



# FAMILY HISTORY ACTIVITIES

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*A bunch of fun online activities/games for family history.*

**BEFORE YOU BEGIN:** Be sure to visit our website and fill out the Pre-Experiment Survey!

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## FAMILYSEARCH ACCOUNT

Many of the activities you will be doing this month will require a family search account. Go to this link and set one up. Link:

<https://www.familysearch.org/register/custom/1>

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## ARE WE RELATED?

Use Relative finder to find out if you are related to someone famous or even just a friends. Check it out here:

<https://fhtl.byu.edu/apps/relativefinder.html>

Tip: You could also use Famous Relatives from family search. Check it out here: <https://www.familysearch.org/discovery/famousrelatives>

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## PART OF THE PIE

Pedigree Pie is an amazing tool that allows you to see what percentage of you ancestors are from which country all in a fun pedigree chart. Go and check it out here: <https://fhtl.byu.edu/apps/pedigree-pie.html>

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## GENEOPARDY

There is the show jeopardy where contestants answer questions. Geneopardy is very similar except you answer questions about your ancestors. Go and check it out here:

<https://fhtl.byu.edu/apps/geneopardy.html>

Tip: Kids would love to be involved and play this game too. It is a great way for them to get excited about family history.

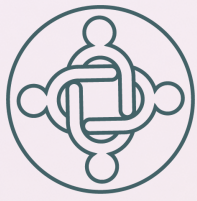
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## WHEEL OF FAMILY FORTUNE

This is another fun game with a twist. Almost everyone has played Wheel of Fortune before, but how about with questions about your ancestors? That's what this wheel of fortune will let you do. Here is the link:

<https://fhtl.byu.edu/apps/wheel-of-family-fortune.html>





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## ANCESTOR GAMES

This awesome activity will allow you to play a whole kaboodle of fun games and activities. You can play a matching game, color on an ancestor coloring page, do a cross word, play a word search or even do a word scramble. Just choose an activity and get started. Link: <https://fhtl.byu.edu/apps/ancestor-games.html>

Tip: These activities are great for kids of all ages. From the kid who is learn to color to the teenager who is ready to take on the word search.

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## RECORD QUEST

Learn how to do family history and about records in a fun and engaging way. Check out this awesome game: <https://fhtl.byu.edu/apps/record-quest.html>

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## ANCIENT RECORDS

Almost everyone has indexed at some point and it can get boring after a while. Here is the new way to do it. It is called Reverse indexing. You are teaching the computer how to index. Check it out here: <https://fhtl.byu.edu/apps/reverse-indexing.html>

Tip: If you haven't tried indexing m=before you can try it here: <https://www.familysearch.org/indexing/>

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## FAMILY CALENDER

Every wondered when your ancestors were all born and died or other important things happened to them. Well there is an easy way to find out and compile all in one place. Use this awesome Family Calendar. Link: <https://fhtl.byu.edu/apps/family-calendar.html>

Tip: Then you can use the calendar and connect it to google or apple calendar to never miss a date.

Tip: Celebrate some of the important events of your ancestors. Have a Birthday party for one of them.

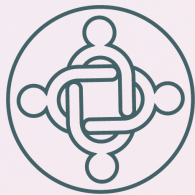
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## REPORTING FOR DUTY

Do you have any veterans in your family? Do you want to see their service records. Some are easy to find and are awesome activities. To look for WW1 Draft Cards for your ancestors go here: <https://www.familysearch.org/campaign/wwidraft>  
For WW1 Service Records go here: <https://www.familysearch.org/campaign/wwiservice>  
For WW2 Service Records go here: <https://www.familysearch.org/campaign/wwiiancestor>

Tip: There are many other military records available. Simply search for the war and records and then find the collection on FamilySearch and type in your ancestor's info.





