

CHRONOLOGY OF JOSEPH SMITH – HISTORY

- 1805 - Born the 3rd son of 11 children in Sharon, VT
- 1814 - Moved to Palmyra, NY when Joseph was 9
- 1818 - Moved to Manchester, NY (south of Palmyra) when Joseph was 13
- 1820 - Unusual religious excitement arises; divides people
- 1820 - Joseph considers joining the Methodist sect
- 1820 - Joseph questions to himself which church is right
- 1820 - Joseph reads in James 1:5 (If any of you lack wisdom...).
- 1820 - Joseph asks God in grove in 1820 (14 years old) and receives glorious 'First Vision' and told none of the churches were right.
- 1820 - Tells preacher of vision and is told it is of the devil
- 1820 - Immediately after vision, persecution starts
- 1823 - Moroni appears to Joseph 5 times in 24 hour period
- 1823 - Joseph sees plates for the first time (forbidden to take at that time)
- 1824-7 - Joseph visits Hill Cumorah every year for 4 years
- 1825 - Joseph goes to Harmony Pennsylvania to work
- 1827 - Joseph Marries Emma Hale
- 1827 - Joseph is given the plates, Urim and Thummim and breastplate
- 1827 - Evil men constantly try to get the plates from Joseph.
- 1827 - Joseph returns to Harmony to escape persecution in New York
- 1827 - Joseph meets Martin Harris who becomes Joseph's scribe
- 1828 - Martin Harris takes translated characters to New York to Charles Anthon who fulfills prophesy of Isaiah: "I cannot read a sealed book."
- 1829 - Joseph meets Oliver Cowdery who becomes scribe
- 1829 - Joseph and Oliver receive Aaronic Priesthood and are baptized
- 1829 - Joseph continues to translate the plates.

In 1838 Joseph Smith began work on his official history, which was published in the newspaper *Times and Seasons* in 1842 and later became part of the seven-volume *History of the Church*. Joseph Smith – History was extracted from this history and published as part of the Pearl of Great Price in 1851.



This handout was cut out along border and taped in the student's journals so they could reference it often.