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## Creating a Scaled Personal Timeline

### Overview:

You will be creating a personal timeline to represent the sum total major events of **YOUR lifetime**. Your work will be graded based on **neatness** and **completeness** as well as **your ability to follow directions**. (Remember to divide your timeline **EQUALLY!**) Take your time and do a good job!

See attached rubric for timeline grading requirements.

**Total points: 11 points**

### Materials:

- Large Sheet of white or colored paper
- Pencils, markers and/or crayons
- Ruler (centimeters)

### Procedure:

1. Subtract the year you were born from the year of today.  
Here's an example. If you were born in 2003:  
 **$2018 - 2006 = 12 \text{ years}$**   
This gives you the total number of years on your timeline, also called the **scale**. Using this example, the timeline would have 14 equal pieces. **YOUR'S will be the number of years you've been on our planet!**
2. How many years did you get when you subtracted the year you were born from the year of today? \_\_\_\_\_ You will want to divide your timeline into that many equal pieces. It's easier if you make the overall length of your timeline an even multiple of your years.
  - a. Example: If you are 14 years old, to fill the paper, you could use a maximum of 3 cm. per year to get 42 cm. of

overall length. 2 cm is too small, 4 cm. per year won't fit on the paper. You can do increments of 0.5 cm

**$Total \text{ Length} = 42 \text{ cm}$      $Your \text{ age} = 14 \text{ years}$**

**$42 \text{ cm.} / 14 \text{ years} = 3 \text{ cm. per year}$**

**\*\*So you will make your drawing 42 cm. from fingertip to fingertip. See #3**

3. With your paper 11 x 17 (two 8 1/2 x 11 papers taped can work) paper **lengthwise**, create a pencil outline of a head and shoulders with arms outstretched to cover the length of the paper (see example). You can draw and color the head/arms to resemble you! This will be the diagram on which you will plot your personal timeline.
4. Carefully turn your timeline into a ruler by dividing it into equal pieces, like a ruler is divided equally **based on YOUR scale**; each year = \_\_\_\_\_ centimeters.
5. Choose the longest fingertip of the left hand on the diagram and label it your BORN. Label the longest fingertip on the right hand TODAY.
6. Now number each of the lines on your timeline using years. Using the example above, the timeline would start at 2003 at the fingertip labeled BORN. The next line would be 2004, then 2005 and so on until 2018 at TODAY.
7. Go back as far as you can remember in your life. Make a list of **at least twenty (20) important events** (and year) that have occurred **in your lifetime**. Some may be happy events, some may be sad events. Here are some examples:
  - ⇒ First learned to walk
  - ⇒ First year in Kindergarten (school)
  - ⇒ Baby brothers/sisters were born
  - ⇒ Broke my arm, concussion
  - ⇒ Best friend moved away
  - ⇒ My pet died
  - ⇒ My favorite birthday party

- ⇒ Started playing baseball/basketball/soccer/football
- ⇒ Team won the championships!
- ⇒ Moved to Granite Bay etc.
- ⇒ Family vacation at Lake Tahoe, Hawaii etc

You may also want to include important local/world events like:

- ⇒ NASA Space Rover lands on Mars, 2004
- ⇒ Andaman Earthquake and Tsunami, 2004
- ⇒ Solar system only 8 planets, 2006!
- ⇒ First iPhone, Jan. 2007
- ⇒ Japanese Earthquake/Tsunami, March 2011
- ⇒ Rim Fire in Yosemite, 2013
- ⇒ King Fire: 2014
- ⇒ Favorite Team wins... World Series/Super Bowl, etc.

8. Now using your personal information, **label** the arms timeline carefully with the events on the appropriate years. **You may have more than one event in the same year- think of dividing each year into “quarters” if you have several.** Start with “BORN” and End with 7th Grade at Cavitt (TODAY).

My list of events brainstorm: at least 20.