



# 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 \_\_\_\_\_.

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?
- Did you have a favorite toy? What was it and tell me about it.
- 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](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](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](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](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](http://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> )

**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)

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