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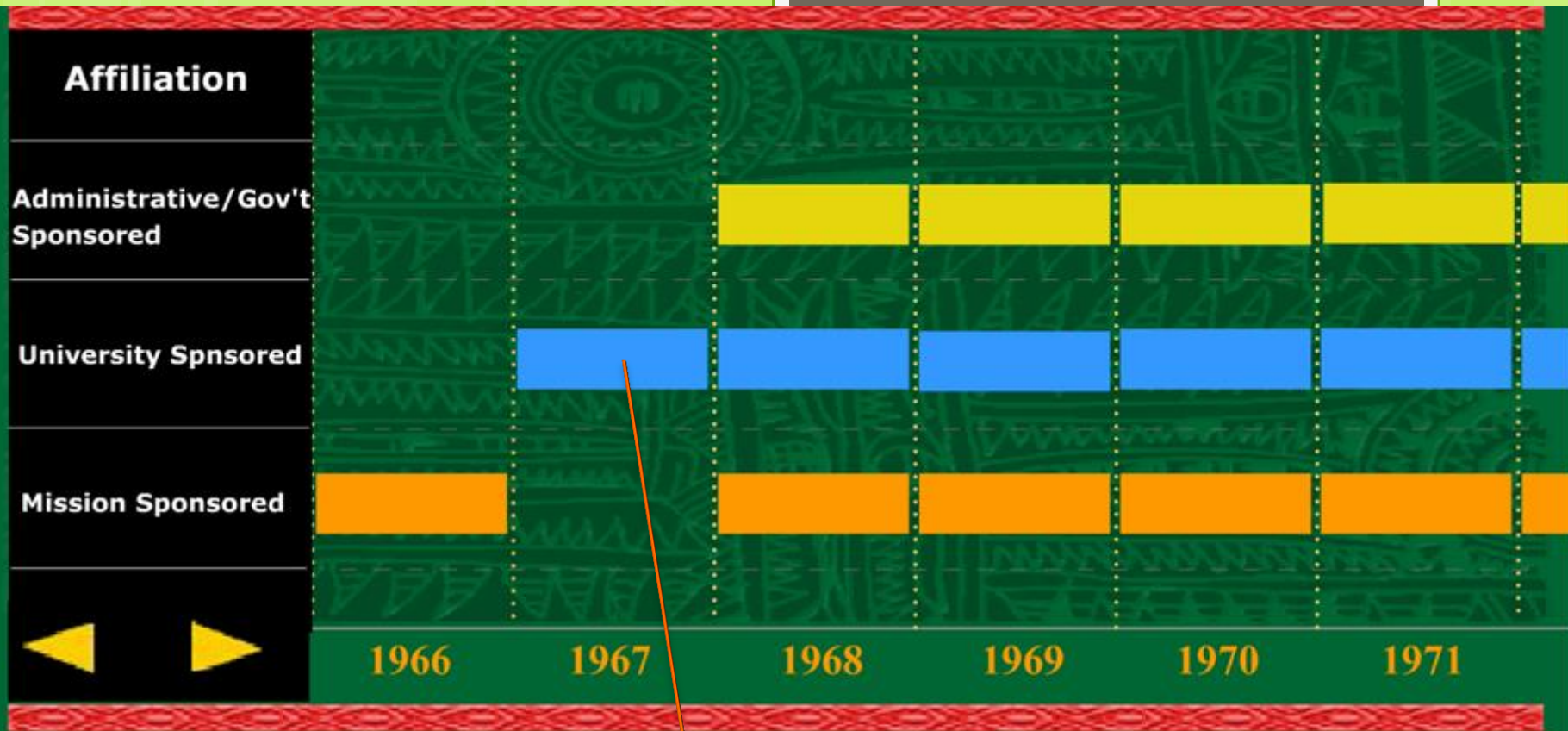
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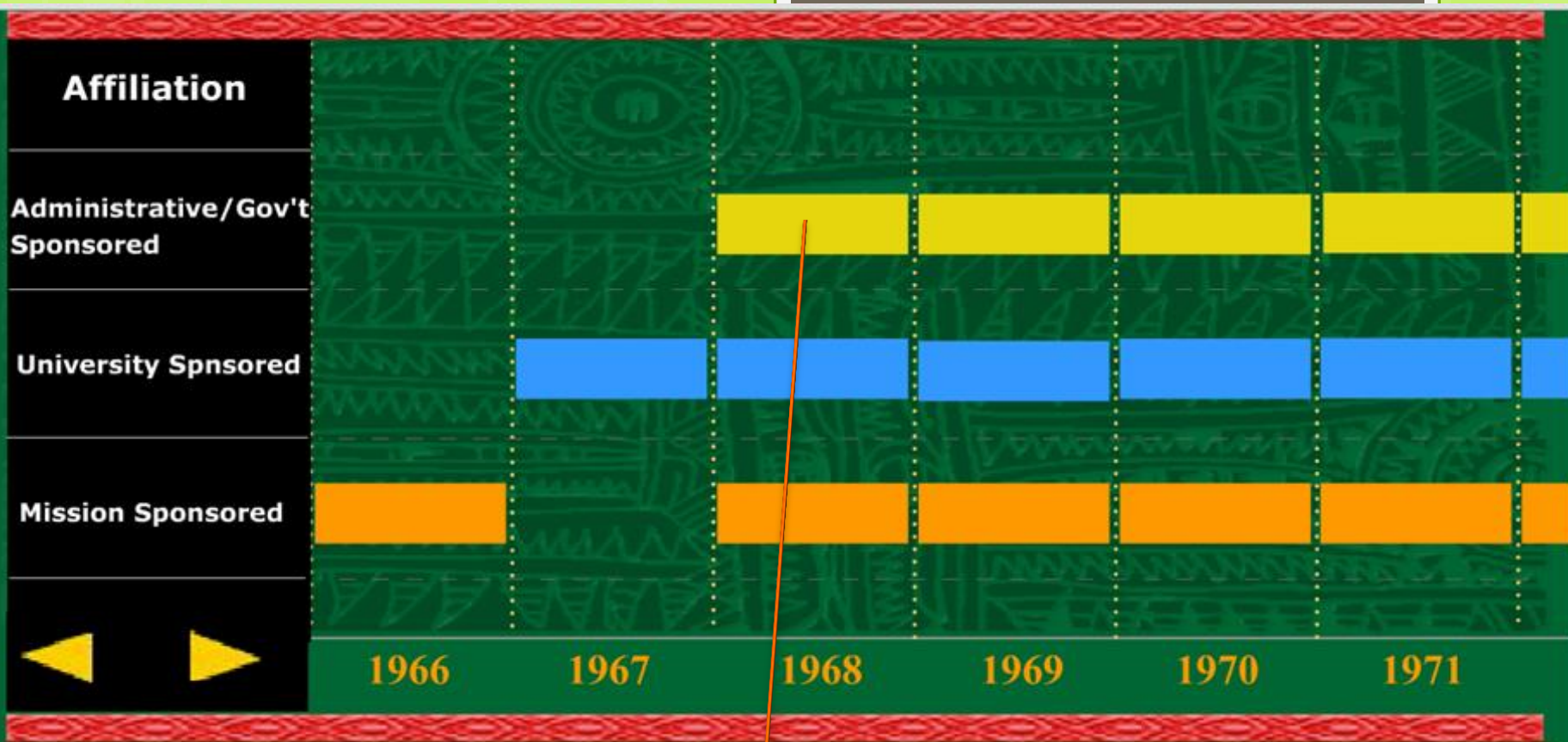
