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## Instructions for Timeline

Period:

1. Reflect on your life journey so far. How did you <u>arrive</u> at this place in your life? Moreover, which <u>relationships</u>, <u>experiences</u>, <u>places</u>, and <u>events</u> have played an important role in your life so far?

Consider the following possibilities:

- Family relationships and experiences
- People who have played a memorable role in your life or who have influenced you in some way
- Memorable and unforgettable experiences or places
- Achievements, successes, and joyful experiences
- "Losses," failures, and difficult or painful experiences
- Major decisions or life changes
- Ways in which you have been fortunate, lucky, privileged, etc.
- Ways in which you have been unfortunate and have been forced to face challenges, difficulties, and struggles
- People and experiences that changed your beliefs or changed the way you look at things
- 2. On the other side of this page, <u>plot at least eight important items</u> in their appropriate locations on the timeline. (Your birth doesn't count as one of the eight items.) Use key words and phrases to identify each item.
  - Along the <u>horizontal</u> axis (i.e., from left to right), place each item in the appropriate location to identify <u>how old you were</u> when the event, relationship, or experience occurred.
  - Along the <u>vertical</u> axis (i.e., from top to bottom), place each item in the appropriate location to identify the degree to which it was <u>either a "high point" or a "low point"</u> in your life journey.
    - Note: The more "positive" an experience was, the <u>higher</u> it should be placed. The more "negative" an experience was, the <u>lower</u> it should be placed.
  - In addition to using words, you may also use visual symbols and/or drawings to illustrate your ideas and feelings.