

Youth “Anytime” Activities

Family history activities are a way to get to know those who have gone before, write about their lives, and to learn from and be inspired by their experiences. Family history activities are also a way to connect with living family members, create and write your own family history, and make fun memories.

This installment focuses attention on youth “anytime” activities with 7 different levels of activities with tutorials to courage the youth to develop their own remembrance of their lives. The Family History Guide has really put together appropriate activities for youth activities. Knowing that youth is tech oriented, these activities are a win-win situation for getting the youth into family history activities that are both meaningful and productive. Hopefully their Church leaders and parents can keep up with these fun activities that promises to motivate the youth to take an interest in family history. URL for viewing the instructions for these 7 “activities is <https://thefhguide.com/act-youth.html>

1. Anytime Activities and Games

Overview: With modern technology, family history activities can be a snap! You might just need an idea and a little nudge in the right direction to discover that family history can be a fun and inspirational part of your life!

Activities marked by an asterisk (*) take *little or no prep time*.



Y1-01: Not Just for Kids!

Everyone can have fun finding out more about their ancestors and family trees. You can be a big help to younger children to teach them how to play games. You can also participate with them in exploring family trees, timelines, and more. Find some cool games and activities in the [FamilySearch Solutions Gallery](#)



Y1-02: Google Maps/Google Earth

View and share memories of family history sites, travels, missions, houses, (countries, counties, etc.) and places where family members have lived (or now live). Try [Google Earth](#) and [Street View Stories](#) to get started. For more fun (and for research), use [The Family History Guide Countries](#) page along with [Google Earth](#) (see [blog post](#))



Y1-03: LifeHacker ... What Kids Should Know about their Family's History

Here's a great [questionnaire](#) for a family history interview. Try it out and see what you can learn about your own family history.



Y1-04: Scholastic: joining the Generations with Genealogy

Explore a family history detective kit, printable charts, and more, in this [online article](#) from [Scholastic.com](#).



Y1-05: Create Personal Histories

Keep a journal, create a scrapbook, write stories, and use social media to record the stories of your life. With a camera or smartphone, pictures of events and family members can be put in a photo book, shared on social media and added to [FamilySearch](#) and other sites. ([Blog](#))



*Y1-06: Photo Identification Game

Keep the memories of your ancestors alive with this [photo identification game](#) from [FamilySearch](#). You will need to sign up for a [FamilySearch](#) account if you don't already have one. Find more fun activities on [FamilySearch/discovery](#).

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