



MY JOURNAL: ALL ABOUT ME AND MY FAMILY



Today's Date _____ My Full Name is _____.

I was born in _____ on the day _____ in the year _____.

My Name Was Chosen For Me Because _____.

I was named after _____.

I sometimes go by the nickname _____ because _____.

My eyes are which color? _____. My hair is which color? _____.

I look a lot like _____.

I go to _____ School.

I am in _____ grade.

When I'm grown up, I would like to be _____.

My favorite ancestor is _____.

I like this ancestor because _____.

I am good at doing these things (talents) _____.

My favorites:

➤ Friends

➤ Food

➤ Books

➤ Music

➤ Subject in school





Family History Interview Ideas

Name: _____ Today's Date: _____

When person was born: _____ Where born: _____

When married: _____ Where married _____

- What do you remember about the first house you lived in and how long did you live there?
- Tell me a story about your favorite memory.
- Talk to your family about an ancestor who left their native country. Why did they leave? Did they want to be able to go to a church of their choice? Did they follow other family members there? Why did they feel it was important to leave their native country?
- What are some of your talents and things you like to do?
- Tell me about your family and what it was like growing up?
- What did you like best about school?
- What kind of games did you play?
- Tell me about a day in your life when you were my age.
- What was your favorite holiday? Why?
- What was the first paying job you had?
- What is the most important thing that has happened to you?
- What part of your childhood do you think most about now?
- Tell me about your parents and grandparents.
- Ask them how the world is different today than it was when they were little. Give them a chance to talk, while you listen. A tape recorder is a good way to record and remember the information. Tell them THANK YOU for the time they took and the information they shared.



Helpful Websites



Family Tree Magazine Site for Kids

<https://www.familytreemagazine.com/kids/familytreekids/>

Family Search Genealogy Website

<https://www.familysearch.org/>

Family Search Genealogy Site for Kids

https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Family_History_Activities_for_Children:_3-11

Family Search Begin Your Genealogy Quest

https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Begin_Your_Genealogy_Quest

Family Search Involve Children and Youth in Family History

https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Involve_Children_and_Youth_in_Family_History

Find-A-Grave Website

<https://www.findagrave.com/>

Cyndi's List of Genealogy Sites on the Internet

<https://cyndislist.com/>

Family Tree Magazine Free Forms and Charts

<https://www.familytreemagazine.com/freeforms/basicforms/>

Family Search Genealogy Research Forms

https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Genealogy_Research_Forms

Hoosier State Chronicles (Indiana Historical Newspaper Digital Collection)

<https://newspapers.library.in.gov/>

Chronicling America (Select Digital American Newspapers from 1836-1922)

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>

A Timeline Generator

www.teach-nology.com/web_tools/materials/timeline

Zap the Grandma Gap: Connect With Your Family by Connecting Them to Their Family History

<https://zapthegrandmagap.com/>



Helpful Definitions

Ancestor: A person from whom another person is directly descended, such as a grandmother, great-grandfather, etc.

Census: A census is a method of counting people. It is carried out by the government of a country. A census is done to gather information, such as how many people live in the country. Most nations carry out a census at regular intervals, such as once every ten years. (<http://www.worldbookonline.com/kids/home#article/ar830529>)

Certificate: A certificate is an official document stating that particular facts are true.

Genealogy: The story of the family members that came before you.

Generation: Means the average amount of time between the birth of parents and the birth of their children. A group of people that make up a single step between ancestors and descendants, usually defined as lasting thirty years.

Immigrant: A person who moves into a country or region from another one.

Interview: A conversation to find out information from another person.

Maiden Name: A woman's surname before she marries.

Obituary: An official announcement of a person's death, often with a description of his or her life, usually found in a newspaper or online.

Pedigree Chart: A form that includes an individual and all of his or her direct-line ancestors (parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, etc.)

Surname: A person's family name, which is often the last name.

Vital Records: A record of birth, marriage, or death.



Helpful Books



Basic Genealogy for Kids by Bonnie Hinman (A Kid's Guide to Genealogy Series)

Best Family History Projects eBook... Author: Editors of Family Tree Magazine
<https://www.familytreemagazine.com/store/black-friday-savings-2018/best-family-history-projects>

Casper and Catherine Move to America, An Immigrant Family's Adventures by Brian Hasler

Design Your Family Tree by Amie Jane Leavitt (A Kid's Guide to Genealogy Series)

Evie Finds Her Family Tree by Ashley B. Ransburg

How to Research Your Ancestry by Tamra Orr (A Kid's Guide to Genealogy Series)

Me and My Family Tree by Joan Sweeney

Roots for Kids: A Genealogy Guide for Young People by Susan Provost Beller

The Kids' Family Tree Book by Caroline Leavitt

Through the Eyes of Your Ancestors by Maureen Taylor

Unpuzzling Your Past by Emily Ann Croom

Using Technology to Find Your Family History by Tammy Gagne (A Kid's Guide to Genealogy Series)

Who Do You Think You Are? Be a Family Tree Detective by Dan Waddell