



Theme 3

Timeline

Pupil Activity Sheet 1

Completing the Timeline

(Key: black – rugby league; green – events in Huddersfield;
red – events in other sports; blue – major national and international events)

Events and Developments at Huddersfield (Giants) Rugby League Football Club	YEAR	Other Events and Developments in Rugby Football and Beyond
	1860	
	1861	first colour photograph taken by James Clerk Maxwell; American Civil War- cotton famine in Lancashire; Huddersfield's population 34.877
	1862	
	1863	Football Association formed; first rules of association football written; first rugby club formed in Bradford
	1864	first rugby clubs formed in Leeds and Huddersfield;
Huddersfield Athletic Club hosts first annual Festival Sports Day at Rifle Fields	1865	first rugby club formed in Hull; Huddersfield's first Floral and Horticultural Show; 20 Huddersfield cricketers beat All England XI
Huddersfield St John's Cricket Club founded	1866	first rugby club formed in York;
	1867	first rugby club formed in Rochdale;
Huddersfield St John's Cricket Club moves home ground to Fartown	1868	Huddersfield becomes county borough with its own corporation; Boneshaker cycle invented
Huddersfield Athletic Club plays six 'football' matches against other clubs	1869	Suez Canal opened;

	1870	Education Act - school for many more children to age of 12; Emley Brass Band founded
	1871	Rugby Football Union formed; rules of rugby written; first rugby international, Scotland v England; FA Cup started
	1872	Improved sewage system in Huddersfield; St Luke's Hospital opens; first FA Cup final; first football international, Scotland v England
	1873	first rugby club formed in Halifax; Wakefield Trinity founded horse bus services extended to several Huddersfield districts
	1874	first cycling club in England founded in Bradford;
	1875	Deerhill Reservoir opened, expanding Huddersfield's water supply; Huddersfield Glee and Madrigal Society founded
Huddersfield C & AC annual Festival Sports Day moves to Fartown	1876	Blackmoorfoot Reservoir opened; Bell invents telephone; first national sporting league in American Baseball;
Huddersfield C & AC enters first rugby competition, the Yorkshire Cup	1877	Yorkshire Cup, first rugby competition, started;
Fartown rugby ground developed; Huddersfield C & AC begin to play there;	1878	first rugby match under floodlights at Halifax; Meltham Mills Brass band win British Open Championship for 3rd consecutive year
	1879	Edison invents electric light bulb; first telephone exchange in London; Ramsden Street Swimming Baths opened
	1880	Education Act –all children must attend school until at least the age of 10
	1881	first Boer War in South Africa; first electric street lighting; Huddersfield's: Town Hall completed; Technical School opened; Lawn Tennis Club founded
Fartown hosts FA Cup semi-final	1882	'The Ashes', first international sporting trophy, founded in cricket; Hepworth Brass Band founded
	1883	Huddersfield first district to run public transport system, tramcars pulled by steam engines; Beaumont Park, Huddersfield's first, opens
	1884	Preston North End expelled from FA Cup for playing professionals; Greenhead Park opens
	1885	professionalism (paid players) in football; first electric tram in Blackpool; Holliday Cup, Huddersfield's first amateur rugby competition founded
	1886	Rugby Football Union bans payto players; Baines Sports Cards published; first women's football club; Rowley's Empire (theatre) opens
	1887	
	1888	first UK sporting leagues founded: Bolton and Birmingham cricket leagues and the Football League;
	1889	Arthur Wharton (Rotherham Town) becomes Britain's first black professional footballer; Mrs Sunderland singing competitions begin

	1890	Independent Labour Party formed in Bradford; London's first underground route opens;
	1891	Huddersfield Golf Club founded
	1892	Huddersfield Cricket League founded; first rugby competitions Yorkshire Senior Competition, Lancashire Club Championship, start
Huddersfield found guilty of illegally enticing two players to play for them;	1893	boom in cycling; aspirin invented; 'coal war' miners' dispute; RFU votes against 'broken time' pay;
	1894	first football league in West Yorkshire;
	1895	'birth of rugby league' - Northern RFU formed, allowing 'broken time' payments; Huddersfield Chess League founded
	1896	first modern Olympics in Athens; X-rays discovered; Huddersfield's first cinema films shown at Rowley's Empire; Norman Park opens
	1897	first Challenge Cup competition; line-outs abolished; Suffragette movement founded; Huddersfield Banking Company merges with Midland Bank
	1898	Northern Union allows pay for players in full time jobs; new police station in Peel Street; Huddersfield and District Football League founded
	1899	Second Boer War between UK and Boers of Transvaal and Orange Free State, starts in South Africa
	1900	Labour Party formed; Huddersfield's population 95,047
	1901	death of Queen Victoria; Northern Union League of 14 clubs from Yorkshire and Lancashire; Huddersfield tramcar system electrified
	1902	Division 2 of Northern Union formed from Yorks and Lancs Senior competitions; terracing collapses at Ibrox Park, Glasgow, 25 killed
	1903	first aeroplane flight;
	1904	
	1905	Einstein proposes Theory of Relativity; Northern Union reverts to one division of 31 teams
	1906	Northern Union reduces teams from 15 to 13 players; play-the-ball replaces rucks and mauls; Outlane Golf Club founded
	1907	first New Zealand northern union team to tour Britain;
	1908	London Olympics; first Australian northern union team to tour Britain Huddersfield Town FC founded
	1909	first synthetic plastic (Bakelite) invented; government introduces old age pensions; Hippodrome opens