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This cool feature allows you to learn more about your heritage. You can use a map feature to see where your ancestors lived and when or use it to follow a specific family line and see how it moves over time, or use the timeline to see a specific date range and where your ancestors were. Finally you can also use the my heritage button to see what percentage of your ancestors are from what country and to learn more about the country. Things like food, traditions, games etc. Check it out here:

<https://www.familysearch.org/discovery/explore/generations>

## 12 ALL ABOUT ME

All About me allows you to learn more about what was going on the year you were born and about yourself. Things like name meaning, your heritage, newsworthy events and so much more. Check it out here:

<https://www.familysearch.org/discovery/about/year?>

## 13 HISTORICAL RECORDS

Check out the records about your family members by attaching some hints. Hints are records the computer has found that it thinks may be a good match for you. Go here to try it:

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

Tip: Never attached a hint no problem. Here is a helpful video to get you started: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tw88XB5Zw7Y>

## 14 COMPARE A FACE

Ever been told that you look just like a specific ancestor? Well put it to the test and see where you got those good looks from with Compare A Face. This activity will allow you to upload a picture of yourself and compare it with photos in your tree. Here is the link:

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

## 15 RECORD MY STORY

Record more about your life and yourself with some awesome prompts. Check out the link here:

<https://www.familysearch.org/discovery/record/categories> and [record your story](#)

Tip: You can also go and see your ancestors' memories. Check them out here: <https://www.familysearch.org/memories/>





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## PICTURE MY HERITAGE

This cool feature allow you to put your face on old photographs from your heritage and from other cultures. Check it out here: <https://www.familysearch.org/discovery/picture/select>

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## IN HOME ACTIVITIES

This is a page on family search with a list of awesome activities that you can do by yourself, with your family or with others. Just go to page and select an activity that sounds fun to you and go for it. Here is the link:

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

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## ANCESTOR CHALLENGE

How much do you know about your ancestors? Put your knowledge to the test with this quiz. Link:

<https://www.familysearch.org/campaign/learn1>

Tip: Play multiple times and see if you keep doing better as you learn more.

Tip: Challenge other family members to a competition and see who knows the most about the family.

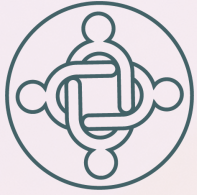
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## DNA?

Learn more about DNA, its structure and how it works with this fun game: <https://dnalc.cshl.edu/view/15891-DNA-sequencing-game-interactive-2D-animation.html>

Tip: After playing the game if you are interested you could take a DNA test to learn more about your family and yourself. Some companies that offer DNA are Ancestry, 23 and Me, My Heritage, and so many more. Choose the test that is right for you.





## 20 RELIGION

There are many activities for Religion. Here are some for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints:

My Ancestors Temple- Find out what temples your ancestors attended here:

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

Pioneer Ancestors- Find out about which of your ancestors was a pioneer and learn more about them here:

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

Women of faith- Learn about the faithful women and their stories in your family here: <https://www.familysearch.org/campaign/women-of-faith>

Missionaries- Do you have any missionaries in your family. Wonder where they served and when? Find out here:

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

Joseph Smith Papers- Are any of your ancestors mentioned in the Joseph Smith Papers. Find out here:

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

Nauvoo- Did any of your ancestors live in Nauvoo? Check it out:

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

## 21 WE WILL ALL END UP DEAD

There are different kinds of Death Records. Death records can give you great insight into your ancestors and there lives. To learn more about them through death records check out these two cool activities:

Family Obituary- This is typically in a newspaper and gives a life overview about the person and includes family members and death information. To see your ancestors obituaries go here:

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

Headstones- A headstone or Gravestone marks the place your ancestor is buried. To see your ancestors Headstone go here:

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

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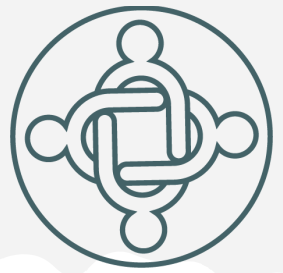
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