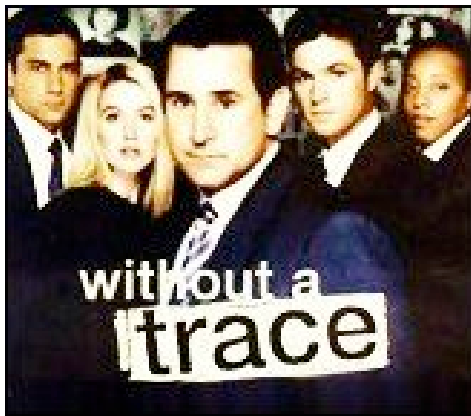


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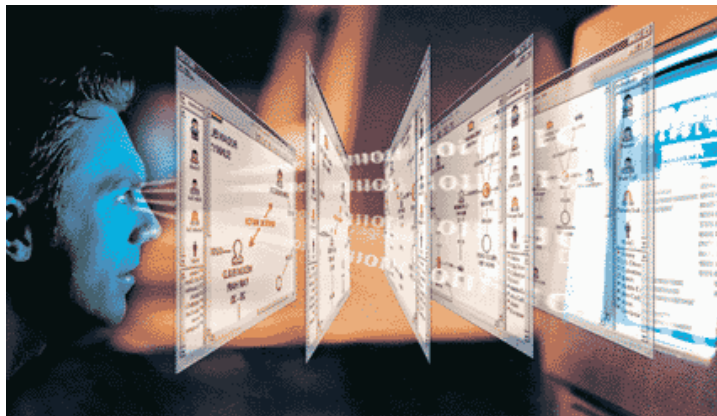


Time is the first way to organize new information



- Puts events in sequence
- Puts events in context, shows connections
- Highlights gaps
- Helps manage your reading

High Tech or Low Tech



- Trade-offs between a simple cheat-sheet and reusable data
- Chronologies for Presentation, or for Preparation and Presentation

Keep it simple or catch it all ?

