

The American Dream

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Hopes & Heritage

Family History Project

Every family has a story. What's yours? Research your family's history by interviewing family members, looking through old pictures, researching census and immigration records on the internet, and looking through other official records at libraries and government offices.

■ Part 1. Collect information to answer these questions:

- If not originally from the area that is today the United States, when did your family first come to this country? Where did they travel from? How did they get here?
- What was your family's life like in their previous home?
- Why did they come to the United States? Was it their choice?
- How many generations of your family have lived in the United States?
- Can you find any artifacts from your ancestors who came to the United States?
Photographs, immigration records, census documents, letters?
- What did your family do when they arrived? What do your family members do today?
Where do they live? Are they in one region or are they spread across the country?

What else do you want to know about your family's history? Write your questions here:

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■ Part 2. Compile your research.

Decide how to showcase your research findings. You can create a PowerPoint presentation, create a piece of art or music, plan a lecture, create a museum exhibit with family artifacts, write a magazine article, or come up with your own idea!

I will create: _____

My audience will be: _____

The research methods that helped the most were: _____

Questions I still have about my family's history include: _____
