Timeline: Examples of Slides

Directions: Read the information about each slide below.

Example	Explanation	Image
April 1983 Thistle, Utah	In April 1983, a massive slump moved part of a mountain downward and over the town of Thistle, Utah. The material that moved downward blocked two local creeks and caused massive floods, which then destroyed the entire town. To this day, Thistle, Utah remains a ghost town. The Thistle slump was the most destructive mass movement event in US history, causing more than \$200 million of damage.	
1999 Venezuela	Unusually high rains triggered this 1999 rock slide that damaged towns in Venezuela.	
1999 Venezuela	This picture is also from the 1999 rock slide in Venezuela. Notice how large boulders destroyed the hotel.	
February 2006 Philippines	The February 17, 2006 Southern Leyte landslide occurred in the Philippines and killed over 1,000 people. The rock fall type of slide happened after ten days of torrential rain and a minor magnitude 2.6 earthquake. As nearly 80 inches of rain fell over the ten days, the rocks and soil were loosened to the point that they finally thundered down the mountain and swallowed up the community at the base.	

Interactive

June 2006 California	This rock slide took place in June 2006 along California State Route 140. It covered more than 600 feet of the highway and left the road closed to travelers for months.	
2008 China	An earthquake triggered this massive 2008 rock slide in China.	