

Back to the Future-Part Two

Loch Ness Time-travel....

What to do....

Use the information in Timeline 2 to help you make your Loch Ness Back to the Future Timeline Poster.

To do this you will need to work as a team of two or three - you will need scissors and a gluestick and a big sheet of poster paper.

Start by giving your sheet a title -
Back to the Future - Loch Ness Timeline Part Two.

Print out the pictures as they are - or make them bigger using your computer - and then cut them out ready to match up with the Timeline Part Two statements.

CUT OUT EACH OF THE TIME LINE STATEMENTS AND MATCH THEM TO THE RIGHT PICTURE.

Show these on your poster in the correct time order!
Start with the earliest first and finish with the most recent - HINT-read the dates carefully!

Decide on an attractive way to display the information you have and glue the pictures and statements to the poster paper. What shape will it be - which direction ?
Once your team has made the poster - get ready to tell the rest of the class all about "Back to the Future Part Two" - humans join in the fun !
ASK YOUR TEACHER IF YOU CAN GO ON TO PART THREE...

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1932 February

A Miss K. MacDonald saw a "crocodile" like creature making its way up the River Ness, which was in spate, towards the loch. The creature had a short neck, long snout and some reports suggested tusks.

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1871 13th July

The Inverness Courier reports the capture of a sturgeon just off the Inverness entrance to the Caledonian Canal. It had almost broken out of a salmon net and was 7ft long. Apparently another sturgeon had been caught in Inverness some 35 years before.

1933 March

Mrs. Aldie Mackay, manageress of the Drumnadrochit Hotel, was on the road from Inverness when she saw something resembling a whale. She did not publicise the story but it was picked up by Alex Campbell, water bailiff and enthusiast of the legend. He gave the story to the Inverness Courier. The story published on 2nd May is often seen as the birth of the modern legend. Many sightings followed.

1933 Oct. 17th

The "Scotsman" reports that in early September, Alex Campbell, the bailiff, had a sighting of a long necked, plesiosaur like creature near Fort Augustus. A few weeks later he saw the same thing again but this time was able to see the explanation; cormorants distorted by mirage.

1852 1st July

The Inverness Courier reports “A Scene from Lochend” where two strange animals were swimming across the loch. Some “thought it was the sea-serpent coiling along the surface, and others a couple of whales or large seals”. The inhabitants made ready to defend themselves with everything from battle-axes to pitchforks. “At last, a venerable patriarch came to the conclusion that they were a pair of deer”. He fetched his gun and was just about to fire when he threw it down and shouted in Gallic “God protect us, they are the Water Horses”, thinking they were the ill omened Kelpies of folklore. In the end, they did turn out to be horses; two ponies from the Aldourie estate no less than a mile away!

1934 Jan. 4th

The “Daily Mail” expedition led by Marmaduke Wetherell suffers an embarrassment. Plaster casts of some strange footprints found at the loch side, are pronounced by the British Museum to be from a stuffed hippopotamus. He had used one of his big game hunting trophies, a hippo foot ashtray.

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1868 8th Oct

In the autumn the Inverness Courier reports a curious incident at Abriachan. A “huge fish” is washed up dead on the beach. It is about 2m long. Some think it is the strange fish that has been reported for “years back”. It is finally pronounced to be a skinned dolphin, possibly thrown overboard by “the waggish crew” of a passing fishing boat to fool “the credulous natives of Abriachan”.

1934 April 19th

The surgeon Kenneth Wilson claims to have taken an interesting photograph. The picture, published on April 21st shows an upraised head and neck. It is to become the most famous image of the monster.

In 565AD

St. Columba, a Christian missionary to King Brude of the Picts, “drove away a certain water monster” in the River Ness. His biographer, St. Adamnan, wrote that one of Columba’s followers was attacked as he swam across to collect a boat from the other side. The saint “formed the sign of the cross in the empty air” saying “Think not to go further nor touch thou that man. Quick! Go back!” The beast “fled backwards more rapidly than he came”.

1833 16th Oct

The Inverness Courier reports the “Death of a Warlock” one Gregor MacGregor, alias “Willox the Warlock”. Among his possessions he had “a piece of yellow metal resembling a horse’s bridle, which in the days of yore was sported by a mischievous water Kelpie, who haunted the banks of Loch Ness and Loch Spynie. In Highland folklore, the Kelpie or Water Horse (Each Uisge) emerged from many lochs to tempt travellers onto its back. It then carried the victims into the water and devoured them.

1955 July 29th

Mr P.A. MacNab takes a picture showing an enormous hump backed creature near to Urquhart Castle.

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1962

The “Loch Ness Phenomenon Investigation Bureau”, forms under the energetic leadership of David James MP. For the next 10 years, the “LNI” will mount intensive surface surveillance, using telephoto cine cameras. They shoot film on 12 occasions but none showing anything resembling the “classic photographs”. They also collect some 258 sighting reports.

1951 July 14th

Lachlan Stuart takes a picture of three angular humps close to the beach. A day later, he confesses to a local resident, Richard Frere, that it was a hoax.

1903 April

In April, Sir John Murray’s “Bathymetrical Survey of the Scottish Lochs” takes 1700 depth measurements using a wire sounding machine. They establish the loch to have the greatest volume of any lake in Britain and that its maximum depth is 230m. They do not mention the monster tradition.

1933

North shore road improvements (today’s A82) remove the screen of trees, improving the view of the loch and bringing more visitors to the area. Some believe that this is the reason for the explosion of sightings in that year.

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LOCH NESS 2000

When you come to Loch Ness 2000... you will find all of the images in this work-pack and lots more. Images are often in the form of animation or films, projected on many surfaces by digital projectors and even by laser effects.

Expect to be entertained and maybe challenged by what you see and hear. Expect to make some judgements, but most of all ... expect to be surprised!

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