

Historical December

Can you match the following historical events to the correct dates and place them in chronological order?

Church leaders agree to fix the date of the birth of Christ. Previously some people had celebrated it in May, others in January.

Forty-year-old ex-Beatle John Lennon was murdered in New York.

Unruly American colonists boarded three ships in Boston harbour and emptied 342 chests of tea into the sea.

The results of the first General Election in Britain in which women have been allowed to vote, confirmed David Lloyd George as Prime Minister.

Ireland's 26 southern states were granted independence from Britain, becoming the Irish Free State. Ulster in the north remains part of the UK.

In South Africa, ANC leader Nelson Mandela meets President F. W. de Klerk for the first time.

The world's first regular entertainment radio broadcasts are transmitted by the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC).

Crew from the British brigantine *Die Gratia* boarded a deserted ship drifting mid Atlantic. The captain's table was set for a meal aboard the US ship *Marie Celeste* but the Captain, crew and passengers were all missing.

The Cold War ended after 52 years of superpower rivalry. Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and US President George Bush ended their shipboard summit meeting off Malta.

A Pan American jumbo jet bound for New York is blown out of the sky by a terrorist bomb and crashes onto the Scottish town of Lockerbie killing all 259 passengers and 11 people on the ground.

3 rd December 1989	4 th December 1872	6 th December 1921	8 th December 1980	13 th December 1989
16 th December 1773	21 st December 1988	23 rd December 1922	25 th December 440	28 th December 1918

No Googling! Enjoy - *Sarah*