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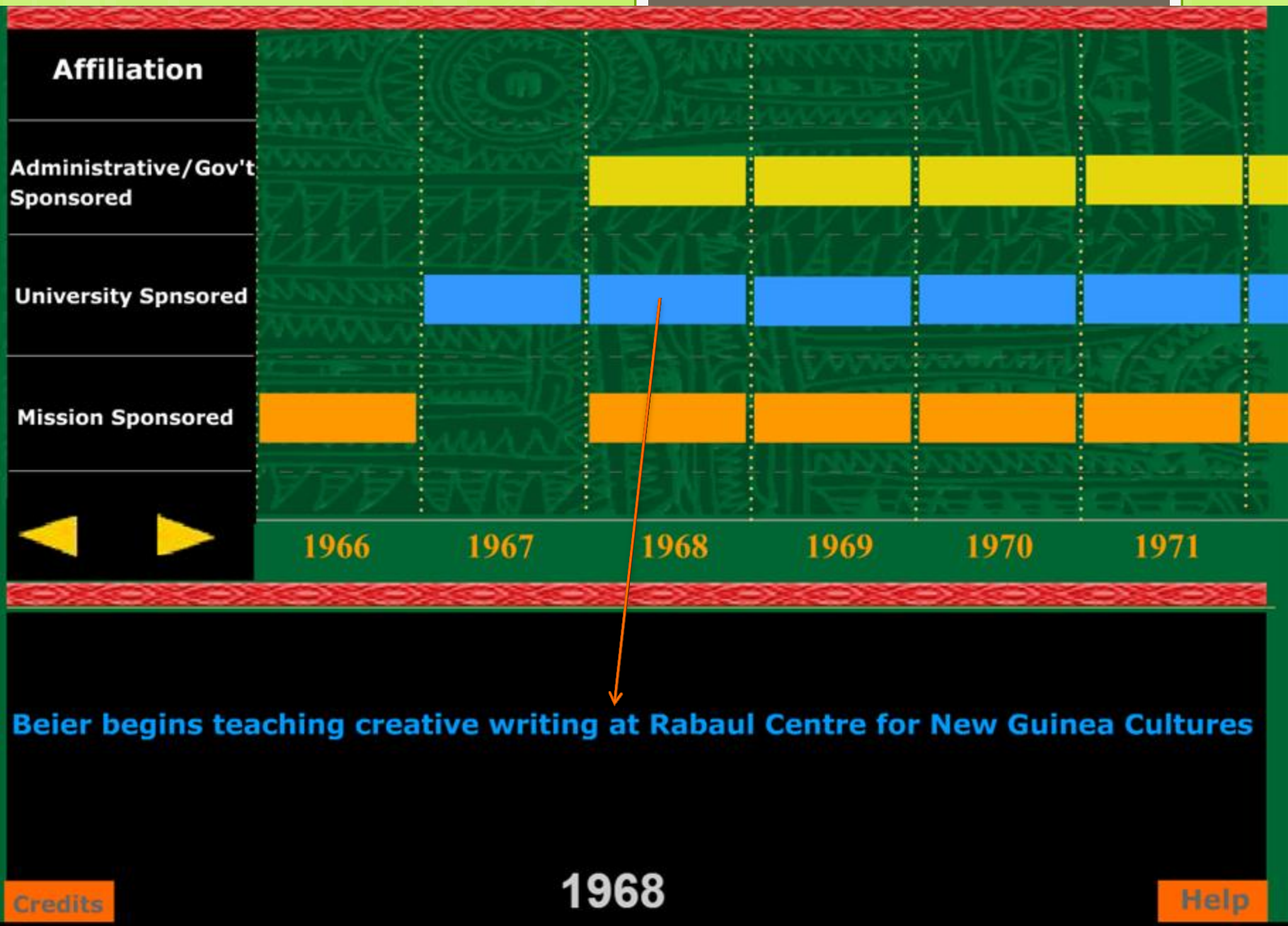
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- * Prithvindra Chakravarti and Ulli Beier arrive at UPNG
- * Papua Pocket Poets series begins



