

### Teacher's Guide to Student Worksheet 1-Timeline

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Directions:** After reading the biography of Stephen Foster, complete the timeline below. Fill in the blank white boxes only; do not fill in the shaded boxes.

Year	Important Events in Foster's Life	Important Events in U.S. History
1826	<b><i>born on July 4th near Pittsburgh, PA</i></b>	50th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence
1846	moved to Cincinnati, OH; worked as bookkeeper for his older brother	
1847	<b><i>published "Oh! Susanna"</i></b>	
1848		Gold discovered in California; "Oh! Susanna" becomes a popular song for the gold rush.
1850	<b><i>married Jane McDowell</i></b>	
1851	daughter Marion born	
1853	<b><i>separated from Jane and Marion; moved to New York City</i></b>	

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1854	reunited with wife and daughter; published "Jeanie with the Light Brown Hair," a love song inspired by Jane	
1855	<b><i>had difficulty writing popular songs; had money problems; both of his parents died within months of each other</i></b>	U.S. economy experienced a financial downturn
1856	became musical director for the Buchanan Glee Club	<b><i>Presidential election year; James Buchanan won</i></b>
1860		Abraham Lincoln elected president
1861	separated again from Jane and Marion	<b><i>Civil War began</i></b>
1864	<b><i>died poor in New York City</i></b>	