

USING THE IMPACT TO HISTORY CHARTS

Charts are given on pp. 17–19 for use as tools for the study of providential history. Below, each chart is explained with directions for its use in studying “People Who Impacted History,” “Events Which Impacted History,” and “Writings Which Impacted History.”

In the Pilgrim story, the following people, events, and writings should be charted for a thorough study:

People: William Bradford; John Robinson; Elder Brewster

Events: Bradford assigns private property; Thanksgiving 1623; the drought

Writings: The Mayflower Compact

PEOPLE WHO IMPACTED HISTORY

Purpose: The Key Individual Chart is a tool for ordering and recording one’s research and study of biography to identify the Hand of God in the life of an individual and that individual’s response (cause to effect). The individual’s physical, intellectual, spiritual, and emotional characteristics, as well as his tastes, affections, and personality are charted noting how he governed and disposed his temperament, how he was steward of his internal and external property, and how he contributed to God’s Gospel purpose.

Method: Statements or quotes are recorded which identify and describe each area of significance. Citations to documents and page numbers should be noted as well.

Directions:

PROVIDENTIAL SETTING: The settings, both of time and place, in which God placed this person throughout the individual’s life on earth, are recorded here.

SPHERES OF INFLUENCE: The influences God used to develop and refine this person’s internal character as well as his skills, abilities, knowledge, and talents are noted. In addition, the spheres of influence that God gave this person to impact can be noted.

CHARACTER: The attributes of the person’s external traits and internal character virtues or vices which are marked or prominent, are recorded in this column.

CONTRIBUTIONS: Note the contribution(s) the person made to forward or hinder the Gospel and liberty for individuals and nations—the Chain of Christianity® moving westward, and/or to promote the advancement of the understanding of the subject.

EVENTS WHICH IMPACTED HISTORY

Purpose: The Key Event Chart is a tool for ordering and recording one’s research and study of an historical event or natural phenomenon to identify the Hand of God in advancing His kingdom (God’s government and Gospel purpose, and His advancement of liberty for individuals and nations) even though there might appear to be hindrances to the same.

Method: Statements or quotes from source materials and documents are recorded which identify and describe each area of significance. Citations to documents and page numbers should be noted as well.

Directions:

CAUSES: What were the internal causes of the event? What was the sequence of external occurrences that led to the event?

INDIVIDUALS: Which individuals and nations were involved? Was their involvement by active or tacit consent?

ACTIONS: What were the choices and actions of the individuals and nations involved? What were the internal causes (beliefs, worldview, convictions) of the individuals and representatives of nations that produced their choices and actions?

EFFECTS: What effects or consequences were produced by the event on life, the Gospel purpose, liberty, the revelation and understanding of the subject?

WRITINGS WHICH IMPACTED HISTORY

Purpose: The Key Document Chart is a tool for ordering and recording one's research and study of various writings, speeches, literary works, theses, or other documents of significance to discern the leading ideas and principles of any Subject—or a Key Individual's (or Nation's) worldview and presuppositions.

Method: Statements or quotes from source materials and documents are recorded which identify and describe each area of significance. Citations to documents and page numbers should be noted as well.

Directions:

PRINCIPLES: Causative Truths and Presuppositions

LEADING IDEAS: Axioms, Catechisms, Definitions, Established Principles and Properties of the Subject, Ideals, Questions, Quotes, Prompts, Statements of Fact, Themes, Topics—any way that ideas of consequence are clothed with words.

SPECIFIC QUOTES: "Quotations from the document" OR paraphrases of significant excerpts (with explanations of the reasoning and relating of the quote to the principle or leading idea included).

PEOPLE WHO IMPACTED HISTORY: _____

PROVIDENTIAL SETTING	SPHERES OF INFLUENCE	CHARACTER	CONTRIBUTIONS

EVENTS WHICH IMPACTED HISTORY:

CAUSES	INDIVIDUALS	ACTIONS	EFFECTS

WRITINGS WHICH IMPACTED HISTORY:

PRINCIPLES & LEADING IDEAS

SPECIFIC QUOTES