

THE TIME HACKERS

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About the Book

Seventh-grader Dorso Clayman opens his locker to find bizarre things that disappear 30 seconds later. What's going on?

The ultimate gamers have decided to make Dorso and his buddy Frank the target of some strange techno practical jokes. They've hacked into the time line, and things from the past keep appearing in the present. Soon, the jokes aren't funny anymore—they're dangerous. Dorso and Frank have got to beat the time hackers at their own game and break the code, before they get lost in the past themselves.

Journal Writing

The Time Hackers by three-time Newbery Honor winner Gary Paulsen takes Dorso and his friend Frank to places and events in the past—the battle between Custer and Crazy Horse, ancient France with Cro-Magnons, Gettysburg battlefield, Kitty Hawk with the Wright Brothers, and more!

Use *The Time Hackers* to tie into the curriculum by having students use the templates for a journal cover and page to make their own *The Time Hackers* Travel Journal and record the places Dorso and Frank visit throughout the book. Ask them to record the destination, time period, historical event, and their thoughts on what they would be doing during this historical period if they were somehow trapped in time then. Have students extend this activity by researching other historical events that tie into the curriculum and by adding new journal entries to correspond with these new places and times!

Time Line

Have students create a time line of the different events that take place in *The Time Hackers* by placing each event mentioned in the book on the time line in time-period sequence. Or, as a class project, construct a large time line by assigning each event to a student to place on the time line with an illustration of the event. Display for all to see!

Historical Events in *The Time Hackers*

- Battle Between Custer and Crazy Horse
- Cro-Magnons in Ancient France
- Beethoven in 18th-Century Austria
- London in Early 18th Century
- The Battle of Gettysburg
- The First Flight with the Wright Brothers



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