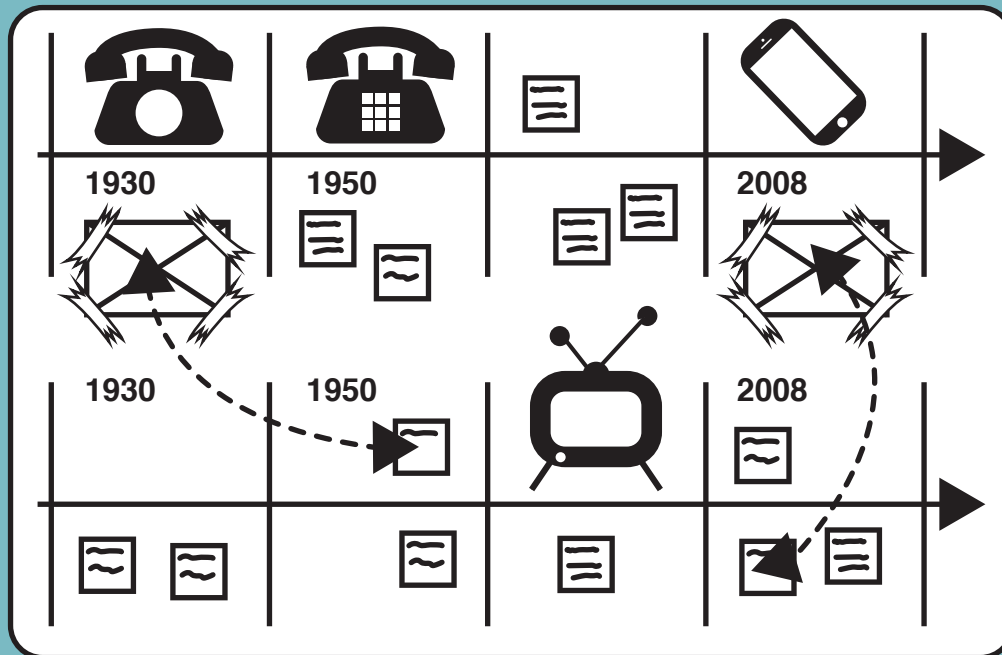


## ANALYSIS METHOD: 27. BIOGRAPHY



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*The biography method looks at the challenge and related subject areas and what has happened historically, finding relationships, topics and patterns in what has happened to better be able to understand what is going on today and also what might happen in the future. Learning from the past!*

**Materials needed:** Computers, the Internet, a library, paper, pens or an online shared digital board e.g. padlet.

**Time required:** 45 minutes to half a day.

#### How?

**1)** Gather historical data: photos, statistics, articles about themes, information and facts that are relevant to the project.

**2)** Create a timeline where you highlight the important dates or events, objects or individuals you have discovered.

**3)** Create a second timeline containing for example technological changes, historical events and cultural trends that occurred during the same period and compare the two timelines.

**4)** Can you see any patterns or relationships between the two timelines, for example in the way important technological changes or cultural trends have influenced the facts or data collected? What does it mean in relation to your challenge? Are there any other insights that have resulted from this exercise?

**5)** Take pictures or save the timelines and write down the discussion and insights gained and consider what you want to do with that new knowledge.