How much can tidying up a set of ‘Horrible Histories’ help us gain a big picture of the past?

Objective: To use Horrible Histories to help us develop our understanding of chronology.
How has Wanstead changed over time?
This half term, we are studying our fascinating local history— that of East London and Wanstead in particular. We will be comparing how much the history of East London reflects what was happening in Britain at the same time. To do this well, we need to know our time periods and chronology.
I need a hand tidying up this set of books. Can you help me put them into the correct order?
We need to sort out these books.
Can you put them in the correct order?
Great- thanks! But I have just found these. 😞 Where do they go in on our timeline?!
You have done a great job, but real historians know **when** all of these different time periods were – and **how long** they lasted. Do you have any ideas??
The Horrible Histories series do not show the big picture of time in any of the books in the series. It would be helpful if we could see this...
Here is an example that appears at the bottom of a double page of a GCSE history textbook – is it any good? What does it do well? What does it miss out? How could you show time from the Ancient Egyptians to now?
NB: Note that we traditionally use BC (Before Christ) for years before 0, and AD (Anno Domini-in the year of our Lord) for those after 0. But people also call the more recent years after 0 ‘Common Era’ (CE), and those before 0 ‘Before Common Era’ (BCE).

How would you arrange the book covers on this big timeline?
Your Mission

Design your own ‘big sweep of time’ diagram on paper or on your computer. It must:

• include all the time periods we have looked at
• show how long each time period lasted
• indicate where some time periods overlapped with others
• be colourful and well designed
• it could be original in design!

Task due Friday, 24th April either submit a photograph or attachment of your timeline diagram to our Year 7 Google Classroom gogjhoz
(or email to f.law@wansteadhigh.co.uk if you cannot access the Classroom)
Super Challenge Thinking Questions

1. Decide if you agree with the names Terry Deary has given to his books. Were the Victorians really Vile? What would name would you give to the Stuarts?

2. Has Terry Deary failed to cover any important periods in your opinion?