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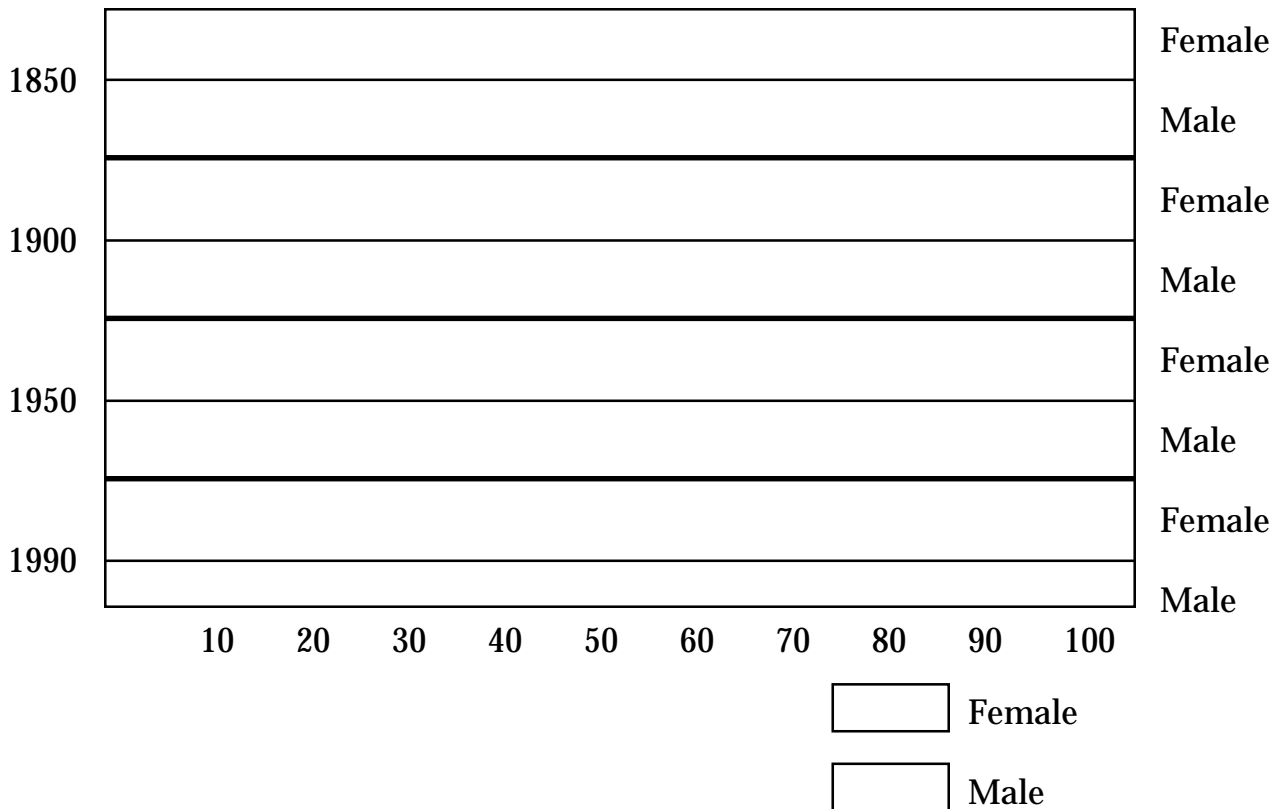
ACTIVITY 2A STUDENT WORKSHEET WORKSHEET — LIFE EXPECTANCY AT BIRTH

The table provided indicates the enormous strides which have been made in the U.S. in extending life expectancy at birth since the 1850s. Life expectancy at birth is the average number of years a person is supposed to live from birth.

Use the information on this chart to fill in the bar graph below. Color the graph and key one color for males and another color for females.

LIFE EXPECTANCY AT BIRTH

Year	Female	Male
1850	40.5	38.3
1900	51.1	48.3
1950	71.7	66.0
1990	79.0	72.1



WORKSHEET — GRAPHING LIFE EXPECTANCY AT BIRTH

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. In what time period was there a greater life expectancy increase for males than females?

from _____ to _____

2. In what time period was there a greater life expectancy increase for females than males?

from _____ to _____

3. Which gender had the greater life expectancy in 1850?

-in 1900?

-in 1950?

-in 1990?

4. Give three reasons why you think this gender lives longer than the other.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

5. What happened with life expectancy from 1850–1990?

6. What has happened in the past to make this change occur? (List as many historical events, changes in technology, etc. as you can think of.)
