**Causes of the Spanish Civil War: Overview Timeline**

**Task 1 a) – Historical Significance of the Spanish Civil War**

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| **National** | **International** |
| **Humanitarian** | **Cultural** |

**Task 1 b) – Glossary**

One reason why students tend to become intimidated by Spanish history is the enormous political fragmentation that occurred over the period. A raft of competing ideologies emerged (not just between the left and right, but within each too), taking shape in a myriad of political parties who sometimes worked against each other and sometimes collaborated in ‘Fronts’. In order for you to keep on top of these groups, maintain the glossary below.

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| **Political Beliefs & Terms** | | **People / Groups of the Left** | | **People / Groups of the Right** | |
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**Task 2 a)– Analysis and Chronology**

Make notes from the interactive newsfeed activity at [www.activehistory.co.uk](http://www.activehistory.co.uk). When the newsfeed is finished, organise your notes in this table. The first few rows have been completedfor you.

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| **Political** | **Socio-Economic** | **Religious** | **Military** | **Regional** |

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| **Date** | **Positives for Spain: signs of stability, success, improvement** | **Negatives for Spain: signs of instability, failure, decline** |
| **1851** |  | **Religiously**, the Catholic Church had a stranglehold over education since the 1851 Concordat |
| **1898** |  | **Militarily**, the army was overstaffed and overpowerful after the loss of Cuba in 1898. |
| **1909** |  | **Socially**, problems of poverty for the peasantry and the proletariat had led to bloodshed in “Tragic Week” (1909) |
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**Task 2 b): Now answer these questions using your completed table to help you.**

1. Which events did you have the most difficulty deciding where to place? Discuss ideas as a class.

2. If you were in a position to change any event or situation in history, what *one* thing would you do to prevent the Spanish Civil War from happening in the period 1920-36?

3. "The main reason why the Spanish Civil War broke out is that there had been too much – not too little - change taking place in the years prior to 1936" – Do you agree?

4. Produce a flow diagram which illustrates how the Political, Socio-Economic, Religious, Military and Regional problems in Spain can be connected. This will later serve as your essay plan for the question "What were the causes of the Spanish Civil War?"