

Teaching Unit: ***What is Genealogy?***

Essential Understandings

Genealogy is the investigation of ancestry and family history.

Genealogy is essential to an understanding of history.

Genealogy reveals the unquestioned premises of a culture.

Genealogy is a quest for origins.

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Sub Topic:

Knowledge and Skills

Identify the role of genealogy in history.

Teaching Unit: *How to Use Records*

Essential Understandings

Records are vital to historical research.

There are a variety of records available for genealogical research.

Technology has revolutionized family history.

Sub Topic: *Technology and Genealogy*

Knowledge and Skills

Identify the types of records available to study genealogy: family, compiled, religious, cemetery, census, military, newspapers, probate, and immigration

Use technology to research family history

Explore resources

Create a family group record

Gather family stories

Plan and conduct an oral history interview

Create a pedigree chart

Identify how church records help place an ancestor at a specific location and time

Find “proof of relationship” in records

Examine tombstone inscriptions

Record family history information on a research log

Explore a census record

Translate your name into the Soundex code

Create a class census

Record a veteran’s oral history

Explore land records as a window into history

Explore naturalization records

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Teaching Unit: ***Who Am I?***

Essential Understandings

- You are creating history as you live it.
- Every person has a place in history
- Choices affect the path of a person's life

Sub Topic:

Knowledge and Skills

- Record their place in history through the creation of a personal timeline
- Learn how to prove their place in history
- Choose a branch of their family to research
- Create a family tree using an online tool

Teaching Unit: ***Writing a Family History***

Essential Understandings

- What seems ordinary today will seem fascinating looking back in the future
- Family history and traditions are passed down through generations in a variety of ways
- There are many ways to record and share family history

Sub Topic:

Knowledge and Skills

- Record their life history
- Identify the ways to share family history: family reunion, scrapbook, journal, interviews, time capsule of family momentos, family photo album on CD Rom, family recipe book
- Relate their family history to classmates

Teaching Unit: ***My Heritage***

Essential Understandings

- Customs from all over the world came with immigrants to create the unique American culture of today
- Cultural diversity is learned by coming into contact with the elements of history: the people, ideas, artifacts and dilemmas of the past

Sub Topic: ***Where Did I Come From?***

Knowledge and Skills

- Evaluate information found in a variety of sources
- Research the culture of their family's nation of origin
- Identify family heritage traditions practiced by their family
- Trace the journey of their ancestors to America
- Identify the aspects of culture
- Explain the importance of understanding cultural diversity particularly in today's global society.