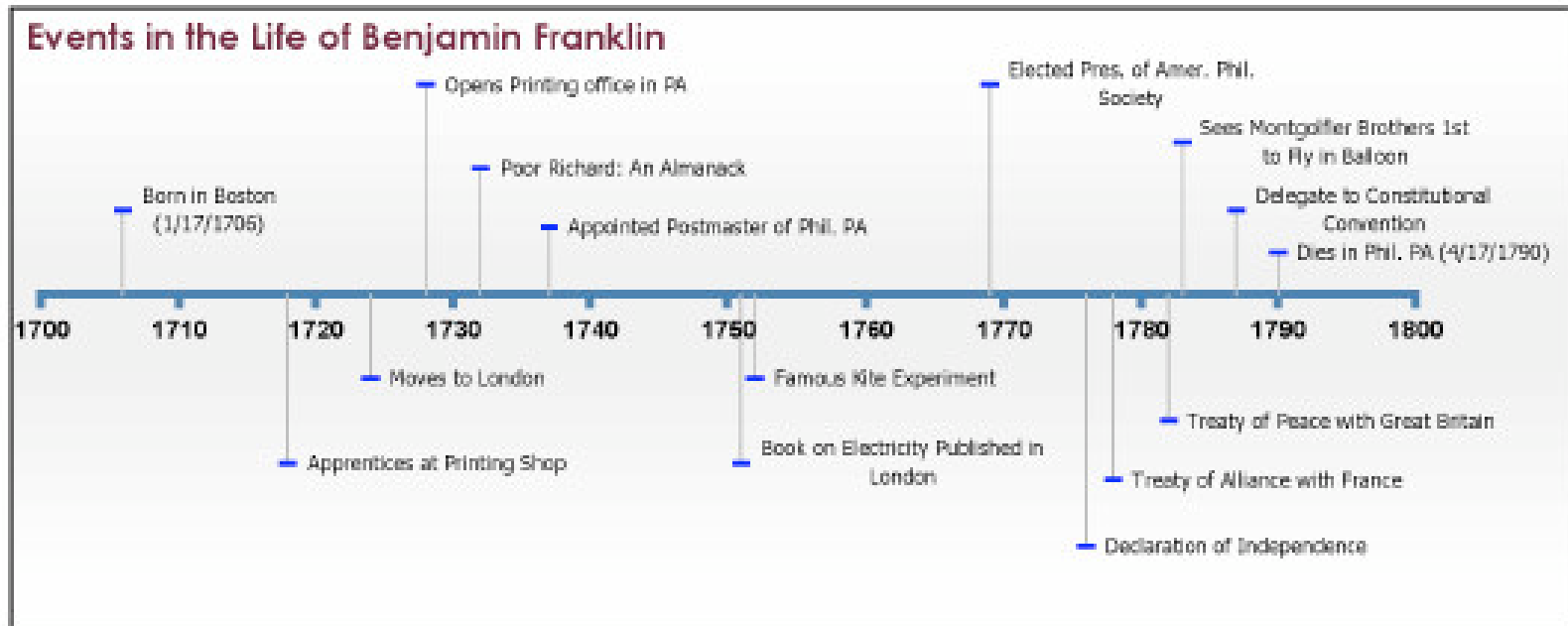


- It's not a simple dichotomy

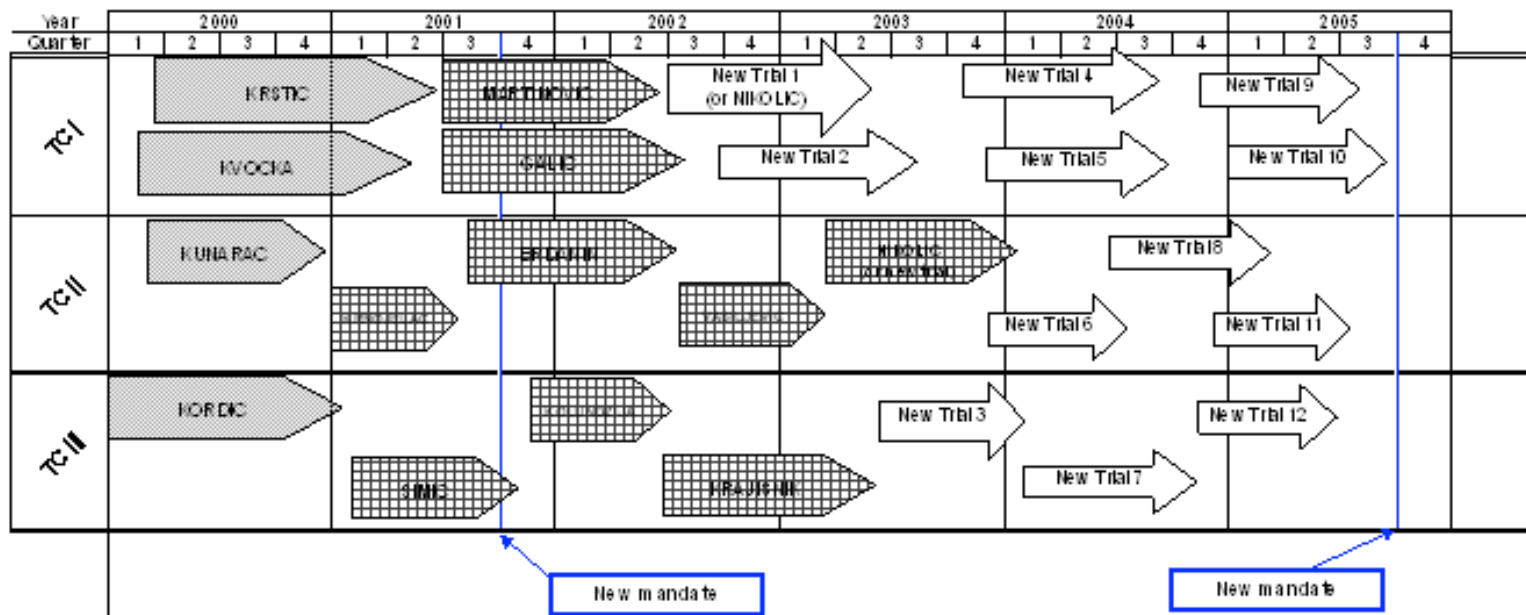
The Classic List

| Disarmament, demobilisation and reintegration | |
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| 2000 September | British forces mount successful operation to rescue remaining UK hostages. |
| 2001 January | Government postpones presidential and parliamentary elections – set for February and March – for six months because of continuing insecurity, which it said made it impossible to conduct free and fair elections nationwide. |
| 2001 March | UN troops for the first time begin to deploy peacefully in rebel-held territory. |
| 2001 May | Disarmament of rebels begins, and the British-trained Sierra Leone army starts deploying in rebel-held areas. |
| 2002 January | War declared over. UN mission says disarmament of 45,000 fighters complete. The UN and the Government of Sierra Leone sign the agreement that establishes a Special Court to try war crimes. |
| 2002 May | Kabbah wins a landslide victory in elections. His Sierra Leone People's Party (SLPP) secures a majority in parliament. |
| 2002 July | British troops leave Sierra Leone after their two-year mission to help end the civil war. |
| 2003 July | Rebel leader Foday Sankoh dies of natural causes in prison while waiting to be tried for war crimes. |
| 2003 August | President Kabbah tells the Truth and Reconciliation Commission that he had no say over operations of pro-government militias during the war. |
| 2004 February | Disarmament and rehabilitation of more than 70,000 civil war combatants officially completed. |
| War crimes trials | |
| 2004 March | UN-backed war crimes tribunal (Special Court for Sierra Leone) opens courthouse to try those people "who bear the greatest responsibility for war crimes" committed after 30 November 1996. |
| 2004 May | First local elections in more than three decades. |
| 2004 June | War crimes trials begin. |
| 2004 September | UN hands over control of security in capital to local forces. |