- * Literature Bureau created by Dept. of Information and Extension Services
- * Roger Boschman sponsors first short story competition; this literature competition subsequently absorbed and expanded by the Literature Bureau
- * Albert Maori Kiki. *Ten Thousand Years in a Lifetime*.
(first book published by an islander, although mentored by Ulli Beier)



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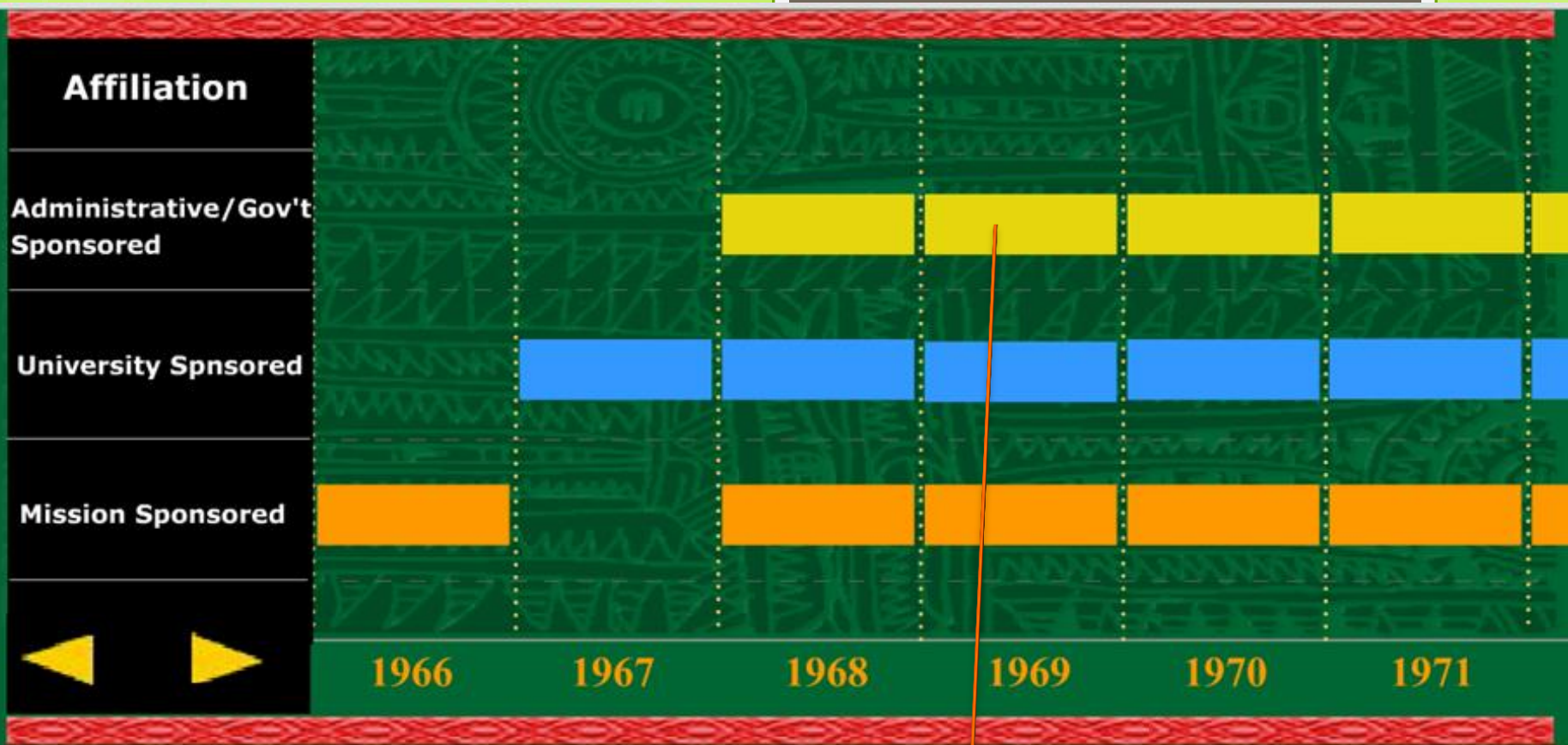
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Melanesian Institute established

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Vincent Eri. *The Crocodile*. (first novel published by an islander)

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- * Creative Arts Society formed at UPNG
- * UPNG student plays first performed outside PNG, in Canberra
- * Literary journal Kovave established

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Kristen Pres established

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- * Don Maynard becomes Dir. of Literature Bureau
- * New Guinea Writing is established
- * John Kaniku organizes Theatre New Guinea

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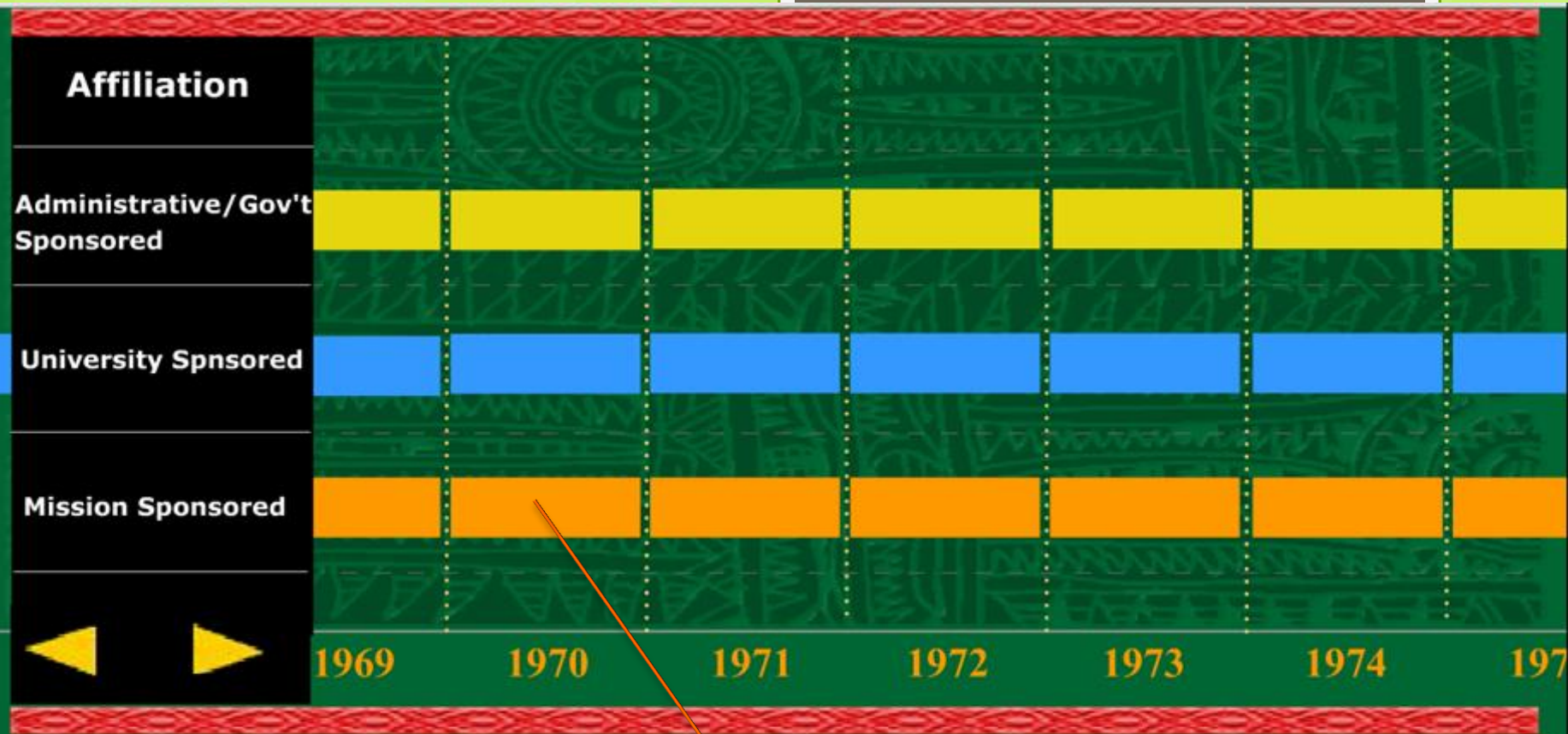
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Black Power group formed on campus

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- * Father Mihalic begins to publish Wantok
- * Kristen Pres advertises its own literature competitions
- * Glen Bays arrives as Director of the Christian Training Centre
- * Bays establishes Nobonob Nius
- * Catalyst begins publication

