

Family History Project

Key Stage 2



There is history in everyone we meet

Task 1 Week 1:

Talk with a family member or someone who you know well (preferably an older person). You can do this on the phone or face to face or use FaceTime, Skype if they are far away.

You can make your own questions or use some of these:

1. What is your full name? Why did your parents select this name for you? Did you have a nickname?
2. When and where were you born?
3. How did your family come to live there?
4. Were there other family members in the area? Who?
5. What was the home like? How many rooms? Bathrooms? Did it have electricity? Indoor plumbing? Telephones?
6. Were there any special items in your home that you remember?
7. What is your earliest childhood memory?
8. Describe the personalities of your family members.
9. What kind of games did you play growing up?
10. What was your favourite toy and why?
11. What was your favourite thing to do for fun, e.g. sport, dancing, cinema?
12. Did you have family chores? What were they? Which was your least favourite?
13. Did you receive pocket money? How much? Did you save your money or spend it?
14. What was school like for you as a child? What were your best and worst subjects?
15. What school activities and sports did you participate in?
16. Do you remember any trends from your youth? Popular hairstyles? Clothes?
17. Who were your childhood heroes?
18. What were your favourite songs?
19. Did you have any pets? If so, what kind and what were their names?
20. Who were your friends when you were growing up?
21. Describe a typical family dinner. Did you all eat together as a family? Who did the cooking? What were your favourite foods?
22. How were holidays celebrated in your family? Did your family have special traditions?
23. Who was the oldest relative you remember as a child? What do you remember about them?
24. What do you know about your family surname?

25. Is there a naming tradition in your family?
26. What stories have been passed down to you about your parents? Grandparents?
27. Have any recipes been passed down to you from family members?
28. Are there any physical characteristics that run in your family?
29. Are there any special items, e.g. photos, furniture or other things that have been passed down in your family?
30. Why did you choose your children's names?
31. What was your proudest moment?
32. What was your profession and how did you choose it?
33. If you could have had any other profession, what would it have been?
34. Of all the things you learned from your parents, what do you feel was the most valuable?
35. What is the one thing you most want people to remember about you?

Task 2: Week 2:

Decide how to record all you have found out... if you have any photos do include these too.

You are making a new historical source.