



How to Pass Your Ancestor's Legacy to Your Grandchildren

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Description: We've all spent years gathering information about our ancestors. How will this legacy of knowledge get into the heads and hearts of later generations? This class will go over the many options at our fingertips for preserving and sharing our genealogies in a way that children (and adults) will find interesting and inspiring.

Why pass on this legacy?

Article: "The Stories that Bind Us." *The New York Times*, posted 17 March 2013.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2013/03/17/fashion/the-family-stories-that-bind-us-this-life.html>

- Helping kids feel a sense of belonging to something bigger than them is a huge grounding influence in their lives
- Three categories of family narratives – ascending, descending, and oscillating

Ideas for the very young

- Regular conversation
- One-page bios
- Storybooks
- Foods/meals
- Travel

For older kids

- Conversation
- Books
- Shows: <http://wpsu.psu.edu/digital/finding-your-roots-the-seedlings/>
- DNA

Record your story

- Tools
- Organization
- Sharing

Additional tools for sharing and preservation

- FamilySearch
- MyHeritage