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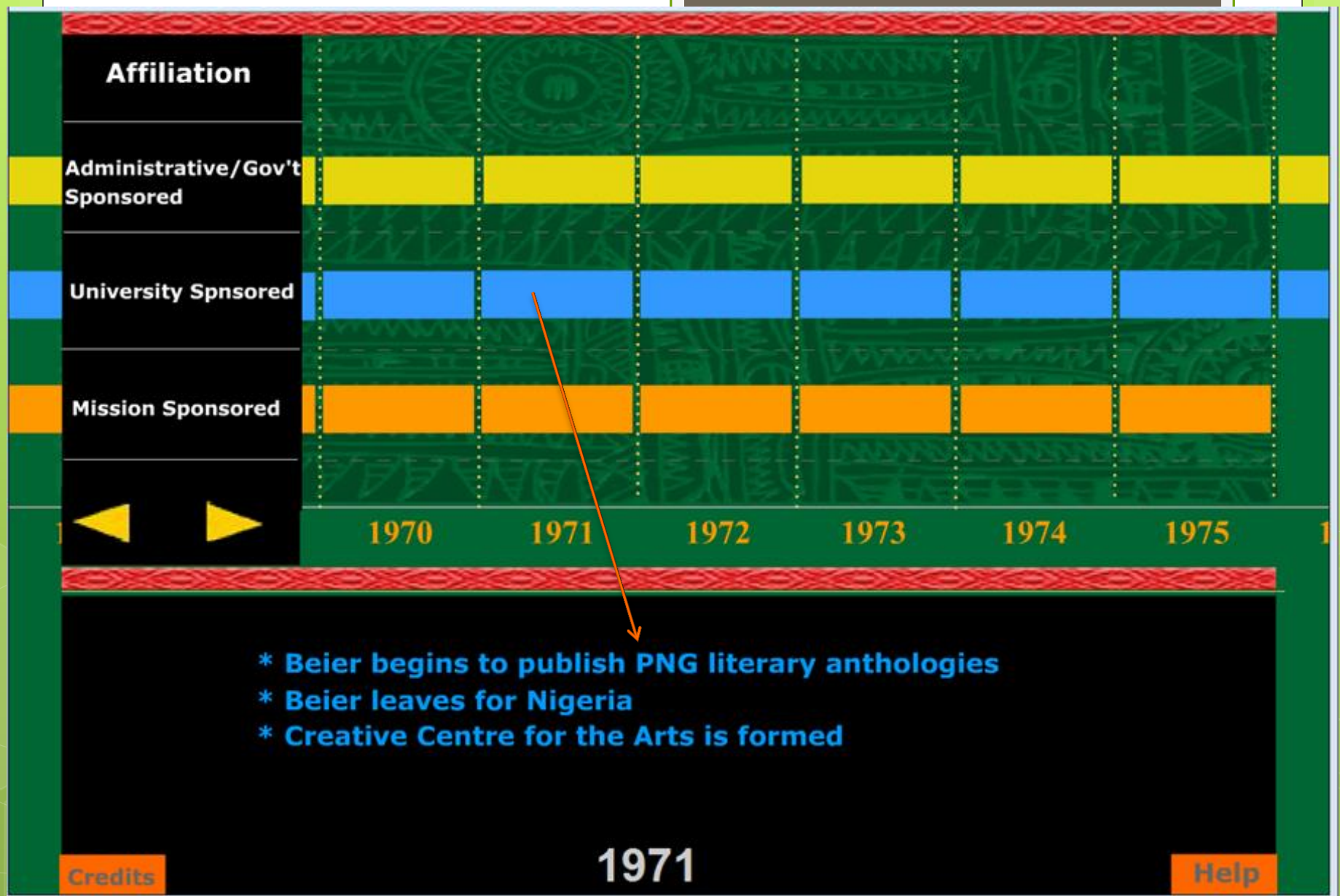
* First Niugini Arts Festival

* John Kaniku forms Port Moresby Theatre Company (becomes head of Creative Centre for the Art's Dance and Drama School)

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* Bays organizes Christian Writers Association of Melanesia

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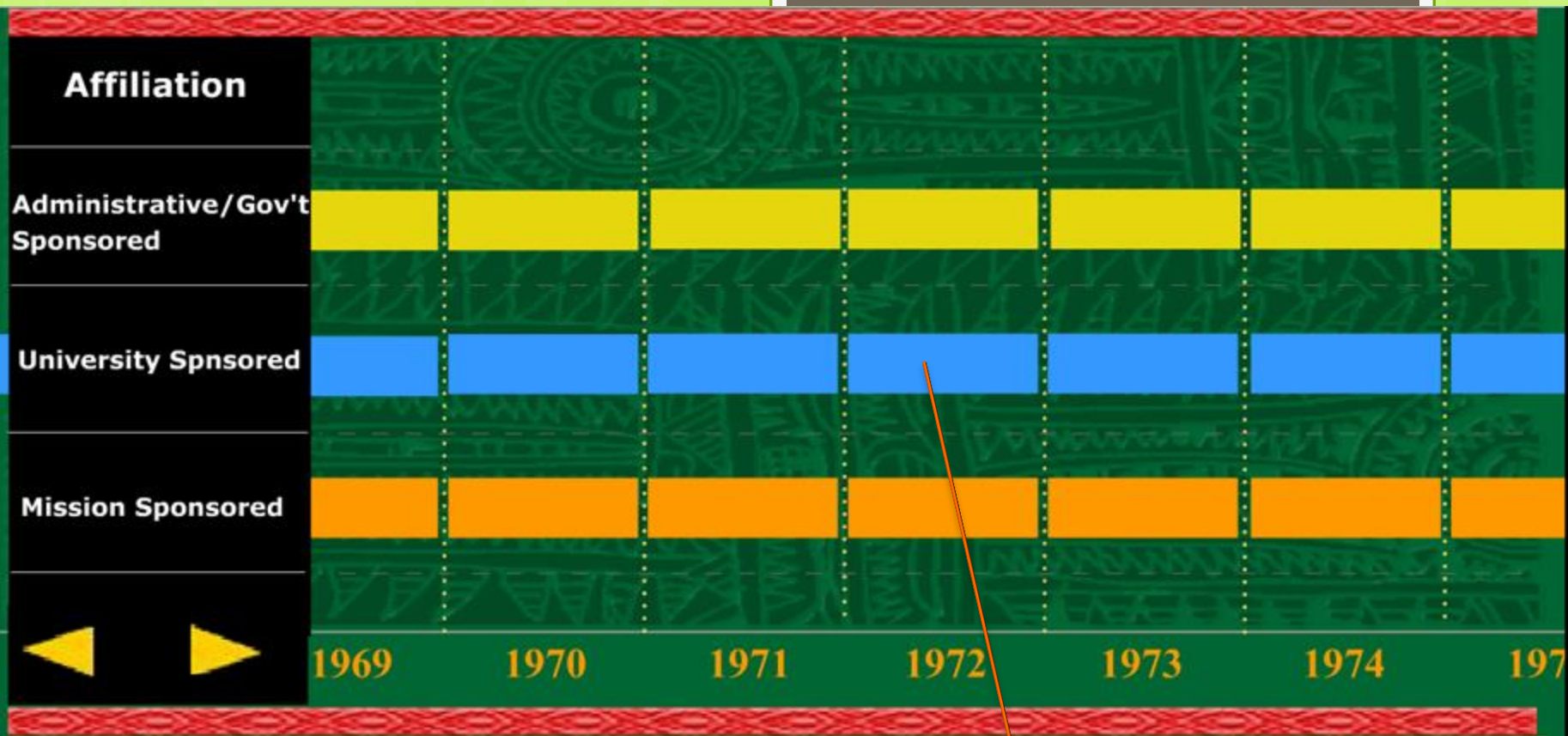
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- * Waigani Conference theme focuses on "self-help"
- * Government supports notion of decentralization in its "8 Aims"
- * Don Maynard leaves Literature Bureau; replaced by Roger Boschman
- * New Guinea Writing is expanded and re-named Papua New Guinea Writing
- * Writers Day is created
- * Literature Bureau tries to organize a Writers Society

