

# COMPUTER HISTORY TIMELINE ACTIVITY

Now that we have learned about significant dates in computer history we are going to research a few more and then create an electronic timeline.

Using this website <http://www.computerhistory.org/timeline/?category=cmpny> you will research three items from one of the following categories and add them to your timeline and include a picture for each.

- COMPANIES
- COMPONENTS
- COMPUTERS
- GRAPHICS AND GAMES
- NETWORKING
- PEOPLE AND POP CULTURE
- ROBOTS AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE
- SOFTWARE & LANGUAGES
- STORAGE

Then, using [http://www.readwritethink.org/files/resources/interactives/timeline\\_2/](http://www.readwritethink.org/files/resources/interactives/timeline_2/) you are going to input the year, invention and inventor if known and print out your timeline. Find pictures online of 5 of the items and include them in your timeline.

## Timeline Dates

(INCLUDE ALL OF THE DATES BELOW / Add a description from your notes)

**4<sup>th</sup> Century BC – Abacus**

**1642 Pascaline – Blaise Pascal**

**1672 Stepped Reckoner – Gottfried Wilhelm von Leibniz**

**1822-1833 Difference Engine & Analytical Engine – Charles Babbage**

**1801 Weaving Loom & Punch Cards - Joseph Jacquard**

**1890 Tabulating Machine - Herman Hollerith (IBM)**

**1944 Mark I – Howard Aiken**

**1939 Electronic Computer – John Atanasoff & Clifford Berry / Binary Number System of 1's and 0's**

**1940's Universal Machine – Alan Turing**

**1946 ENIAC –**

**1970 Microprocessor – John Huff**

**1975 ALTAIR – Ed Roberts MITS**

**1981 Personal Computer – IBM**

**1984 Apple Computers Inc. – Steve Wozniak & Steve Jobs**

