It's All About Me!!!   2016 Birthday Scavenger Hunt Due TODAY!

To prepare to write the research paper, you will need answers to the following questions, plus MUCH MUCH MORE. You will also need a library card to be able to access the library databases during our next class period, so if you don't have a library, GO TODAY TO GET ONE!! It's only $1. You can NOT write the research paper this year and the 3 research papers you'll write in senior comp next year WITHOUT a library card!

You are researching events that occurred **ON THE DAY** or **DURING THE WEEK** that you were born (**NOT the date in another year**) That means that YOUR answers won't be like anyone else's!! (unless you are a twin!!) Do NOT copy someone else!! I hope you have as much fun completing this activity as I did creating it! ☺ Go to the homework page and click the link to this document to open the web links.

Name:_____

1. Date of Birth (month day, year):_____

2. What DAY of the week was it?_____
Visit Time and Date Calendar; enter birth month year

3. As of today, how old are you in days?_____
   Visit Calculation Duration; follow instructions

4. City and State of Birth:_____

5. Population of that city at the time of your birth:_____ (Google it; remember census is every 10 years, so you should probably use 2000 census info)

6. **President** at the time of your birth:_____
   Visit List of US Presidents and Vice Presidents

7. **Vice-President**:   _____

8. **Governor** of the State you lived in:_____
   Go to Wikipedia and enter "List of Governors of _____(name of state where you were born)"

How was the **weather** on the day you were born?
 Visit Weather Underground
Once there, **type your city and state of birth**. Scroll way down on the left side to a section called History and Almanac. Use the "Choose a Date" to enter the month, day and year of your birthday. Click View.

9. What was the mean temperature that day?   _____
10. How much precipitation was recorded that day?   _____
11. What was the wind speed and direction that day? _____

ENTERTAINMENT

What were your parent(s) listening to on the day you were born? What song was #1 on the day you were born?

Visit This Day in Music
Underneath the album, enter your birthdate, then choose the US flag in the middle!
12.-13. Name of song and artist:_____ by _____
Now go over to the right and put in your day and month of birth, then click search to see music highlights!
Also visit Birthday Jams. What is the top song listed here?_____
Now list 2 songs and artists YOU RECOGNIZE from the Billboard #1 Hits for the YEAR you were born.
Does the list name the same song you listed above?
Visit 90s Hits-Billboard#1s and click on your year of birth.

14. Song:_____   Artist:_____   Week of:_____
15. Song:_____   Artist:_____   Week of:_____

What was on TV?   What shows could your parent(s) have watched on the TV in the hospital room **be-
tween 8:00 and 10:00 pm** on the SPECIFIC night of your birth? Choose 97/98 or 98/99 depending upon
when you were born. Then choose the night of the EXACT DAY your were born. (For example, Weds. night)
Visit Prime Time Schedules of the 90s

16. List all shows that night On ABC:_____

17. List all shows that night On CBS:_____

18. List all shows that night On Fox:_____

19. List all shows that night On NBC:_____

What had people flocking to the **movie theater**?
List **two movies** released during the MONTH of your birth that YOU RECOGNIZE or have seen! If you don't
recognize any, then use the top-grossing movie of that month.
If you were born in 1998 visit http://www.the-numbers.com/movies/index1998.php
If you were born in 1999 visit http://www.the-numbers.com/movies/index1999.php

20. Name of movie_____   Release date_____
21. Name of movie_____   Release date_____

SPORTS
List 2 major sports headlines from the days surrounding your birthday. Use one day before, the day of, and
one day after to get a headline story. Think MAJOR news! Ask if you don't understand MAJOR news!
If you were born in 1998 visit http://worldtimeline.info/sports/spor1998.htm
If you were born in 1999 visit http://worldtimeline.info/sports/spor1999.htm

22. Sports news 1:_____

23. Sports news 2:_____

SPORTS CHAMPS. Scroll down to the **Sports** tab at this site!
If you were born in 1998 <u>visit Infoplease 1998</u>
If you were born in 1999 <u>visit Infoplease 1999</u>

24. Who won the Super Bowl the year you were born?　　_____
25.
26. Who won the World Series the year you were born?　　_____
27.
28. Who won the NBA Championship that year?　　_____
29.
30. Who won the NCAA men's B-ball championship?　　_____

THE ECONOMY

Go to <u>dMarie Time Capsule</u>. Enter your birthdate and click **QUICK PAGE**, then scroll down.

28. What was the average annual income on your birthday?　　_____

29. As of January 1, 2016, South Dakota's minimum wage rose to $8.55. Was was it when you were born?
_____

30. In 2015, gas cost $3.79/gallon. Today (March 2016) it costs between $1.89 and $1.98. What did it cost when you were born? _____

31. Today's stamp costs 49 cents. What was the cost when you were born?　　_____

32. In 2015, a gallon of milk at HyVee cost $3.88. In March 2016, that same gallon at HyVee costs $2.48. What did milk cost when you were born?_____

IN MY TOYBOX

Name 3 hot toys of the year you were born. Go to <u>dMarie Time Capsule</u> and find the Hot Toys section.
THEN, go <u>to A history of Popular Toys</u>   In the Search box in upper right, type in 1998 or 1999.
33.Toy 1:_____
34.Toy 2:_____
35.Toy 3:_____

IN THE NEWS

We'll do LOTS of research next week on local, national, state and international headline news. To get started, look for 3 major headline stories that were making the news. Think **"BIG"** news here. Remember that when you were born, we didn't have live streaming news from everywhere all the time! That means that news stories occurring TODAY might not show up on TV or in the newspaper until TOMORROW, so'll when we start seriously researching, you'll want to look at headlines for **the day OF** and **the couple days AFTER** your birthday. This will be especially important when we get into the research databases of newspapers and magazines.

Remember: Choose the **MAJOR news**, stories you'd see on the front page or on CNN or at the top of the evening news. Think like a researcher!

NOW THINK ABOUT THE ACTIVITY YOU ARE ALMOST DONE WITH. I did ALL the legwork for you by finding the websites you needed to use to find the info. That WON'T be the case for any other research paper you'll ever do. Researching and finding info is even more time consuming than writing the paper! Researching means you have to be **CURIOUS, PATIENT, PERSISTENT**. You have to keep looking and digging deeper and deeper to find the BEST information!!

Now, briefly outline 3 **major** stories occurring on or near your birth. Write at least 2 sentences! Try these websites:
**You may certainly list more on the back if you find more important stories that you want to refer to later!
**Start with these websites but FEEL FREE TO GOOGLE for Headline news of your Day/Month/Year of birth!

Wikipedia is NEVER EVER to be used as a source for research because ANYONE can add info to it! That said, it CAN be a good place to start. How so? You could FIND info here and then go to a CREDIBLE and LEGITIMATE source to find more information. Here is an example:

If you were born in 1998 visit Wikipedia 1998, find an event, then go to Google to look up a REAL source.
If you were born in 1999 visit Wikipedia 1999, find an event, then go to Google to look up a REAL source.

If you were born in 1998 visit Infoplease 1998
 If you were born in 1999 visit Infoplease 1999

If you were born in 1998 visit http://www.brainyhistory.com/years/1998.html
If you were born in 1999 visit http://www.brainyhistory.com/years/1999.html

You may NOT find a newsworthy event right on the DAY of your birth at the 3 sites above, but check them out. Chances are if it was a big enough story to make these websites, it was a story for several days following the event! Remember, read enough to write a least TWO (2) sentences about the news event!

News Story #1:

News Story #2

News Story #3