## Step By Step Instructions

This investigation is accompanied by a power point of notable persons. Students will be using a scatter plot, linear equation, spreadsheet computations and box plot as they complete this activity.

- Download the ageppt document and link to student calculators. Note: The teacher version is agepptSOL, it includes completed calculations, functions and graphs.
- Distribute a student worksheet if you desire a hard copy of the activity.
- The TI-Nspire document allows the students to work through the investigation.
- Students should know how to construct a scatter plot and box plot using TI-Nspire technology.

This activity is titled Age Problem Revisted because it is an activity that was completed earlier on the TI-83/TI-84 family; now it is revised and used on the TI-Nspire because we can present it as a very friendly workable document and we can use new features that are available.


## Page 2 and Page 3

| Students will follow the instructions given on page 1.2 |  |
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|  | Age Estimation: <br> A powerpoint of notable persons will be viewed. insert a list and spreadsheet page, label column A "estimate" and record your age estimate for each individual shown. |
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| Students will follow the instructions on page 1.3 | On the next page label column B "age" and record the actual age of each individual, making certain they align properly. |

## Page 4

| The following screen will show the results of completing pages 2 and page 3. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | A person | B estimate | $\mathrm{C}_{\text {age }}{ }^{\text {a }}$ |
|  | - |  |  |
|  | 1 Tiger Woods | 30 | 32 |
|  | ${ }^{2}$ Hillary Clinton | 60 | 60 |
|  | ${ }^{3}$ Tom Cruise | 40 | 47 |
|  | 4 Daniel Radilife | 17 | 18 |
|  | 5 John McCain | 72 | 71 |
|  | $B$ estimate |  |  |

Page 5

| Students are asked to insert a graph and geometry page,create a scatter plot, menn, , 3), 4] . They will then insert the function $f 1(x)=$ $x$, nenn, 3$\rangle, 1\rangle$. |  | - |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Insert a graph and geometry page, create a scatter plot, (age,estimate). <br> Add the function, $f_{1}=x$. |  |

Page 6


## Page 7

| Students are asked a question, they will use the $\geqslant \nabla$ to go down to answer the question. |  | 0 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Question | $\square$ |
|  | 1. What is the significance of the points on the line? |  |
|  | Answer $\quad \forall$ |  |
|  | Points on the line indicate an accurate guess.\| | V |

Page 8

Students are asked to explain what the points above and below the line represents. They will answer this question on the same page.

| 1.8 | 1.9 | 1.10 | 1.11 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Explain below the location of the points |  |  |  |
| which indicate that you under estimated |  |  |  |
| and the location of the points which |  |  |  |
| indicate that you over estimated. |  |  |  |
| The points below the line indicate you |  |  |  |
| guessed more than the actual age. Points |  |  |  |
| above the line indicate you guessed less |  |  |  |
| than the actual age. |  |  |  |

## Page 9

| Students are asked questions which require them to interpret the meaning of the points in relationship to the line $\mathrm{f} 1(\mathrm{x})=\mathrm{x}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | Question |
|  | 2. How many of the individuals did you over estimate their age? <br> 3. How many did you under estimate? |
|  | Answer $\quad \approx$ |

## Page 10

Page 10 is an instruction page. one of great features of the TI-Nspire is the ease of recreating a list and spreadsheet within the same document. In this case it retrieves age and estimate lists and we are ready to continue.

Page 11
This page shows the spreadsheet and the added columns. Column C was created by entering = age - estimate in the formula space and titling the column dif. Column D is titled pos, the formula entered = abs(dif), as we needed to reflect only positive differences the estimate was from the age.

|  | 1.11 deg auto real |  |  |  | $\square$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A estimate | B age | C dif | D po | E | 人 |
| - |  | =age- | =abs |  |  |
| 30 | 32 | 2 | 2 |  |  |
| $2 \quad 60$ | 60 | 0 | 0 |  |  |
| $3 \quad 40$ | 47 | 7 | 7 |  |  |
| 4 | 18 | 1 | 1 |  |  |
| 572 | 71 | -1 | 1 |  | v |
| $D 1$ $=2$ |  |  |  |  |  |

## Page 12

This page shows the difference in averages that would occur if the sum(dif) was averaged rather than sum(pos). Students should realize that differences from the actual the age "cancel" each other out if positive And negatives are in the list when The sum is taken. Recall decimal Form is obtained by


## Page 13

Students are asked to record the names of their classmates and their personal estimate result in the spreadsheet on page 14. Analyze the results and determine who was the best estimator of actual ages.

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On the following spreadsheet, record the names of class members in column $A$ and their personal result in column $B$. Analyze the results and determine the best guesser.

Page 14
A portion of the sample spreadsheet is shown on page 14. Students' page will look different of course. They will scroll up and down the list or min(estres) on a calculator page to find the best estimator.


## Page 15

Page 15 is the question-answer form for the previous page. Always encourage students to answer in complete sentences.


## Page 16

Students will now be asked to create a box plot of the class results. They will © (tri), (1) to insert a list and spreadsheet. They will type in the title of the lists in columns A and B. The columns automatically fill.

## •1.14|1.15|1.16|1.17| DEG AUTO REAL

Create a box plot of the class results regarding estimating abilities.

Insert a list and spreadsheet and use quick graph, box plot.

Page 17
The resulting spreadsheet and box plot are shown on page 17. The median is shown. Moving the arrow keys over the box plot will result in the median being shown on the screen.


NOTE: Students may need to review how to obtain the graph, menu),〔3) (data), 4〉 (quick graph), (ment , 1. Plot Type, Box Plot, to complete page 17.

Page 18

| This is the question-answer page which students will use to answer after determining the median by using the previous page. | $\left.\sqrt{1.17}]_{1.18} 1.19\right]^{1.20}$ DEG AUTO REAL | - |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Question |  |
|  | What is the median of class estimate results? |  |
|  | Answer $\quad \approx$ |  |
|  | The median is 3.7. |  |

Page 19

Page 19 offers the opportunity to answer more questions pertaining to the box plot. Note: There is a down arrow to see the rest of the answer.

| 41.17 1.18 1.19 1.20 DEG AUTO REAL | - |
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| Question |  |
| Are there any outliers? What is interquartile range and its meaning? |  |
| Answer $\quad \geqslant$ |  |
| The outlier is 7.8 . <br> $50 \%$ of the averaged estimates ranged | $\stackrel{\rightharpoonup}{*}$ |

Page 20

| This page is a question-answer page. Students will find this answer by going back to the spreadsheet/ box plot page. |  | - |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Question |  |
|  | Who was the best estimator? Which data value is this result associated with? |  |
|  | Answer $\quad \geqslant$ |  |
|  | The best estimator was Don with 1.9. <br>  | $\stackrel{\square}{\square}$ |

