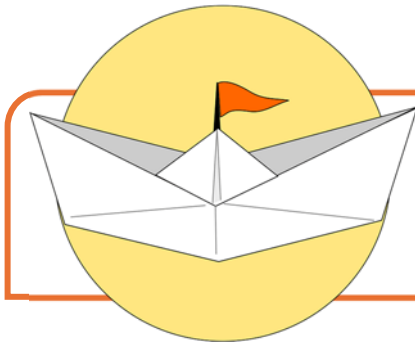


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## River Race

**Directions:** Read the passage. Build a **timeline** that shows the key events in the order they happened.

On Saturday morning, Ava and her cousin Noah arrived at the riverside park for the annual paper boat race. They carefully folded bright paper into the shape of small boats and wrote their names on the sides with markers. After checking the race rules, they lined up along the shallow edge of the river with the other racers. When the whistle blew, everyone placed their boats into the water at the same time. The current carried the boats past rocks, curved bends, and floating leaves. Halfway through the course, Noah's boat slowed near a large stick, but the water pushed it free. In the final stretch, Ava's boat drifted ahead and crossed the finish line first. At the end of the race, the park ranger handed out ribbons and thanked everyone for helping clean up the riverbank.

**Timeline Builder** - Write each key event in the correct order on the timeline.

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**Key Event Check** - Answer each question using complete sentences.

1. What happened **before** the race began?
2. What problem happened **during** the race?
3. What happened **after** the race ended?