

Name: _____

Period: ____

Family Number Line

Objective: To place significant events of your life on your family number line. Negative integers will represent years before your birth and positive integers will represent years after you birth.

Materials: You may use a strip of poster board and a straight edge to draw your number line or you can create one with regular paper using a computer. Baby photos, family pictures, and magazine picture, etc. are encouraged, however, pictures will not be returned- please use copies or duplicate photos.

Directions:

1. Set your birthday at zero.
2. Events that occurred before you were born will be negative.
For example, if your parents were married two years before you were born, position the event at -2. Older siblings were born at numbers less than zero. You should not be involved in any events to the left of zero.
3. Events that occurred after you were born will be positive. If you learned to ride a bike when you were five years old, position the event at +5 (or just 5). Younger brothers and sisters were born at numbers greater than zero. You have been alive for all events to the right of zero.
4. Be sure to include:
 - Your birthdate (day, month, and year) at zero
 - Three significant family events that occurred *before* you were born
 - Three significant family events that occurred *after* you were born
 - Two historical events that occurred *before* you were born
 - Two historical events that occurred *after* you were born
5. The integers should be evenly spaced on your number line. Events can occur in-between integers or you may round to the nearest integer. Zero should be in the middle of your number line. Your number line should extend to your current age and the opposite of your current age.