

Family Cultural History Brainstorm

What is your ethnicity?

What is your nationality?

Brainstorm some important cultural values and traditions that you and your family have:

Foods

Language

Religion

Customs

Clothes

Values

Traditions/celebrations

Taboos (things you shouldn't do)

Other

What do all cultures have?

What cultures do you most identify with?

What countries share your culture?

What country or countries that your family is from do you most identify with, or are most interested in? (use this country when researching the questions on the back of this paper)

Family History Research Country(ies) : _____

Where is your country located? Which countries border it?

What sort of government does your country have? What is the population?

What is the most important thing for the economy (GDP-Gross Domestic Product) of your country?

When was this country formed? How? By Whom?

What ethnicities, religions and languages can be found in your country?

What are some major events in your country's history? Why important?

What is one or two of the most important holidays in your country?

What are some traditional foods/drinks from your country?

What is/was the traditional attire for people of your country?

What are some interesting fact about your country or the people from it?

What part of this country would you most want to visit? Why?

Family Background Homework

We each have our own special place in history. Finding the answers to the following questions will help you to discover the cultural and historical influences of your family's. Do your best to really speak to different members of your family and collect as much info as possible. If you were adopted, you may write answers for your birth and/or adopted families. If you do not know about one side of your family, concentrate on the one that you do know. (Feel free to use additional pages as needed.)

1. From which countries did your parents' families originally come? (Consider as many generations back as you can, and list all that apply)

Father's:

Mother's:

2. Who from each of your parent's families first immigrated to the United States? (ie: mother, grandmother, great grandmother etc.) List as much info as you can!

Father's side

Mother's side:

Who:

Who:

When:

When:

Why:

Why

3. Speak with the oldest living relative that you can. What memories do they have of the cultural traditions in your family? What aspects of your family traditions/culture come from the countries that your family originally came from? Be specific and explain as many as you can. Consider things such as: food, holidays/celebrations, language, religion, etc.

4. What aspect of your family's culture or history are you most proud of? Explain why

On the back of this paper draw a rough family tree. Go back as far as you can and try to include birthdates or years and where each was born