

## Notes on Creating Box Plots

### Steps:

- ① Put all numbers in order from smallest to biggest.
- ② Find Lower Extreme (LE) - smallest #
- ③ Find Upper Extreme (UE) - highest #
- ④ Find the median of all of the numbers.  
This is called  $Q_2$ .
- ⑤ Find the median of the lower half of the data set. This is  $Q_1$ .
- ⑥ Find the median of the upper half of the data set. This is  $Q_3$  (Quartile 3)
- ⑦ Draw a number line; plot your LE, UE,  $Q_1$ ,  $Q_2$ ,  $Q_3$ .
- ⑧ Connect the LE to  $Q_1$ , UE to  $Q_3$  and draw your box.
- ⑨ Find Interquartile Range (IQR)  
 $IQR = Q_3 - Q_1$ .

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