Student Handout #2
World History Timeline Interpretation Guide

Work with a partner to answer these questions based on the World History Timeline your teacher has shared with you. Both of you should write down your answers on your own sheet. Be prepared to share your answers, and to explain the thinking behind your answers (how you arrived at your answer).

1) BCE means Before Common Era. What does CE mean?________________________
   Have you heard other terms for BCE and CE? What are they? ____________________

2) What year is it now? ________________________
   How many years ago was the year 0? ________________________
   How many years ago was 300 Common Era? ________________________
   How about 8,000 BCE? ________________________

3) There are three different eras, each in a green text box, on this timeline.
   What are the names of the eras and how much time did each of them last?
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4) In what era did a person living in 1515 CE live? ________________________
   In what era did a person living in 2050 BCE live? ________________________
   How about you? In what era do you live? ________________________
   Which era has been the longest? ________________________

5) Read the bullets in each of the boxes. What seems to be the biggest difference or change between the Era of Foragers and the Agrarian Era?
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6) What seems to be the biggest change or difference between the Agrarian Era and the Industrial Era? In which era do you think technology changed the fastest and the most? Why do you think this?

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7) How does the timeline on the bottom relate to the timeline on top? How do you know? How did you figure this out?

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8) Look at the pictures on the top of the timeline. Why do you think the person who made this timeline chose them? Pick one picture that you think lines up with each time period and talk about it with your partner. What does the picture have to do with the era?

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