



Food Timeline Quiz Bowl

Grade Level: Grades 4–7

Objective: To learn and share a variety of interesting food facts while familiarizing oneself with the ABC Food America database.

Duration: 1 – 2 hours

Materials: Food Timeline Quiz Bowl instructions, pen/pencil and paper or word processing capabilities, individual access to ABC Food America for all participating students

Instructions: Use the various food timelines in ABC Food America to create a 10-question quiz; then administer it to a classmate while taking his/her quiz.

Assignment 1: Make your quiz:

- Review the various food timelines in ABC Food America (see Food Timelines).
- Select 10 interesting facts from across the 12 timelines.
- Write each fact up in the form of a question. For example, “When and where was ginger ale invented?”
- Use these questions to write a quiz that can be shared with a classmate, preferably electronically.
- In a separate document, make note of the answer to each question and where you found it.

Assignment 2: Share your quiz:

- Exchange quizzes with a classmate.
- Use ABC Food America’s food timeline articles to research the answers to the quiz questions.
- Look for clues in the questions to help you decide how to search. For example, to answer a question about the origin of ginger ale, you might start by looking at the Soda Pop timeline. To answer a question about charcoal briquettes, look at the Cooking with Fire timeline.
- Help your partner if necessary by giving hints.
- Exchange completed quizzes and compare your partner’s answers with your answer guide. Give him or her a score: 10/10, 7/10, etc.

Assignment 3: Mix it up:

- Switch partners and repeat Assignment 2 as desired.
- At the end of the quiz bowl, add up your total points. The student with the highest point total wins the title of Quizmaster.