

Creating Questions for your Family Map Game

Choose one of these three learning objectives, then check out the ideas listed in each to start formulating trivia questions. ***The answers should always be a place on the map that your child can point to or place a marker on.***

LEARNING OBJECTIVE 1: FAMILY GEOGRAPHY

Immigration

- Where did you ancestors come from?
- Where did your ancestors move to?
- **Sample question:** *Your great-great-great grandmother Selina Beddoes emigrated from which European country? Answer: England*

Important places

- Where were the child's grandparents born / married?
- Where did they die? Where are they buried?
- What school, college, or university did the child's relatives attend?
- **Sample Question:** *Which state was your great-grandfather Bill Elder born in – Oregon, Idaho, or Washington? Answer: Oregon*

How places affected people

- How did the place your ancestors lived affect their families?
- Did your ancestor's names come from the place they lived?
- **Sample Question:** *Which place in Denmark did your ancestor Hans Olsen Westenskow get his last name from? Answer: the "west forest" in Maribo county on the island of Falster*

LEARNING OBJECTIVE 2: HISTORICAL THEMES

Wars

- Where did ancestors go during their military service?
- Where are veterans in the family buried?
- How did the war affect the family living at home during the war?
- **Sample Question:** *Where was the soldier's home that great-great grandma Florence visited to donate supplies for veterans during WWII? Answer: Boise, Idaho*

Reasons for migration

- What financial reasons did your family have for leaving their homeland?
- Why did your ancestors migrate to different states/regions?
- **Sample question:** *Which part of the dust bowl did your great-grandfather Bob Shults move from when his family left for California in the 1930s? Answer: Love County, Oklahoma*

Reasons for political changes

- Why did the boundaries change in your family's hometown?
- What caused the change in political boundaries for the country your ancestor lived in?
- **Sample Question:** *Your ancestor Guy Elder, was born in which British colony that turned into a state after the American Revolution? Answer: Maryland.*

Effects of religion

- How did the religion of your ancestors affect the place they lived?
- How did changes in religion cause your ancestors to move to new places?
- **Sample Question:** *Your ancestor Sarah Jane Miller joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Lincolnshire, England and then moved to which part of the United States in order to be with the rest of the Latter-day Saints? Answer: Utah*

LEARNING OBJECTIVE 3: GENEALOGY SKILLS

Repositories

- What archives, libraries, and other repositories hold key documents important to your family?
- **Sample Question:** *Where is the original copy of your 4th Great Grandfather William Henry Kelsey's missionary journal located? Answer: Special Collections at Brigham Young University*
- Where are birth, death, marriage certificates and other records for your family located?
- **Sample Question:** *Your great-grandfather's birth certificate is held at the county recorder's office for which county in California – Fresno County or Tulare County? Answer: Fresno County*

Jurisdictions

- The town your ancestors lived in is part of which county?
- The county your ancestors lived in is part of which state?
- **Sample Question:** *Your great-grandfather Lynn Hancock was born in Taylor, Arizona. Which county is that in? Answer: Navajo County*

Boundary changes

- Have the towns your ancestors lived in changed counties due to new counties being created?
- What countries that your ancestors lived in had boundary changes during their lives?
- Did your ancestors live in territories that eventually became states?
- **Sample Question:** *Your great-great-grandfather Les Shults was born in "Indian Territory" in the U.S. which is now the state of _____ . Answer: Oklahoma*
- **Sample Question:** *Your ancestor William Henrie was part of the first Mormon Pioneer company that left Nauvoo, Illinois, and walked to the Salt Lake Valley, then a territory part of which country? Answer: Mexico*