |
| **1899** | Independence, Spanish conquerors, US protection | *After a long time under Spanish conquerors, Cuba finally got their independence day under U.S protection in 1899.* |
| **1959** | Fidel Castro, revolution, Fulgencio Batista | *In 1959, Fidel Castro, one of the Cuban revolutionist, worked together with Che Guevara and his brother Raul to fight against the president Fulgencio Batista.* |
| **1961** | America, Soviet Union, Cuban Missile Crisis | *America wanted to remove Castro, but Castro asked help from Soviet Union to fight back. In 1961, Soviet Union prepared a missile to fight America, this event called as Cuban Missile Crisis.* |
| **1980’s** | People didn’t like Castro, leave or stay in jail | *In the era of 1980’s, there were some people who didn’t like with Fidel Castro’s government and tried to leave Cuba and some were stayed in jail.* |
| **1991** | Soviet Union, Collapsed, economic crisis, very poor | *After Soviet Union collapsed in 1991, Cuban lose their benefit from selling product to this country. Therefore Cuba suffered economic crisis and became very poor country.* |
| **2000’s** | Try to rise again | *In 2000’s, Cuba tried to rise again by improving their tourism.* |
| **2008** | Raul Castro, official president | *Fidel Castro passed his duty to his brother and Raul Castro was elected as the first official president of Cuba in 2008.* |

**Some useful resources used to complete the task:**

* History of every country (easier language)

<http://encyclopedia.kids.net.au/page/hi/History_of_present-day_nations_and_states>

* Timeline- development of country in complete sequence

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world/>

* Simple timeline from howstuffwork.com

<http://history.howstuffworks.com/caribbean-history/history-of-cuba.htm>

* More about the world facts and history

<http://www.factmonster.com/countries.html>

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