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- * First generation of UPNG writers leave campus; many stop writing
- * First conference held on Teaching Literature in PNG

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- * Glen Bays establishes Precept
- * Bays becomes Director of Christian Communication Commission
- * Kristen Pres publishes first folklore anthologies
- * SIL sponsors first Pidgin category in National Literature Competition

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- * Self-government for the colony
- * National Cultural Council formed with a 5-year \$5,000,000 (Aus.) grant
- * Olaf Ruhen writing course
- * National Broadcasting Commission inaugurated
- * Kaniku leaves Creative Centre for the Arts; replaced by Arthur Jawodimbari

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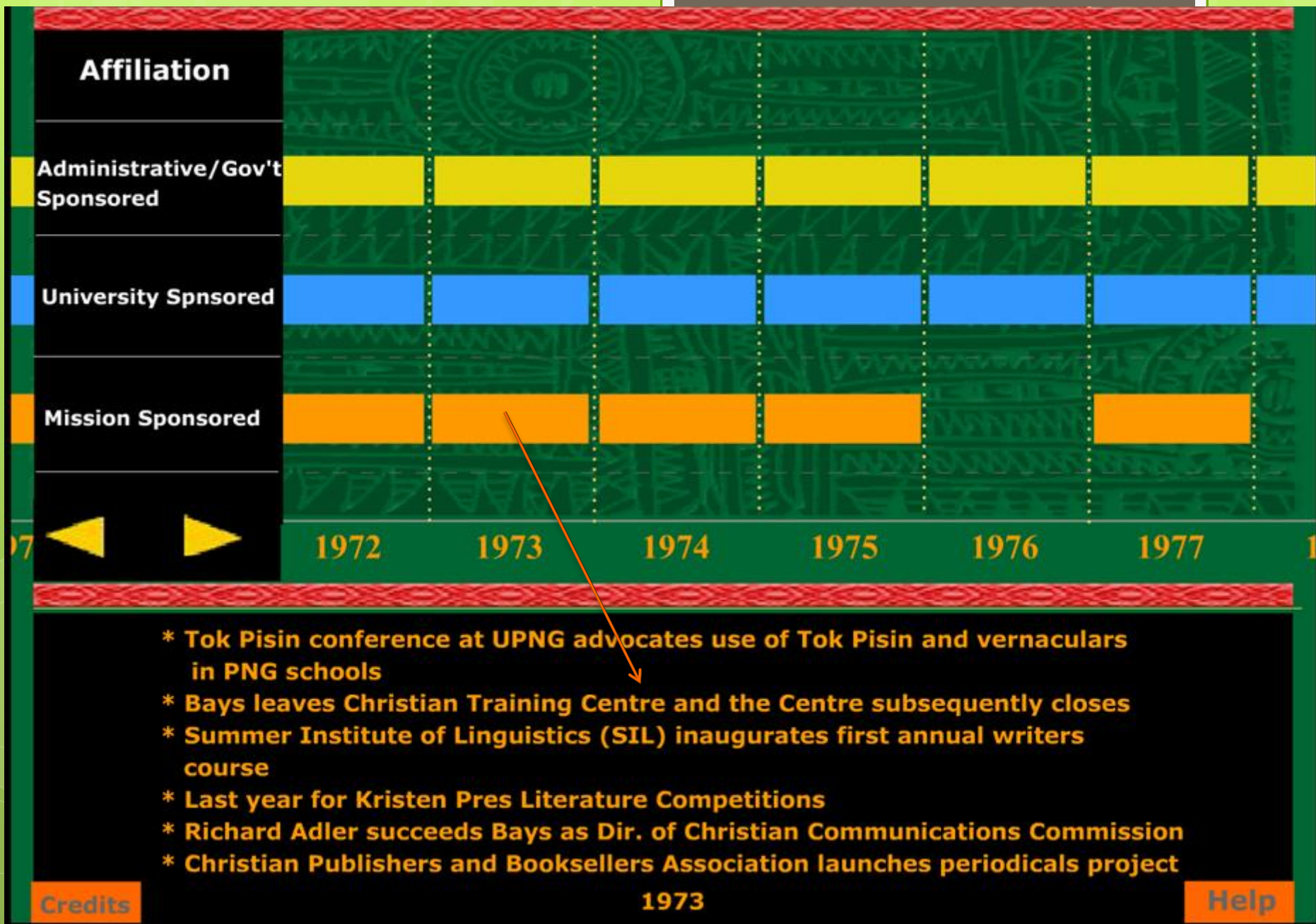
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- * Prithvindra Chakravarti assumes editorship of Papua Pocket Poets
- * Jacaranda Publishing establishes Niugini Press with Elton Brash as editor of folklore series

