

FACS 2293
Introduction to Marriage & Family
Life Events Timeline & Family Heirloom
Assignment

Part 1. Make a detailed timeline of your life. Even the smallest events or activities in our lives can still have an influence on who we are and how we relate to others. You should type this assignment and include your name and course information. Be sure to include the following:

- Births and deaths of family members, especially during your lifetime
- Major and minor milestones (starting kindergarten, moving away from home, etc.)
- School, religious, or community activities in which you've participated
- Dates related to significant relationships you've had (first date, breakups, engagements, relationships with previous partners, etc.)
- Dates of significant family events (parents' divorce, military service, big vacations, etc.)
- Dates of meeting role models, mentors, or other influential people in your life
- Anything else that would help provide a snapshot picture of your life and what makes you who you are

Part 2. Bring a family "heirloom" to class (this can be the actual object, a photo, or even a typed description of it). You should type a description of the heirloom describing its importance to family life, family experiences, family dynamics, and the life-long impact of living in a family (the common denominator which everyone in the classroom shares). Be prepared to discuss in class.

The assignment should be typed, double-spaced and written in narrative, paragraph form in 12 point font, Times New Roman or Arial font.