BACKGROUND: Chronology is the science of determining the dates and order of events, the arrangement of time in periods, etc., and the actual presentation of events in order of occurrence. This instruction sheet provides guidelines for cataloging works on the science of chronology and works that list events pertaining to a topic, history of a place, etc., in order of occurrence.

1. ***The science of arranging time***.

   a. General.   Assign the heading **Chronology** to general works on the science of arranging time in fixed periods and of dating events and epochs.

   b. Special.   Assign headings of the type **Chronology, [*adjectival qualifier*]** or **[Adjectival qualifier] chronology** to works on the system of chronology practiced in a particular place, civilization, religion, etc.   *Examples:*

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   650 #0 $a Chronology, Byzantine.
   650 #0 $a Jewish chronology.
   650 #0 $a Chronology, Mexican.
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   Exception: To works on the system of arranging time used by Indians, assign phrase headings in uninverted order, for example, **Aztec chronology**.

2. ***Arrangement of events.***

   a. General.   Assign the heading **Chronology, Historical** to works containing lists of dates and events of world history in order of occurrence.

   Subdivide the heading by the free-floating form subdivision **–Charts, diagrams, etc.**, or by **–Tables**, if appropriate for the work.

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b. Places.   Use the free-floating subdivision **–History–Chronology** under names of regions, countries, cities, etc., for works that contain listings of dates and events in the history of that place, for example, **United States–History–Chronology**.

Use the free-floating subdivision **–Chronology** under headings of the type [*place*]**–History–**[*period subdivision*] for chronologies limited to a particular period in the history of a place, for example, **Great Britain–History–Victoria, 1837-1901–Chronology**.

c. Topics.   Use the free-floating subdivision **–Chronology** or **–History–Chronology** under topical headings to works containing listings of dates in order of occurrence pertaining to the topic.

If the topic can be divided by **–History** (see H 1647), use **–History–Chronology**, for example, **Earthquakes–Mexico–History–Chronology**.   If the heading is one that is not divided by **–History**, such as headings for music, art, literature, and inherently historical topics, use **–Chronology** without interposing **–History**, for example, **Popular music–United States–Chronology**; **Arts, American–Chronology**; **English drama–17th century–Chronology**; **Japan–Economic conditions–1945- –Chronology**.

Do not use the free-floating subdivision **–Chronology** under a topic if a phrase heading for the concept has been established.   *Example:*

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        650 #0 $a Chronology, Historical.
[not 650 #0 $a World history $v Chronology.]
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d. Persons.   Use the free-floating subdivision **–Chronology** under names of individual persons to works that list by date events in the life of the person, or the dates when a person's works were written or published, as well as discussions of the chronology of such events or works.

e. Corporate bodies.   Use the free-floating subdivision **–History–Chronology** under names of individual corporate bodies for works listing events and dates in the history of the organization.

f. Ethnic groups.   Use the free-floating subdivision **–History–Chronology** under individual ethnic groups, including Indians, for works listing events and dates in the history of the group.

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g. Sacred works.   Use the free-floating subdivision **–Chronology** under uniform titles for sacred works for discussions of the dating and order of occurrence of events mentioned in the sacred work, for example, **Book of Mormon–Chronology**.

3. *Examples.*

Title: *Essays on Jewish chronology.*
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650 #0 $a Jewish chronology.
630 00 $a Bible. $p Old Testament $x Chronology.
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Title: *Chronology of the first crusade.*
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650 #0 $a Crusades $y First, 1096-1099 $v Chronology.
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Title: *Two hundred years of military medicine.*
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610 10 $a United States.  $b Army Medical Department
       $x History $v Chronology.
650 #0 $a Medicine, Military $z United States $x History
       $v Chronology.
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Title: *Milestone political events : 1945-1975.*
```
650 #0 $a World politics $y 1945- $v Chronology.
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Title: *A guide to the published works of Benjamin Constant.*
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600 10 $a Constant, Benjamin, $d 1767-1830 $v Bibliography.
600 10 $a Constant, Benjamin, $d 1767-1830 $v Chronology.
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Title: *The pages of rock history.*
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650 #0 $a Rock music $v Chronology.
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Title: *A chronology of Afro-American history.*
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650 #0 $a African Americans $x History $v Chronology.
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Title: *A key to the Mesoamerican reckoning of time.*
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650 #0 $a Indian chronology $z Mexico.
650 #0 $a Indian chronology $z Central America.
650 #0 $a Maya chronology.
650 #0 $a Aztec chronology.
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