

Exponential Modeling Checklist

Step 1: Data Intro – Table – Graph

- ___ Project Title
- ___ Organize data in a table
- ___ Display data using a scatterplot

Step 2: Equation $y = a(b)^x$ $b = (1+r)^x$ **OR** $b = (1-r)^x$

- ___ Calculate the constant multipliers between each data value
- ___ Identify the starting value ___ Justify your starting value
- ___ Identify the constant multiplier ___ Justify your constant multiplier
- ___ Write Equation
- ___ Use the collected data values and verify the equation using **logs**.

$$x = a^y \Leftrightarrow y = \log_a(x)$$

- ___ Write a statement commenting on the validity of the equation

Step 3: Analysis (Using Table-Graph-Equation)

Interpret the real-life meanings of your equation:

- ___ Starting value ___ Constant multiplier
- ___ r (rate of growth / decay) What % is the data growing/decaying ?
- ___ Dependent variable (y -value) ___ Independent variable (x -value)
- ___ Use **logarithms** to make a prediction **outside** the collected data set.
- ___ Discuss the accuracy of the prediction
- ___ Use **logarithms** to make a prediction **inside** the collected data set.
- ___ Discuss the accuracy of the prediction
- ___ Write a conclusion of the project.

Questions to consider for the conclusion:

- What does the data show?
- What impact does this data have on me or my family?
- What impact does this project have on our community or society?
- What are the implications of this data?