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PREFACE

Welcome to the Great Ocean Valley, where magic reigns and the dragons rule the prophecies. I invite you to take a look at *The Stardust Destinies Appendices* that accompany this book to familiarise yourself with this new realm, because the world of Stardust Destinies functions quite differently from many others. You will find them as a free download at:

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In Appendix 1, *Telorian History*, you will learn how the polcs of Teloria exist, and how they measure time and age.

In Appendix 2, *Kaulchèc History*, you will discover how magic came to be in the lands of the Great Ocean Valley.

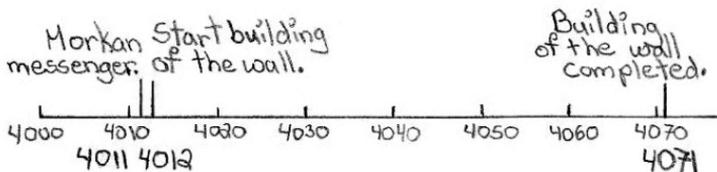
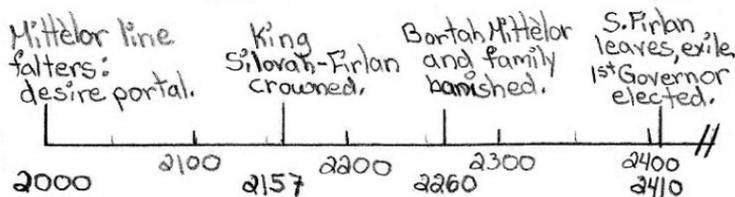
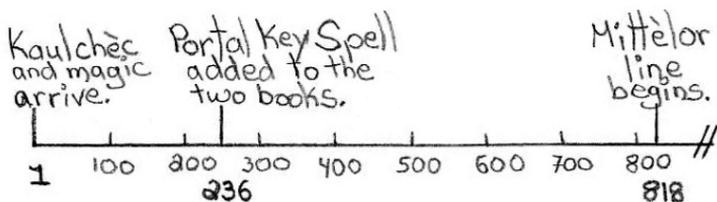
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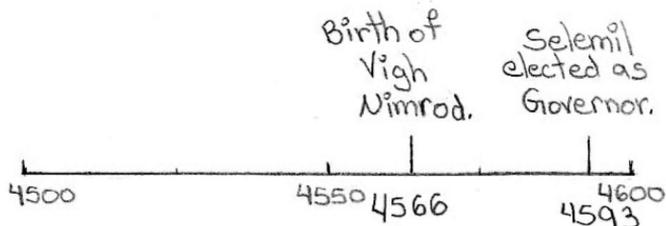
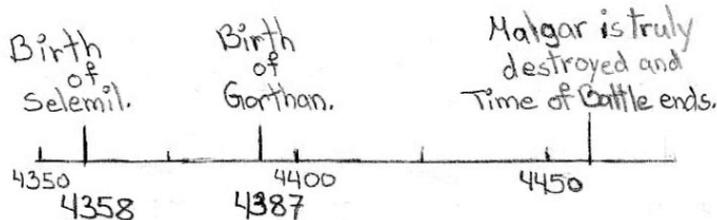
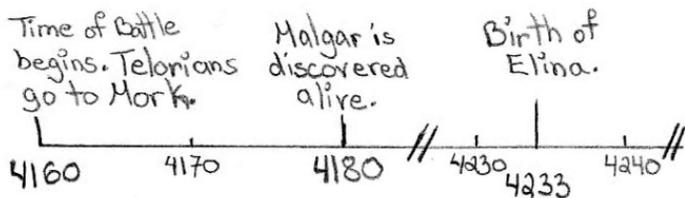
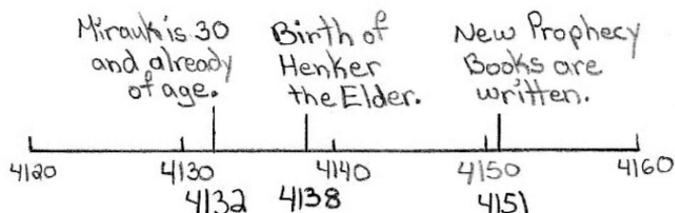
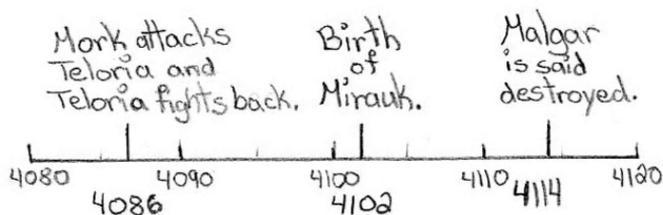
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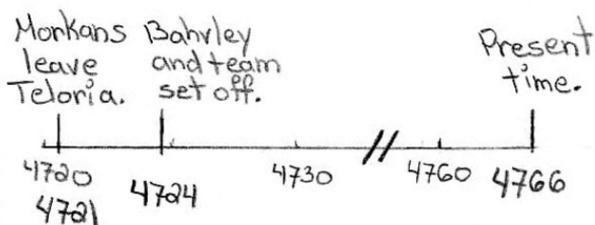
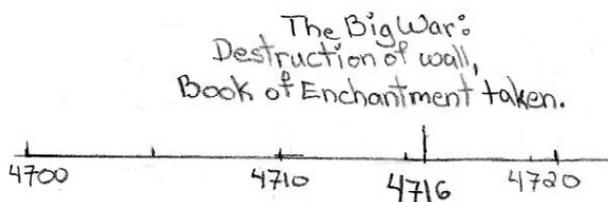
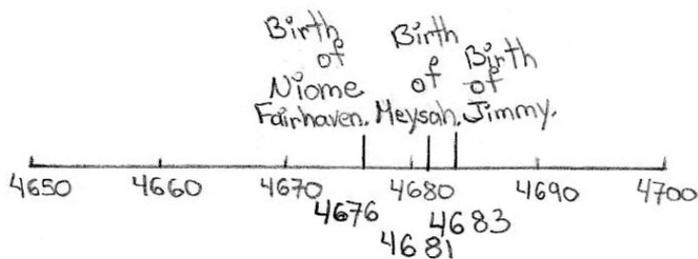
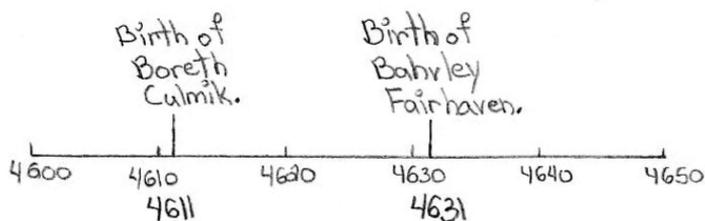
You will also find more complete maps of the Great Ocean Valley and its main countries.

However, it is in Appendix 5, *A Dark Force Growing*, where you will learn about all the evil that has befallen Teloria and its people, and discover the dark lord behind all the attacks—learn about his power, where he comes from, and what his dark motives might be. The power he wields is unique in Kaulchèc History. Be advised that, although you may look upon these historical texts and study the lore of this world, you should never look into the eyes of the great evil that is Mirauk, for his curse is greater than any magic that has yet been prophesied by any living being, save the dragons.

TIMELINE OF KAULCHÈC HISTORY







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