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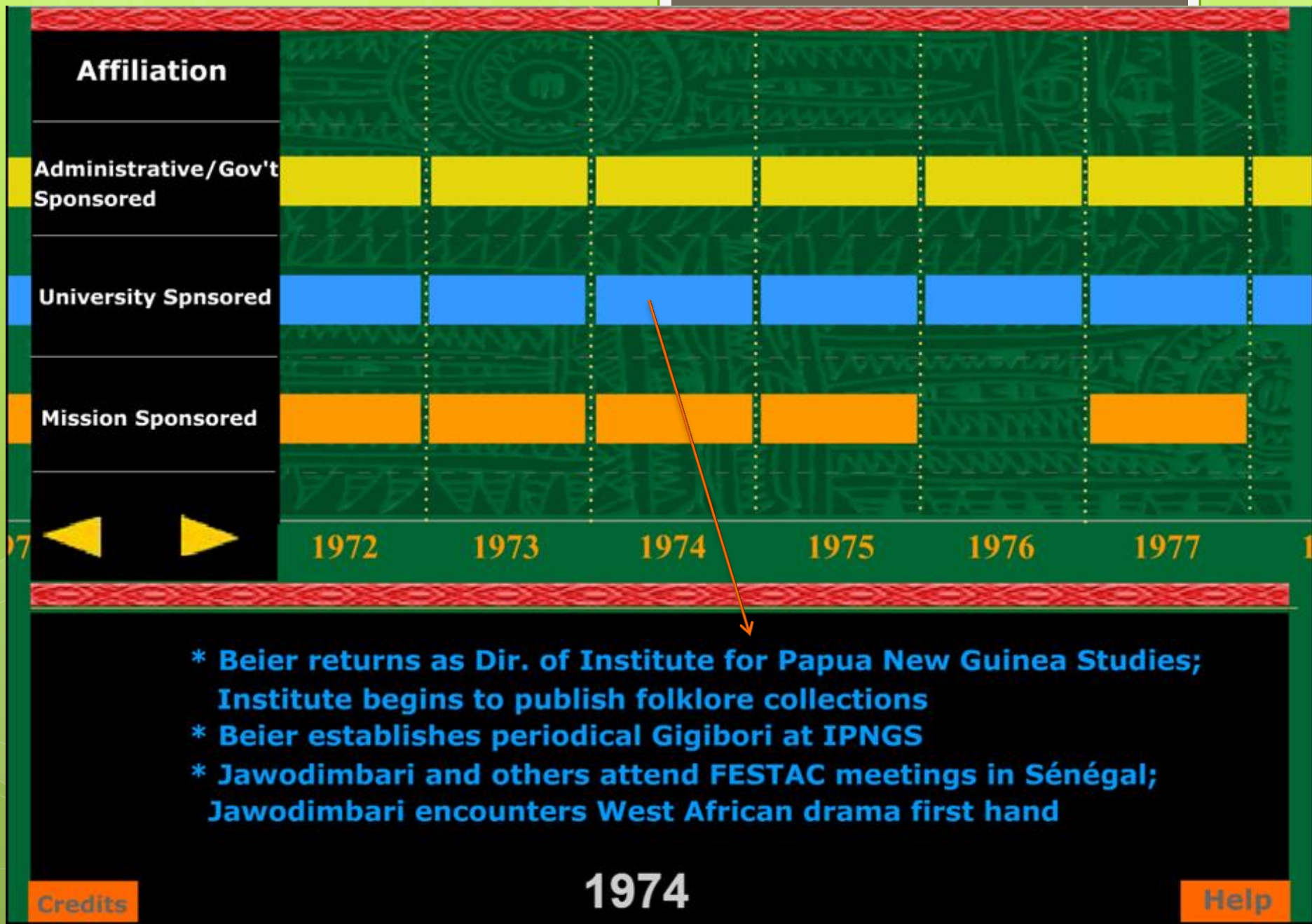
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- * Cultural Development Act passed; Creative Centre for the Arts becomes National Arts School
- * Roger Boschman leaves the Literature Bureau; replaced by indigenous Director, Jack Lahui

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* Melanesian Writers Association formed at UPNG

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- * PNG achieves Independence
- * National Library Service created
- * Dept. of Education confirms English as language of instruction
- * Literature Bureau temporarily closed by government; attempts made to second it to the Dept. of Education
- * Raun Raun Theatre established at GTC

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- * Taban lo Liyong becomes Chair of Literature Dept. (1975-1977)
- * Kovave stops publication

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* *Point* begins publication

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- * Literature Bureau becomes part of Dept. of Education
- * 1976-1980 Dept. of Education 5-year plan cedes discretion over language of instruction to provinces

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* Liyong organizes the first PNG Writers Seminar; also tries to organize a writers' union; laments the death of writing in PNG

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- * Lahui leaves Literature Bureau; operations transferred to IPNGS
- * Dance and Drama program of National Arts School becomes autonomous as National Theatre Company with Arthur Jawodimbari as Director.

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* Chakravarti takes over as Chair of Literature Department

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* Word Publishing inaugurates *New Nation* (1977-1984)

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- * National Cultural Council grant money runs out and finds no replacement; cultural institutions begin to suffer
- * John Koloa becomes Dir. of IPNGS
- * Literature Competitions now organized by the IPNGS; they remain extremely popular
- * *PNGW* and *Gigibori* cease publication

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- * Literature Department struggles for survival when university resources are directed at job training; morale at an all time low
- * Beier leaves IPNGS for Australia

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- * Bays returns (1979-81) to work at the United Church's Christian Education and Communications Centre at Rabaul
- * Bays establishes music workshops and cassette programme
- * Bays establishes *To save and Umbel*
- * North Solomon's Vales Tok Plus school project begins
- * Copyright legislation in place but never implemented

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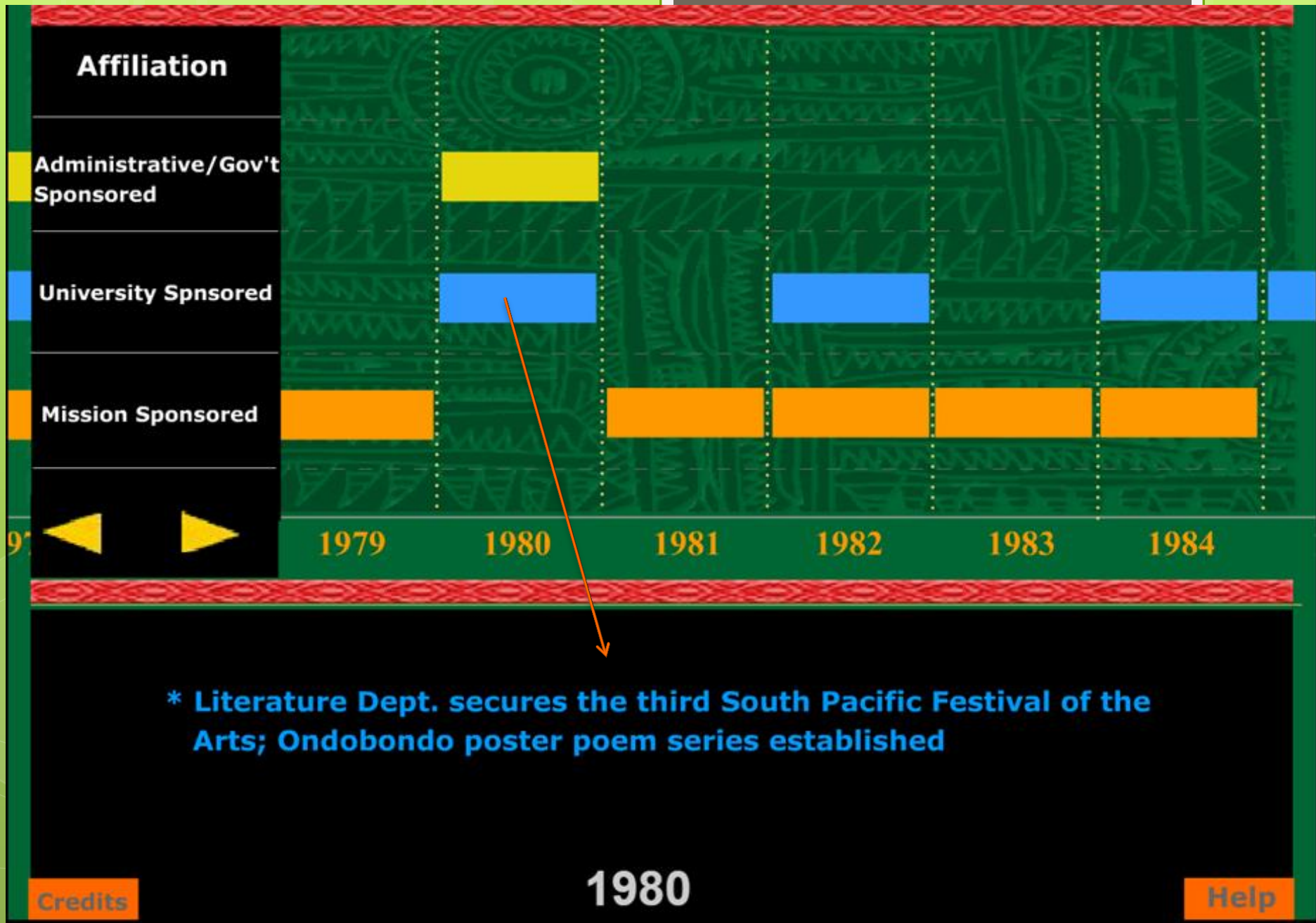
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- * Kumalau Tawali becomes Dir. of IPNGS
- * *Bikmaus* begins publication
- * Cuts to National Cultural Council cripple the operations of National Arts School; government decentralization programmes threaten to dismantle all "national" cultural institutions

