

THE LEGACY WE LEAVE...MAKING FAMILY HISTORY MEMORABLE

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- Keep ages and interests in mind – Attention Span
- What do you want them to know? What will they actually digest? –
- PHOTOS...of activities, people or even of the area...from internet if necessary
- Scrapbook the photos and stories – if that's what you like to do
- Jigsaw Puzzle – for pictures of people or places (do a Google search to find where they can be made)
- ACTIVITIES
- Jeopardy: Try: **Geneopardy** <https://fhtl.byu.edu/apps/geneopardy.html>
- **BYU Education** site (<https://fhtl.byu.edu/apps/geneopardy.html>) gives you access to several other games through BYU Family History Technology Lab
- **The Family History Guide**–Excellent Resource for Activities: <https://www.thefhguide.com/act-family.html>
- Family Heritage Food –make things with your grandchildren so they become their legacy too. Make a cookbook with them
- Connect children to ancestors by name if applicable .
- **Make a book** ...put in photos along with stories to preserve them....otherwise the stories change a lot through the years and the telling.
- **Questions** to help you write your story or that of your family:
 - 52 Questions in 52 Weeks: Writing about Your Life Has Never Been Easier from **Family Search Blog**: <https://www.familysearch.org/blog/en/52-questions-52-weeks-writing-life-easier/>
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 - 100 Questions Every Family Historian Should Ask Their Relatives: <https://familyhistorydaily.com/free-genealogy-resources/family-history-interview-questions/>

- Interviewing Questions and Prompts for Family History Interviews By Family Tree Editors: <https://www.familytreemagazine.com/storytelling/interviewing/interview-questions/>
- 56 essential questions to ask your parents to capture their personal history: <https://www.modernheirloombooks.com/new-blog/2020/3/28/50-essential-questions-to-ask-your-parents-to-capture-your-family-history>
- 117 Interview Questions to Ask Your Family: My Heritage Blog: <https://blog.myheritage.com/2017/03/questions-to-ask-your-family/>
- 30 Questions you need to ask Relatives about your Family's Past: at Find my Past:.
- https://www.findmypast.com/blog/getting-started/family-questions?ds_kid=39700055990167657&gclid=Cj0KCQjwpdqDBhCSARIsAEUJ0hMvFu3vfuFp-TCExYaNe3bhqI5q79_zN1XROgzx7FXXloE8QutoGM4aAgPKEALw_wcB&gclsrc=aw.ds
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- Make a binder with them or a scrapbook.
- **Coil bound booklet** at Taylor Printing in Wetaskiwin
- **Make a Book** – Simple or a more involved family history – I've used mixbooks.com and Blurb Books. They are both very good. Mixbooks has very nice templates for heritage usage; Blurb Books will accept a PDF document...ours was over 300 pages. They aren't inexpensive but give very good results.
- **Photo Books with captions or stories –**
- **Turn them into a full Family History**
- 6 Tips to Create Family History Books They Can't Put Down by Lisa Louise Cook:
- <https://lisalouisecooke.com/2018/01/01/create-family-history-books/>
- (Excellent ideas and instructions)
- The Power of Stories in Family History: Discovering and Sharing Your Family Stories. at
- Whatever method you use of saving your Legacy, be sure to keep the method updated...



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- Or you could use a **voice or video recording** –
- **Family Search Blog** has activities for kids
- Write **poems**: I do a birthday poem for each grandchild. I make them a photo book and add the poems at the end or with the birthday photos. I've used Blurb Books to print these.
- **Scavenger hunt** to get to know the area, find ancestors' graves, etc. –
- Learn about an **ancestor's occupation** together–
- **Cook or bake** something the way your mother or grandmother did
- Tell stories of **how things were when you were young** or have your parents or older relatives do it. This can be done on Skype, FaceTime, Zoom, Google Hangouts, etc.if you can't do it in person. It's a good way to connect. (Use as a bedtime story every once in awhile) –
- Have children **draw a picture** of the story they just heard
- Favourite **songs**? Maybe you could listen to them and/or learn them– driving in the car is good for this
- **Visit places your family lived**...being in the area makes it real for them
- **Record stories** on an **audio or video recording** or on **Memories in FamilySearch** so distant family members can share them
- **Act out** a story of family history

- Learn and tell **military stories**...boys tend to like these particularly.
- Photos of **family heirlooms**. Family may not want or be able to keep the original but photos in a family history or book of heirlooms keeps the memory alive.
- Whatever method you use to record your legacy, be sure to keep it current...no more floppy disks...nor rigid disks. Begin moving your information on CD's and DVD's to hard drives or portable hard drives. Flash drives are better than losing the material, but are a bit more subject to being corrupted.
- Online Storage: (There are others; I'm most aware of these)
 - Forever. storage and creativity (paid site): <https://www.forever.com>
 - FamilySearch.org (Free site) Family tree, Memories, photos, audio, documents & stories
 - ancestry.com or ancestry.ca: Paid sites. Storage for family tree, photos, documents, stories etc.

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**REPETITION IS THE KEY TO THEM REMEMBERING- COMBINED
WITH AUDIO-VISUAL COMPONENTS**