

Personal Integer Timeline

"History can teach you about yourself. What if you did not know your own past? You would not know which subjects you like in school or which sports you enjoyed. You would not know what makes you proud or what mistakes not to repeat. Without your own personal history, you would not have an identity. " You are going to take on a project that will teach you about your own personal history.

Directions:

- 1) Take a look back over your life so far:
 - a. What major events happened to you and/or your family?
 - b. Talk to your family. Ask them to share their memories with you.
 - c. Look at artifacts (scrapbooks, photographs, etc.) from your life.
- 2) Choose 10 major events from your life -
 - a. Five of the dates must be before you were born, and five of the dates must be after your birth. You must have 10 different years for the dates.
 - i. The year you were born will correspond to zero on the number line.
 - ii. The dates after your birth will be positive numbers.
 - iii. The years before your birth will represent negative numbers, according to how many years before your birth they were.

Example: For example, if you were born in 2000, that would be zero. If your brother was born in 2002, that would be +2 on your number line. Your mother's birth in 1970 would correspond to -30 on the number line because it was 30 years before your birth. We're only interested in the YEARS matching up.

- b. Fill out the form on the back of this page for each event.
 - c. It would be wise to list the events in chronological order.
- 3) Once you have completed the form on the back of this page, you need to create a timeline (number line) according to your events. Here is a checklist to help with the timeline criteria:
 - _____ Using paper provided from your teacher and draw your timeline. Divide up the timeline according to your events. It is important this each event is placed in the proper location of the timeline (**be as specific as possible**).
 - _____ Place your life events in order on your timeline. Each event needs a date, integer, a picture (drawn or photograph), and a brief caption or explanation.
 - _____ Make sure your timeline has a title
 - _____ Add color and decorations to your timeline. Make sure your timeline is neat and legible.
- 4) Your personal timeline is due _____.