

Name _____ Date _____

Prewriting Sheet for What's in a Name?

Topic: Your first name: _____

Research: Find information about your name; continue this chart on the back if needed.

Topic	Information	Source
Culture(s) of Origin		
Literal Meaning / Meaning of Roots		
Famous People with the Name		
Popularity in Different Eras		

Family Meaning: Is there any special meaning to your name within your family? Were you named after someone? Did someone important name you? How was your name chosen?

Conclusion: How do you feel about your name? Why?

Introduction: Can you think of an everyday moment involving your name—for example, when your parent, sibling, or friend usually says your name? Do you have a nickname or short version of your name? Write out a scenario; use at least **three** sensory details.