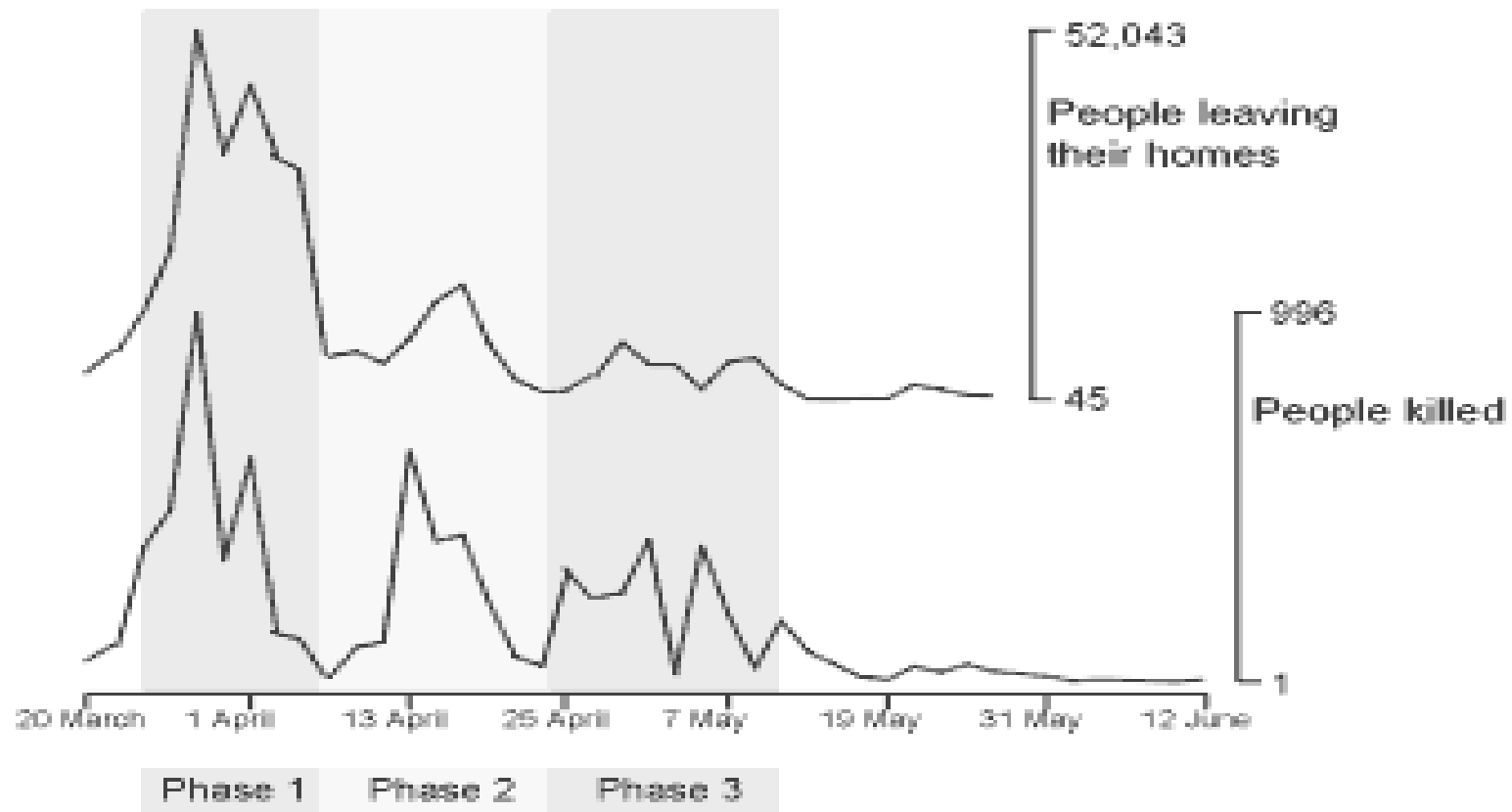
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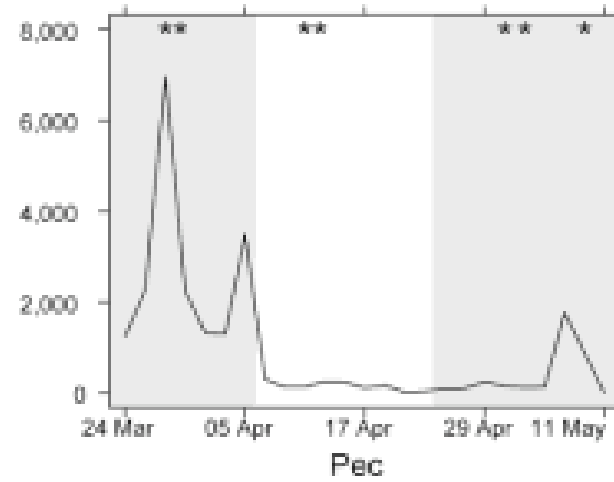
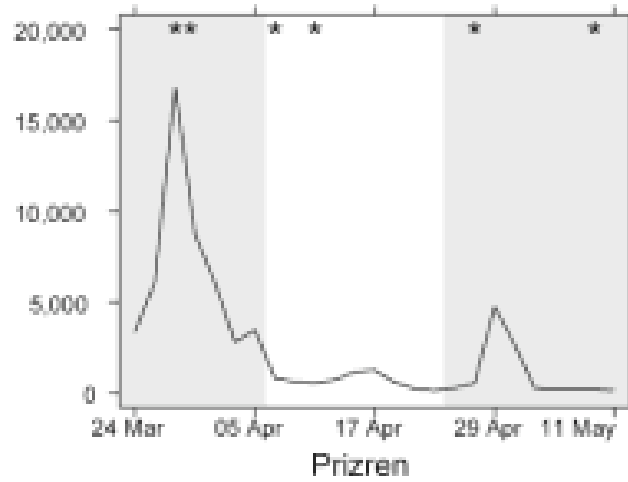
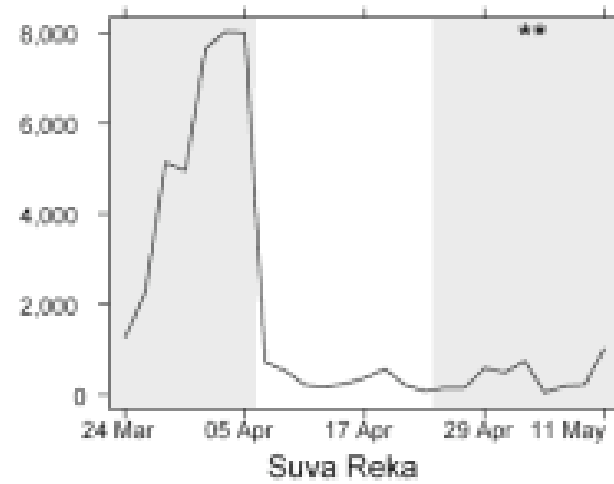
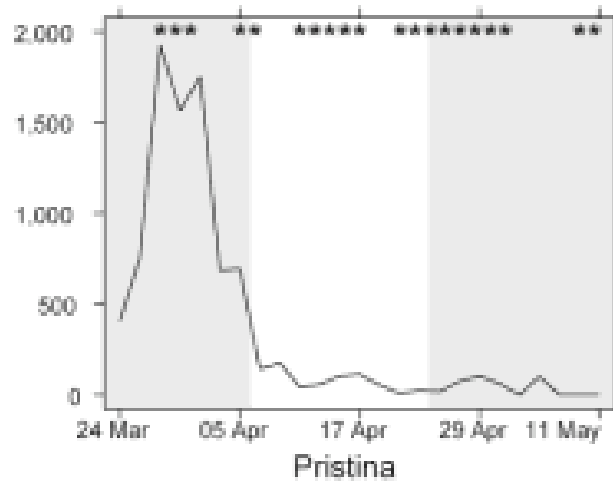
Timelines for activities



Highlighting Cause and Effect



Number of people leaving home



The real test : Did it save your
sanity?

