**Life Expectancy**

Did you know that men and women in some countries generally tend to live older then some men and women in other countries? One of the things that historians sometimes study when they look at countries is “Life Expectancy”.

The term “life expectancy” refers to the number of years a person can expect to live. By definition, life expectancy is based on an estimate of the average age that members of a particular population group will be when they die.

Now, “life expectancy” does not mean that is when we are going to die. We know some people will live to a right old age and some people for various reasons will not live to an old age. Basically, “life expectancy” is an average of ages of people to determine what age you should live to be if you have a normal life.

Your assignment is to research the life expectancy of males and females located in 10 countries around the world. You will also need to answer 2 questions at the end based on your findings. You can use the internet to search for our answers. You can write your answers down below and turn this document in.

**Example of an Answer**: Country is United States. The life expectancy of males is 76.3 years. The life expectancy of females is 81.4 years.

1. Japan
2. Sweden
3. Ireland
4. Colombia
5. Guatemala
6. Russia
7. Indonesia
8. Madagascar
9. South Africa
10. Nigeria

Why do you think females in many countries tend to live to be older than males?

Why do you think some countries have low life expectancy rates compared to other countries?