	1910	<i>first British tour of Australia and New Zealand</i> Huddersfield Town FC joins Football League
Yorkshire Cup winners	1911	Amundsen beats Scott in race to South Pole; government introduces limited health and sickness benefits
League Championship and Yorkshire League winners	1912	Titanic sinks
League Championship, Challenge Cup, Yorkshire League and Yorkshire Cup winners; signed Johnny Rogers	1913	
Yorkshire League and Yorkshire Cup winners;	1914	World War I begins; <i>Great Britain wins Rorke's Drift Test Match</i> ; Crosland Heath Golf Club founded
'Team of all Talents' wins League Championship, Challenge Cup and Yorkshire League;	1915	Northern Union competition suspended; armed forces volunteers include 1,418 Northern Union players; Football League suspended
	1916	conscription for men aged 18-41; Battle of the Somme
	1917	Soviet revolution in Russia; Battle of Passchendaele
	1918	World War I Armistice signed 11 November; Nancy Astor first woman MP; Spanish Influenza outbreak; school leaving age raised to 14
	1919	Treaty of Versailles; first helicopter and trans-Atlantic flights; Football League and Northern Union re-start
Challenge Cup and Yorkshire League winners	1920	Huddersfield Borough Council buys much town centre land from Ramsden estate for £1,300,000
	1921	FA bans women's football on its grounds; rugby's first £1000 transfer – Harold Buck from Hunslet to Leeds
	1922	first radio entertainment; Woodsome Hall Golf Club founded; Northern Union changes its name to the Rugby Football League
	1923	first Wembley FA Cup final; Huddersfield Town Football League Champions
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	1925	television invented Huddersfield Town Football League Champions
	1926	'Electricity Supply Act' sets up national grid; General Strike
	1927	first live radio commentary of a football match; first live radio commentary of Challenge Cup final
	1928	penicillin discovered; all women get the right to vote
	1929	Wall Street Crash; first Challenge Cup final to be played at Wembley

League Championship and Yorkshire League winners	1930	depression – rise in unemployment – begins; <i>first football World Cup held in Uruguay – no British teams enter</i>
	1931	Empire State Building opened in New York; Cambridge Road Swimming Baths opened
	1932	<i>first floodlit rugby league match, Leeds v Wigan at White City, London</i>
	1933	Hitler's Nazi party elected to power in Germany; <i>first London rugby league club, London Highfield</i>
	1934	<i>rugby league launched in France</i>
	1935	nylon invented; George Bennett (Wales Rugby League) first coloured player for a British national team
	1936	King Edward VIII abdicates the throne; <i>first football highlights on television</i>
	1937	<i>first televised FA Cup Final</i>
	1938	
Huddersfield play in War Emergency League, Yorkshire Section	1939	World War II begins; conscription introduced; Football League suspended ; <i>Rugby League replaced by War Emergency League</i>
	1940	London and other cities badly hit in the Blitz; Luftwaffe defeated in Battle of Britain; 330,000 rescued from Dunkirk
Huddersfield play in War Emergency League for Yorkshire and Lancashire clubs	1941	Japanese attack Pearl Harbour, bringing United States into the war; <i>rugby league starts War Emergency League</i>
	1942	<i>Lance Todd killed in car crash</i>
	1943	allied invasion of Italy overthrows Mussolini; ballpoint pen invented
	1944	D-Day, 6 June
	1945	World War II ends in Europe; atomic bomb invented and dropped on Hiroshima; United Nations founded; <i>rugby league re-starts</i>
	1946	World War II ends in Asia; Welfare State founded – benefits for unemployed and sick; Football League re-starts ; 46 die in Burnden Park disaster
sign Dave Valentine	1947	National Health Service founded; partition of India; worst winter of 20th century; mobile telephone invented
	1948	London Olympics ; British Nationality Act passed to attract migrant workers from Commonwealth;
	1949	NATO established; <i>Challenge Cup final tickets sell out for first time</i> ; <i>first southern amateur rugby league club formed</i>

