

# Making a Tree Ring Timeline



Just like us, a Tree has memorable moments throughout its life.

In this activity you will create a timeline of important moments in your life, as if you grew like a tree!

Starting from the center and growing outwards your rings should tell a story. Did you learn how to ride a bike at age 5? Then the ring that year might be wide. Did you sprain your arm at age 7? The ring that year might be wavy with a mark.

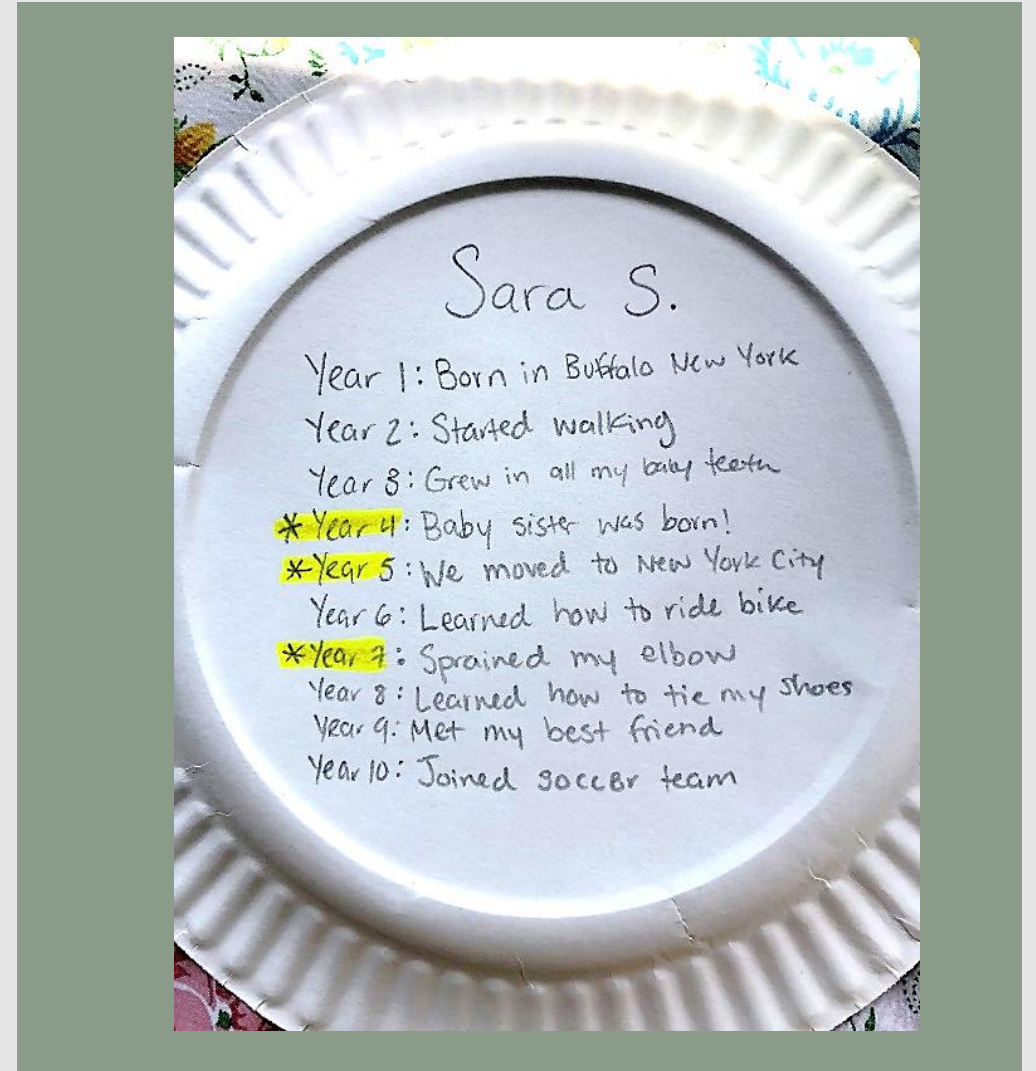


What you'll need: Paper plate, pencil, colored pencil or marker.

# Step 1

**Step 1:** On the back of your plate write out how many years old you are and put a star next to any big moments for that year.

This is going to be your outline for your tree rings.



## Step 2

**Step 2:** On the front of your plate make a circle in the middle. Label it year 1. This is the first year you were born.



## Step 3

**Step 3:** Counting the circle in the middle as year one, start drawing your rings. Remember trees grow from the middle outwards. The rings don't have to be perfectly round: tree rings are a little wiggly and imperfect! \*Remember to look at your original timeline, if something important happened at age 5, make ring #5 different!



## Step 4

**Step 4:** Label your rings. After you have created your rings go back and make a label for any year that something important happened.

You can see here: Year 5 and 7 have a different shape than the other rings.



# Step 5

**Step 5:** Your Tree Ring Timeline is complete! Make it stand out by coloring and shading with colored pencils.

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