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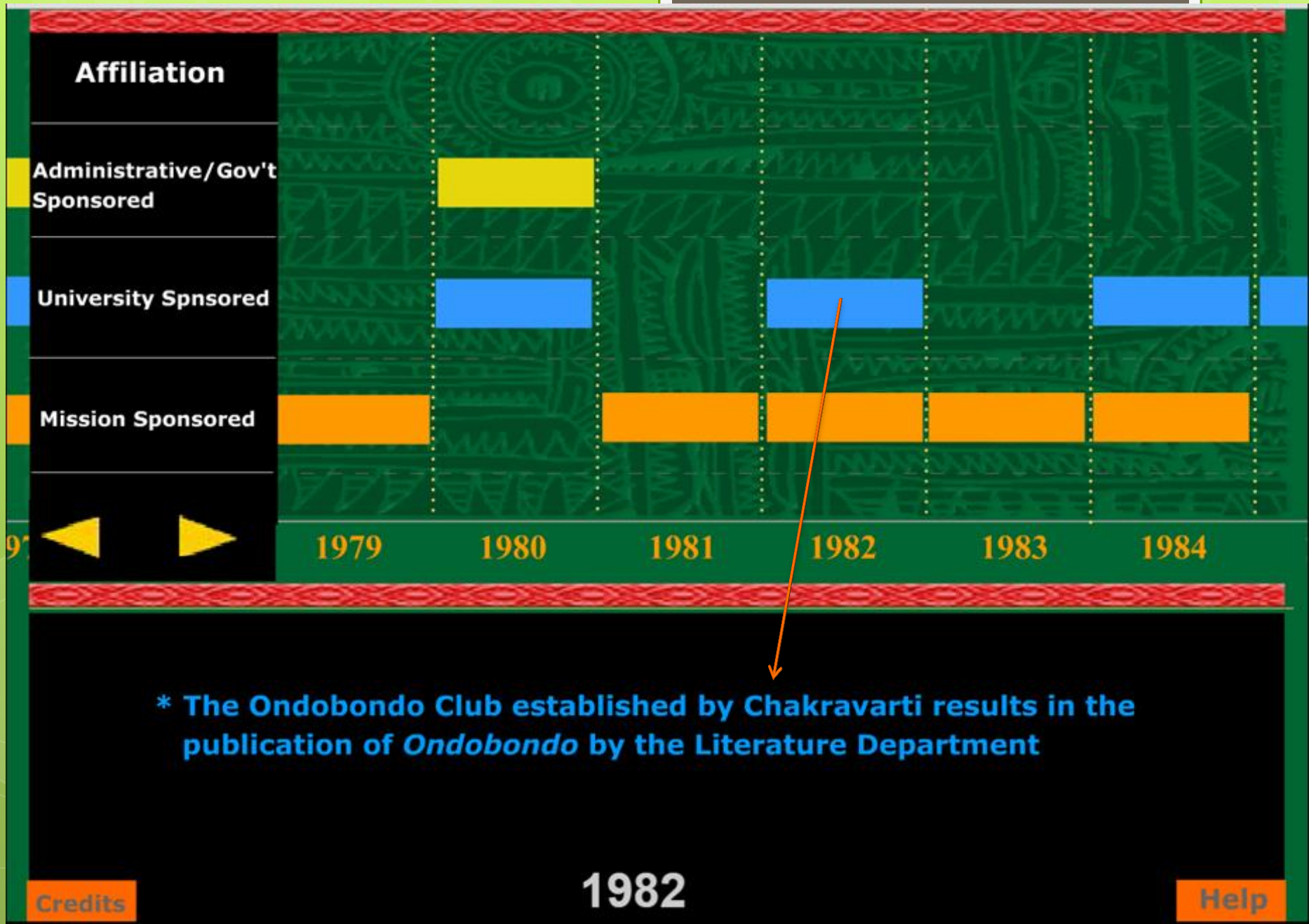
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* Bays leaves PNG