Yorkshire Cup winners	1950	petrol rationing ends
Lionel Cooper scores 10 tries in match v Keighley	1951	first floodlit match outside London, Bradford v New Zealand at Odsal; first televised rugby league match, GB v New Zealand at Swinton
Yorkshire League and Yorkshire Cup winners;	1952	first jet passenger aeroplane; first televised Challenge Cup final Queen Elizabeth II comes to the throne
	1953	many buy first television to watch coronation of Queen Elizabeth II
Dave Valentine captains Great Britain to victory in the first Rugby League World Cup	1954	post-war food rationing ends; first Rugby League World Cup held in France, entered by Australia, France, New Zealand and winners Great Britain
	1955	football's European Cup founded; first floodlit football international, England v Spain at Wembley; start of commercial TV in Britain
	1956	first floodlit Football League match - Portsmouth v Newcastle Utd; amateur rugby league matches allowed on Sundays
Yorkshire Cup winners	1957	
	1958	Huddersfield Technical School becomes Huddersfield College of Technology; videotape invented; Munich Air Crash - 8 Man Utd players killed
	1959	
	1960	Great Britain wins Rugby League World Cup football's League Cup founded as a midweek, floodlit competition
	1961	Russian Yuri Gagarin first man in space;
	1962	rugby league reorganised into 2 divisions
	1963	'the Big Freeze', weeks of sub-zero temperatures and snow; USA President Robert Kennedy assassinated
	1964	Civil Rights laws passed in USA; rugby league reverts to one division and allows substitutes for injured players
	1965	BBC2 begins the Rugby League Floodlit Trophy
	1966	rugby league introduces four tackle rule; England win football World Cup; big increase in number of women wanting to play football
floodlights installed at Fartown	1967	first heart transplant operation; first professional rugby league matches allowed on Sundays
	1968	
	1969	American Neil Armstrong becomes first man on the Moon; Women's Football Association formed

	1970	Women's FA Cup founded
	1971	decimalisation of currency; 66 killed at Ibrox Park disaster; rugby league launches John Player Cup
	1972	4 tackle rule increased to 6; Great Britain wins Rugby League World Cup; Huddersfield College of Technology become Huddersfield Polytechnic
	1973	Britain enters Common Market; miners' strikes, 3 day weeks and power cuts; rugby league reverts to 2 divisions; British Amateur Rugby League Association formed
	1974	local government re-organisation; West Riding County Council abolished; Kirklees District Local Authority formed
	1975	Sex Discrimination Act gives equal rights, including equal pay, to women; Safety of Sports Grounds Act – grounds need certificate; first North Sea Oil piped ashore
	1976	
	1977	'Man of Steel' awarded for first time
	1978	'winter of discontent' among British workers; Viv Anderson becomes England's first coloured international footballer
	1979	Margaret Thatcher becomes first woman Prime Minister; last BBC 2 Floodlit Trophy
	1980	
	1981	first London Marathon; USA sets up first national women's football league
	1982	Falklands War; sin bin introduced
	1983	points for try increased from 3 to 4; Women's Rugby Football Union formed; first evidence of Global Warming; 6th local mine closed
	1984	year-long miners' strike as 21 pits closed and 20,000 miners lose their jobs; miners' demonstrations in Wakefield
	1985	56 die in Bradford City football ground fire; 39 die in Heysel football stadium disaster; Women's Rugby Football League formed
	1986	first rugby league match at Old Trafford
	1987	
	1988	National Coal Mining Museum opened
	1989	Sky Television launched; World Wide Web (Internet) launched; 96 die in Hillsborough football ground disaster

	1990	unification of Germany; Nelson Mandela released - end of apartheid in South Africa; <i>Russia takes up rugby league</i>
	1991	USSR dissolves into different nations; <i>rugby league reorganised from 2 to 3 divisions</i>
	1992	FA Premier League begins; last season of rugby league's Yorkshire Cup; Huddersfield Polytechnic becomes University of Huddersfield
	1993	Taylor report on ground safety recommends all-seater stadiums and 13% reduction in number of spectators on terraces; <i>rugby league reverts to 2 divisions</i>
Beat Blackpool 142-4, world record points in a game and margin of victory	1994	Channel Tunnel opened
	1995	DVD invented; professionalism allowed in rugby union; <i>rugby league reverts to 3 divisions</i>
Ken Davy becomes Chairman	1996	<i>rugby league starts Super League and summer rugby;</i> <i>last Regal Trophy competition</i>
	1997	death of Princess Diana; first successful cloning – Dolly the sheep; <i>first World Club Championship</i>
	1998	<i>Grand Final and play-offs introduced to Super League</i>
	1999	<i>last Challenge Cup Final at 'old' Wembley</i>
Split from Sheffield Eagles and reverted to being Huddersfield Giants	2000	<i>record 16 nations enter Rugby League World Cup</i>
	2001	9/11 terrorist attack by al-Qaeda destroys Twin Towers, New York
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	2003	Iraq War begins; England win rugby union World Cup
	2004	European Union enlarged to 25 states
	2005	giant tsunamis devastates southern Asia
Challenge Cup runners-up	2006	
	2007	wettest British summer on record; Northern Rock bank bailed out by government funds; <i>first Challenge Cup Final at 'new' Wembley</i>
	2008	over-lending and incompetence by banks causes 'credit crunch'; government bale out of banks reaches £100 billion
	2009	world economy enters recession

	2010	Haiti earthquake disaster; Pakistan flood disaster; micro-biologists create synthetic (artificial) life
	2011	Japan earthquake and tsunami disaster; uprisings overthrow dictators in Middle East and North Africa; Osama Bin Laden, leader of al-Qaeda, killed
	2012	London Olympics
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	2015	Terrorist attacks in Paris
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	2022	Qatar first Arab nation to host football World Cup
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