

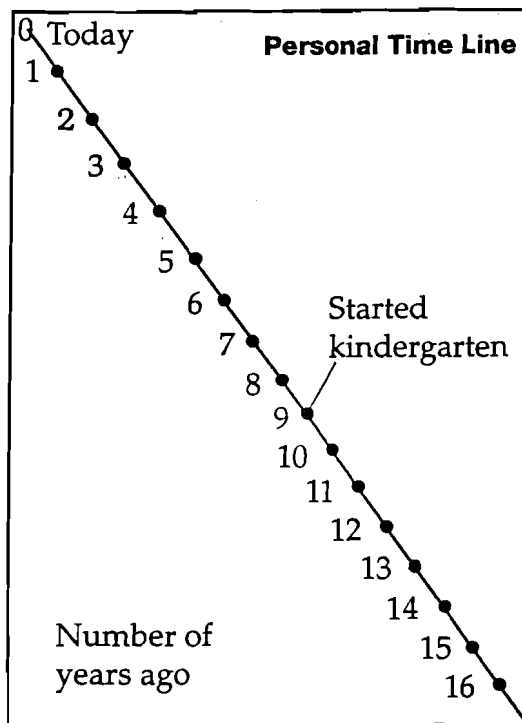
PERSONAL HISTORY

1. Fill in dates for the events in the Personal History chart below.
2. Add other significant events in your personal history in the blank spaces in the first column. For example, if you have brothers or sisters, when were they born? When did you learn how to walk? When did you say your first word? When did you move to a new home?
3. The events you listed are what you know about yourself. The dates are when those events happened. Fill in the source of your information (how you know what you know) in the third column. This might be your memory, your baby book, or some other source.

Personal History Chart			
Event	Date	Source of information	Location on time line
Today			0 cm
I started middle school			
I started elementary school			
I was born			

4. Now you are ready to use this information to draw your personal time line to scale on the next page, called *Personal Time Line*. Follow the instructions below.

- Draw a line 32 cm long, starting at the top left-hand corner of the sheet of paper and ending close to the bottom right-hand corner.
- Label the left side of your line "Number of years ago."
- Label the top end of the line "0" for zero years ago.
- On your time line 2 cm will equal 1 year. Mark dots every 2 cm to represent years. Number the years along the left-hand side of the line.
- Fill in the last column of the chart with the distance you need to measure from the zero end of the time line. If you started kindergarten at age 5 and you are now 14, you started 9 years ago, which equals 18 cm on the time line.
- Add all of the events you listed in the table to the time line.



Stop here. Finish this sheet in class.

5. Once you have constructed your time line, think about significant events in your life. Using these events, divide your time line into three or four eras. Label these eras on your time line. An example might be preschool era.

6. Is it easier to describe an event that happened last week or one that happened 5 years ago? Why?

7. Where would you look for evidence for an event that happened 1 week ago? One that happened 5 years ago?
