Other Genealogy Resources for Educators

Print Resources

A Kids Guide to Genealogy (4 Book Series). Hallandale, Florida: Mitchell Lane Publishers, 2012

Allen, Desmond Walls. **Family Tree Detective: A Step-by-Step Guide to Investigating Your Family History.** Cincinnati, Ohio: Family Tree Books, 2011.

Beller, Susan Provost. **Roots for Kids: A Genealogical Guide for Young People.** Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Co., 2007.

Croom, Emily Ann. **Unpuzzling Your Past.** Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Company, 2010. Exp Updtd and Revised 4th Edition.

Douglas, Ann. **The Family Tree Detective: Cracking the Case of Your Family's Story.** NY, NY: Firefly Books, 1999. (Recommended for grades 4-8 by *School Library Journal*)

Hasler, Brian. **Casper and Catherine Move to America, An Immigrant Family's Adventures, 1849-1850.** Indianapolis, IN: Indiana Historical Society Press, 2003.

Leavitt, Caroline and Phillips, Ian. **The Kids' Family Tree Book**. New York, NY: Sterling Publishing Co., 2007.

Perl, Lila. **The Great Ancestor Hunt: The Fun of Finding Out Who You Are.** New York, NY: Clarion, 1990. (Recommended for grades 5-9 by *School Library Journal*)

Ransburg, Ashley B. **Evie Finds Her Family Tree.** Indianapolis, IN: Indiana Historical Society Press, 2006.

Sweeney, Joan. **Me and My Family Tree.** New York, NY: Crown Publishers, 1999.

Waddell, Dan. **Who Do You Think You Are? Be a Family Tree Detective**. Somerville, Mass.: Candlewick Press, 2011.

Online Resources

National Genealogy Society (NGS) Youth Resources: www.ngsgenealogy.org/galleries/awards_files/Suggested_references.pdf

***The Indiana Junior Historian* special issues: Collecting Your History:** www.in.gov/history/files/7003.pdf

Unlocking the Past: www.in.gov/history/files/7019.pdf

FamilySearch Research Wiki: www.familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Involve_Children_and_Youth_in_Family_History

Zap the Grandma Gap
https://zapthegrandmagap.com/

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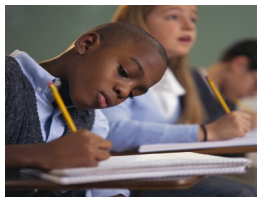
Facilitate a personal connection to the past for your K-12 students by incorporating standards-based family history lessons into your curriculum!

Genealogy: Making History Relevant for Students

What might be considered the most interesting and dynamic events in history have never been recorded. The people and events a student reads about in a history textbook constitute only a small part of the past, and may not seem relevant to his or her own life at all.



Each person is a part of history in a larger sense, and introducing family history into the K-12 curriculum brings this concept to life for students.

Educators meet a constant challenge: to inspire students to discover the past as a way to better understand the present. Family history is one vehicle by which certain K-12 Indiana Academic Standards can be delivered in a meaningful and authentic way to students today.

The Indiana State Library has compiled the resources in this brochure to help educators bridge the gap between yesterday and today for Indiana's young people, and to do so in keeping with state standards. Here's to using family history as a way to engage students!

Selected Indiana Social Studies Standards Relating to Genealogy

- K.1.1: Compare children and families of today with those from the past.
- K.3.6: Identify and compare similarities and differences in families, classmates, neighbors and neighborhoods, and ethnic and cultural groups.
- 1.1.1: Compare the way individuals in the community lived in the past with the way they live in the present.
- 2.1.3: Identify individuals who had a positive impact on the local community.
- 2.1.5: Develop a simple timeline of important events in the history of the school and/or school community.
- 3.1.2: Explain why and how the local community was established and identify its founders & early settlers.
- 3.2.7: Use information from a variety of resources to demonstrate an understanding of local, state and regional leaders and civic issues.
- 8.1.30: Using primary and secondary sources, analyze an issue confronting the United States from colonial times through the Reconstruction period.
- B.4.1: Develop and revise a model that clarifies the relationship between DNA and chromosomes in coding the instructions for characteristic traits passed from parents to offspring.
- S.2.9: Prepare original written and oral reports and presentations on specific events, people or historical eras as related to sociological research.
- WH.7.2: Locate & analyze primary sources and second sources related to an event or issue of the past.
- WH.7.5: Use technology in the process of conducting historical research and to present products of historical research.

While the standards above are applicable to using family history research in the classroom, many other academic standards are also pertinent! To view all of Indiana's Academic Standards, visit **http://www.doe.in.gov/standards**

Family History Lessons & Activities: Links for Educators

Grades K-5

Diagram Your Family: www.lessonplanspage.com/SSFamiliesDiagrams12.htm
Family History: www.atozteacherstuff.com/pages/301.shtml
Mapping Out a Family Tree: www.teachnet.com/lesson/misc/familytrees040199.html
Personal Timelines for Kids: oureveryday-life.globalpost.com/time-line-activity-kids-1484.html
We Are History—Family Stories: www.scholastic.com/teachers/lesson-plan/we-are-history-family-stories
Where I Come From: https://edsitement.neh.gov/lesson-plan/where-i-come

Grades 6-8

Library of congress–Immigration and Oral History: www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/lessons/oral-history/
Family History Project Grades 6-8: http://www.grammarface.com/resources/family-history-project/
A Guide on Family Tree School Projects : http://www.brighthubeducation.com/middle-school-social-studies-lessons/76978-assigning-a-family-treeschoolproject/?cid=parsely_rec

Grades 9-12

All in the Family—Discovering Relatives and the Genetic Connections Between Them: https://www.lessonplanet.com/teachers/all-in-the-family-6th-12th
America Dreams through the Decades: http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/lessons/american-dream/
Cemeteries Are Historical, Not Solely Grave: https://learning.blogs.nytimes.com/1998/10/30/cemeteries-are-historical-not-solely-grave/?_r=0
Immigration Builds a Nation: http://www.educationworld.com/a_lesson/lesson204.shtml