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## **TimeLiner™ 5.1 New Features Guide**

Welcome to TimeLiner version 5.1! This guide is for customers who own version 5.0 and have updated the software to version 5.1 using the installer provided on the Tom Snyder Productions Web site. The following pages supplement the TimeLiner 5.0 Teacher's Guide that came with your original product shipment.

New features explained in this guide include:

- Vertical view
- Saving time lines as HTML
- Saving as a "Folder with TimeLiner file and all media"

The following pages explain how to take advantage of these exciting new features. As always, if you have any questions, please call our technical support team toll-free at 1-800-342-0236 ext. 255.

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# Vertical View



The Vertical View allows you to create, view, print, and save your single- or multi-page time lines as HTML to post on the Internet. Like the Banner View, the Vertical View has event flags that can be formatted with different colors, fonts, and shapes.

The Vertical View's time-scale axis runs vertically down the middle of your pages. It can be repositioned by clicking and dragging it to a desired location. The event flags can be dragged to either the right or left side of the time scale.

## Flipping the Time Scale

You can flip the time scale so that the most recent date is at the top of your time line. (The Vertical View defaults to the earliest date being at the top.) To flip the time scale, click the time scale to select it and then click the Edit Time Scale Style button. A dialog will appear. Check the Latest Date at Top box. Click OK. To switch back, uncheck the box.

## File Menu

### Save and Save As...

Another Save As option is "Folder with TimeLiner file and all media," which saves your time line and all multimedia links — including movies, pictures, and sounds — in one folder. This feature makes it easy to move your multimedia time line to other computers since all your multimedia links are maintained.



### Export as HTML

This feature is only available in the Vertical View, which lets you scroll vertically through your time line, as you would on a Web page. Exporting as HTML saves your time line in HTML, an Internet-friendly format.

Only one media attachment will be exported with each event in your HTML file. Media will be exported in the following priority: picture or movie; notes; linked sounds. (For Macintosh users: Recorded sounds will not export to HTML.) This means that if you want an event to have a sound, it cannot have a picture or movie attached to it. Also keep in mind that attaching videos or sounds that are large in file size to your events may result in very slow performance for people trying to view your time line with slow Internet connections. If you have added a Web link to an event, the event will appear in blue and underlined when posted to the Internet to indicate that it is an active Web link.

Once you have created your vertical time line, choose Export as HTML from the File menu. A Save dialog will appear, asking you to name your folder. Then click Save. This folder will contain your time line as HTML and all media attachments.

**Note:** To post on the Web, you must have access to a Web hosting service. If your school or district has a Web site, ask the administrator about posting your time lines.