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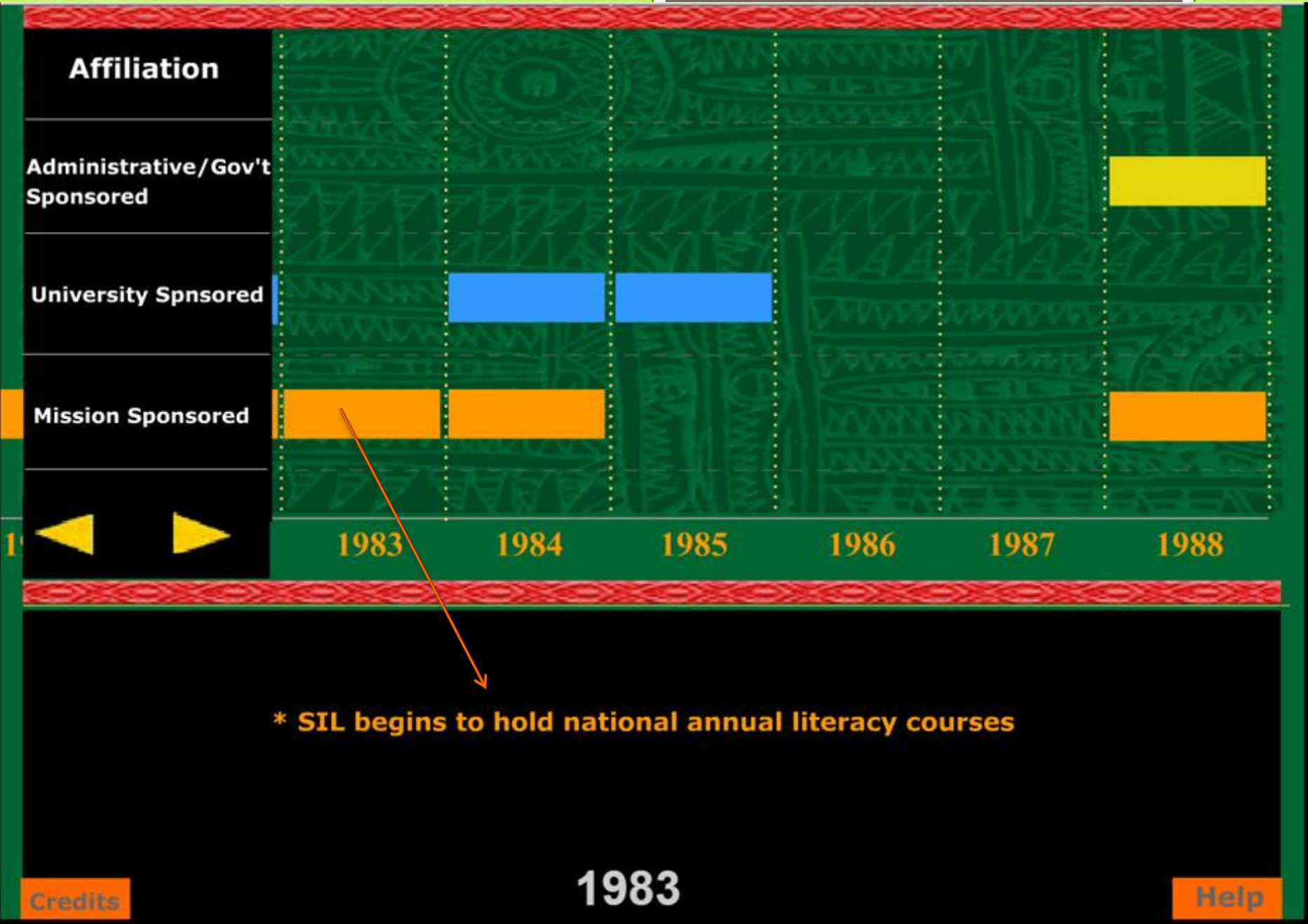
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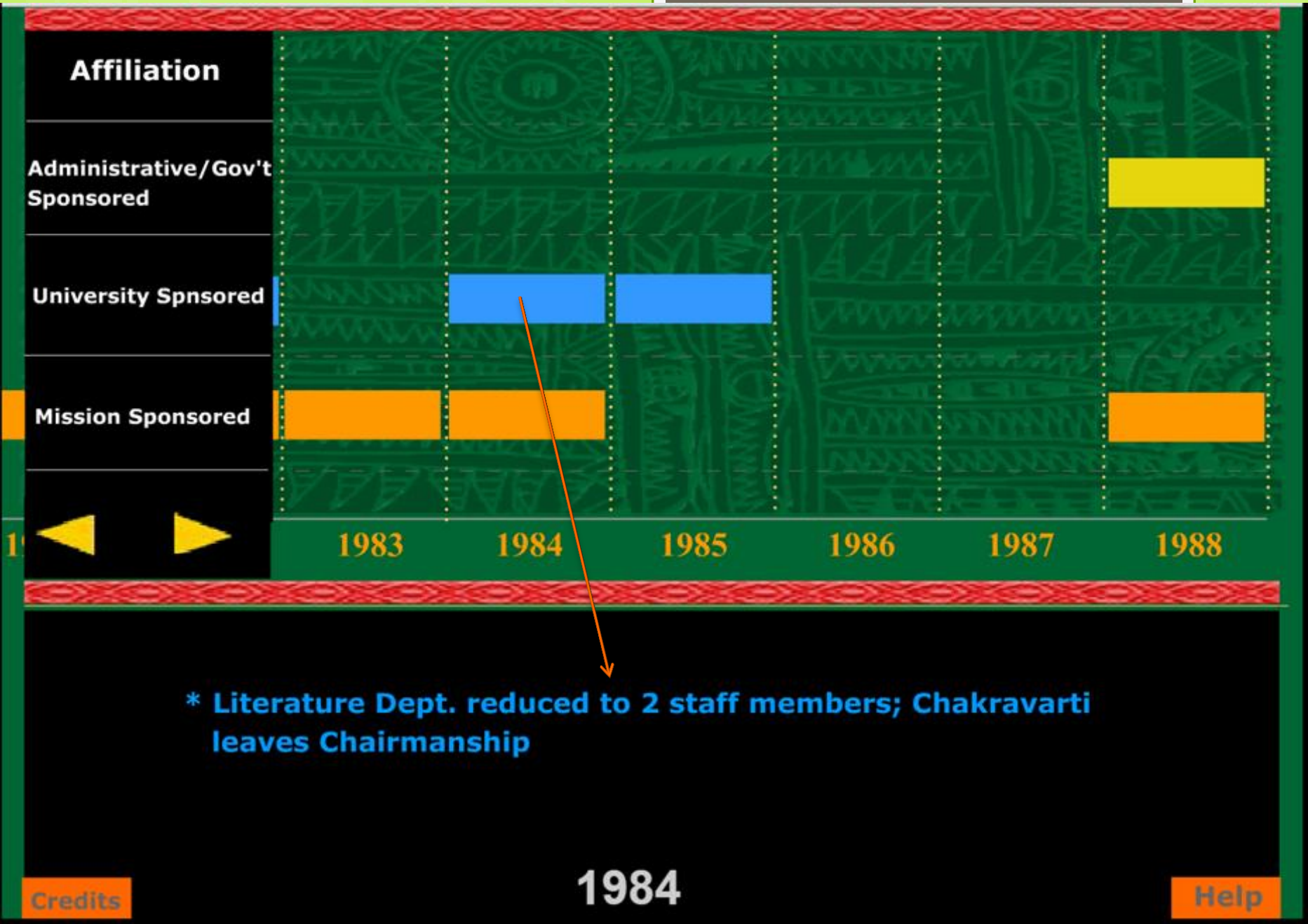
* Word Publishing begins to use the WEB imprint to publish
PNG schoolbooks

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- * Regis Stella organizes a writers' union at UPNG
- * *PNG Writer* begins publication
- * Prithvindra Chakravarti leaves PNG for China
- * *Ondobondo* ceases publication a year later

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* *Bikmaus* ceases publication

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* Melanesian Institute continues to publish *Catalyst*, *Point*, and *Umben*; major efforts are made to indigenize the editing and production of these periodicals

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