

LONG BEFORE · Cards

52 cards from deck.json. Visual 9-up cut sheets: <https://tablepress.space/long-before/print.html>

1. Air That Rusts Rock [○]

Rock

2. Armor in the Sea [○]

Rock

3. The First Trees [○]

Rock

4. Almost None Remain [○]

Rock

5. The Supercontinent Splits [○]

Rock

6. Flowers Feed Insects [○]

Rock

7. Fire All Night [□]

Hand

8. People Leave Africa [△]

Crown

9. People Reach Australia [△]

Crown

10. Wolves Become Dogs [□]

Hand

11. Pillars Before Farms [◇]

Mouth

12. Clay Baked into Pots [□]

Hand

13. Someone Invents the Wheel [□]

Hand

14. Writing on Wet Clay [◇]

Mouth

15. Straight Streets and Drains [△]

Crown

16. Law on a Stone [△]

Crown

17. The Sky Goes Dark [○]

Rock

18. Only the Sun-Disk Is God [◇]

Mouth

19. Cheaper Metal [□]

Hand

20. One Rule in India [△]

Crown

21. One Script, One Measure [△]

Crown

22. Paper, Lighter Than Bamboo [□]

Hand

23. A Book of Arguments [◇]

Mouth

24. The Chariot Stadium Almost Wins [△]

Crown

25. Leave Mecca for Medina [◇]

Mouth

26. Tax on Every Ship [△]

Crown

27. Many Ports, One Wind [□]

Hand

28. Two Churches, One Split [◇]

Mouth

29. A Stone Mountain for a King [◇]

Mouth

30. Granite, No Mortar [△]

Crown

31. Limits on a King [△]

Crown

32. Gold Cheap as Dust [△]

Crown

33. Eagle, Cactus, Lake [△]

Crown

34. Manuscripts in the Desert [◇]

Mouth

35. Plague, Then Higher Pay [○]

Rock

36. Treasure Ships, Then Silence [□]

Hand

37. Earth Goes Around the Sun [◇]

Mouth

38. A Telescope at the Sky [□]

Hand

39. Each Ruler Picks a Church [△]

Crown

40. Apple and Planet, One Law [◇]

Mouth

41. The First Vaccine [□]

Hand

42. Haiti Founds a Country [△]

Crown

43. A Book of Kinship [◇]

Mouth

44. Japan Copies the Factory [△]

Crown

45. Empty Boxes on a Chart [□]

Hand

46. Women Vote First [◇]

Mouth

47. Mold That Stops a Wound [□]

Hand

48. New Countries Meet [△]

Crown

49. A Beeping Ball in Orbit [□]

Hand

50. The Poison Cloud [○]

Rock

51. Pages That Link [◇]

Mouth

52. A Number for How Warm [○]

Rock

Answer key (facilitator)

Air That Rusts Rock — ~2.4 bya (Great Oxidation Event)
Armor in the Sea — 541 mya (Cambrian Explosion)
The First Trees — 385 mya (First forests)
Almost None Remain — 252 mya (Great Dying)
The Supercontinent Splits — ~200 mya (Pangaea breaks up)
Flowers Feed Insects — 130 mya (Flowering plants)
Fire All Night — ~1.9 mya (Fire controlled)
People Leave Africa — ~70–50k BCE (Out of Africa)
People Reach Australia — ~50,000 BCE (Humans reach Australia)
Wolves Become Dogs — ~12,000 BCE (Dogs domesticated)
Pillars Before Farms — ~11,000 BCE (Göbekli Tepe)
Clay Baked into Pots — c. 9000 BCE (Pottery invented)
Someone Invents the Wheel — c. 4500 BCE (Wheel invented)
Writing on Wet Clay — c. 3400 BCE (Writing in Sumer)
Straight Streets and Drains — c. 2600 BCE (Indus Valley cities)
Law on a Stone — c. 1800 BCE (Hammurabi's Code)
The Sky Goes Dark — c. 1450 BCE (Volcanic eruption destroys Thera)
Only the Sun-Disk Is God — c. 1350 BCE (Akhenaten's monotheism)
Cheaper Metal — c. 1000 BCE (Iron Age spreads)
One Rule in India — 305 BCE (Maurya Empire)
One Script, One Measure — 221 BCE (Qin unifies China)
Paper, Lighter Than Bamboo — 105 CE (Paper in China)
A Book of Arguments — c. 500 CE (Talmud compiled)
The Chariot Stadium Almost Wins — 532 CE (Nika Riots)
Leave Mecca for Medina — 622 CE (Hijra)
Tax on Every Ship — ~800 CE (Srivijaya maritime empire)
Many Ports, One Wind — ~900 CE (Swahili city-states emerge)
Two Churches, One Split — 1054 CE (Great Schism)
A Stone Mountain for a King — 1113 CE (Angkor Wat built)
Granite, No Mortar — ~1200 CE (Great Zimbabwe flourishes)
Limits on a King — 1215 CE (Magna Carta)
Gold Cheap as Dust — 1324 CE (Mansa Musa's pilgrimage)
Eagle, Cactus, Lake — 1325 CE (Tenochtitlan founded)
Manuscripts in the Desert — ~1330 CE (Timbuktu flourishes as a learning center)
Plague, Then Higher Pay — 1347 CE (Black Death reaches Europe)
Treasure Ships, Then Silence — 1405–1433 CE (Zheng He voyages)
Earth Goes Around the Sun — 1543 CE (Copernicus)
A Telescope at the Sky — 1609 CE (Galileo turns telescope on the sky)
Each Ruler Picks a Church — 1648 CE (Peace of Westphalia)
Apple and Planet, One Law — 1687 CE (Newton's Principia)
The First Vaccine — 1796 CE (Smallpox vaccine)
Haiti Finds a Country — 1804 CE (Haitian Independence)
A Book of Kinship — 1859 CE (Origin of Species)
Japan Copies the Factory — 1867 CE (Meiji Restoration)
Empty Boxes on a Chart — 1869 CE (Periodic table)
Women Vote First — 1893 CE (New Zealand suffrage)
Mold That Stops a Wound — 1928 CE (Penicillin discovered)
New Countries Meet — 1955 CE (Bandung Conference)
A Beeping Ball in Orbit — 1957 CE (Sputnik)
The Poison Cloud — 1986 CE (Chernobyl)
Pages That Link — 1991 CE (World Wide Web)
A Number for How Warm — 2015 CE (Paris Climate Agreement)