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## What We Say

And the tall grey sticks  
that go towards  
the winter sky, we  
call them *trees*

and the green that covers  
the spring ground, we  
call that *grass*. What do you  
call the past? We say history

for what they say happened.  
The long line  
that breaks the horizon,  
starting at the left edge

going all the way  
to the right, we  
call that a *timeline*.  
History is very hard to grasp.