Note: I selected a number of the events below and had the students make timeline cards with them, which included an illustration of the event/s, the year and a brief description of the event/s. (In the case of multiple events, the students chose one to illustrate, but listed all that occurred that year.) We then strung them (I literally attached them to a long wire.) in chronological order above the blackboard. After the students “lived” with them for awhile, I took them down and then asked them questions based on the cards. (ex. Which came first ______ or _______. What astronomical event occurred the year that Henry VIII became Head of the Church of England?, etc. At the end of the block, the students took the cards that they had made and put them in their main lesson books as entries.

Elizabethan Timeline

1531- Henry VIII becomes Head of Church in England
   Halley’s comet appears in the sky
1533- Elizabeth I (future Queen of England) is born
   Pizarro executes the Incas
1536- Michaelangelo begins painting “The Last Judgement”
1541- de Soto discovers the Mississippi River
1543- Spanish Inquisition burns Protestants at the stake
   Copernicus dies
   Portuguese land in Japan, bring firearms
1546- Martin Luther dies
   Michaelangelo undertakes completion of St. Peter’s
   Tycho Brahe, astronomer, born
1547- Ivan IV (Terrible) crowned Czar of Russia
   Henry VIII dies
   Francis I of France dies
1552- St. Andrews Golf Club founded in England (first one)
1553- Bloody Mary, sister to Elizabeth, becomes Queen of England
   violin is first developed
1559- Elizabeth I is crowned Queen of England upon Mary’s death
1560- Catherine de’Medici becomes ruling regent of France
1561- Modern chess developed in Spain
   Tulips first introduced to Europe from near East
1564- Peace treaty ends ongoing war between England and France
   Michaelangelo dies
Shakespeare is born (April 23)
Galileo is born (Feb. 15)
1565-Pencils first manufactured (England)
1566-2 million native Indians die in S. America from typhoid
1571-Kepler, astronomer, born
1574-First public theatre opened in London
1575-Brahe constructs his observatory at Uraniborg, Denmark
   Populations: Paris 300,000, London 180,000
1579-Drake claims New Albion, California for England
1582-Gregorian calendar adopted
1584-Sir Walter Raleigh discovers Virginia for England
1587-Mary, Queen of Scots, is beheaded in London for treason
1590- Shakespeare’s plays are first performed (London)
1594- Galileo’s Golden Rule
1595-Mid-summer Night’s Dream first performed
1596-Sir Frances Drake dies
   Galileo invents the thermometer
   Tomatoes first introduced into England
1600-Recorders become popular in London
   Kepler and Brahe work together in Prague
   The telescope is invented by the Dutch
1601-Tycho Brahe dies
1602-English defeat the Spanish Armada
1603-Elizabeth dies and is succeeded by her nephew, James I